



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE
Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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23 JUNE 2024 – 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mission Statement: The parish of St. Mary Magdalene is a Catholic community of Christian faith with three churches – Saint Paul's in Glenrothes, Saint Mary's in Leslie and the Chapel Royal in Falkland. We are centred on the Word of God and the Eucharist.

Our mission is to live the Gospel and share it with those we meet. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of prayerful disciples, using our gifts for the glory of God and in service to one another and our neighbours. We are committed to do this now and in the future through:

- Worship and prayer
- Service to others
- Continuous faith formation, striving to engage all parishioners
- Stewardship, seeking to build a better world - our common home- for future generations
- Building our faith community

This Sunday's first reading is a rare example in the Sunday lectionary of the book of Job. The account of Job's misfortunes is the backdrop for a series of speeches in which the problem of suffering is reviewed. Job's innocent suffering calls into question the belief that the good person is rewarded in this life, and the bad one suffers. Job does not hesitate to accuse God of injustice and bullying, but at the same time he clings to God and is confident of God's unfailing care. Towards the end of the book Job receives an overwhelming experience of the majesty, power and wisdom of God. Human beings are unable to fully understand the ways of God.

The gospel passage is a practical illustration of the infinite power of God being embodied in Jesus, but despite all that has already happened in the course of Jesus' ministry, the disciples in the boat are still trying to work out who exactly Jesus is.

The second reading is a small masterpiece of Christian faith with the succinct statement that "for anyone who is in Christ there is a new creation", the old having passed away. Do we truly believe that we already share in this new creation?

Question of the Week: How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

Sunday 23 June

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's
9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's (People of the Parish)

Readings: Job 38:1,8-11; 2Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Monday 24 June – Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

10 a.m Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66.80

Tuesday 25 June

10 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's

Readings: 2 Kgs 19:9-11,14-21,31-36; Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday 26 June

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's (Thanksgiving)

Confessions after Mass

Readings: 2Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday 27 June

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: 2Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Friday 28 June – *Memorial of St Irenaeus (130-202) He travelled as a missionary from Asia Minor to Lyons in France and wrote much about the unbroken tradition of the apostles.*

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11 a.m.

Readings: 2Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday 29 June

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's (Special Intention)

Confessions after Mass and at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's

Readings: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday 30 June – *Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (transferred from 29 June)*

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (People of the Parish)

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's (Private Intention)

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Pastoral Letter on forthcoming General Election is available this weekend, and there is also a sheet suggesting questions we might ask candidates in the election. More information at www.rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/

Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church house.

Scottish Laity Network is organising online reflections each Thursday in June from 7 to 8.30 p.m. on Fr Timothy Radcliffe's meditations at last year's Synod in Rome. More information at www.scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk

Ordinations Pray for Rev Paul Henderson and Rev Peter Shankland who will be ordained priests for our archdiocese this Saturday at 12 noon in St Mary's Cathedral.

Assisted Suicide Subsequent to the recent Pastoral Letter please contact your MSP about the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Visit www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide for a full briefing/guidance.

Dunfermline Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret will be held this Sunday. Prayers at the tomb at 12.30 p.m. Procession from the gates of Pittencrieff park in Bridge Street at 2 p.m. heading to St Margaret's church for Mass at 3 p.m.

Dominican Conference on Mercy takes place at New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh on Friday 28 June from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday 29 June from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. To book catering, visit bit.ly/godsmercyandyours

Across Group Bingo tea takes place on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

Resources for Prayer To help us prepare for Sunday Mass visit www.wednesdayword.org – good for adults and children. For daily prayer www.sacredspace.com has daily reflections based on the day's scripture. And at www.universalis.com one can find the text of the Divine Office and the daily readings for Mass.

SCIAF Wee Box Appeal: Our parish contribution amounted to £1,747.50. Thank you to all those who donated. See letter from SCIAF on noticeboard.

Sick List We pray for the sick in our parish community and family and friends who are ill.

Last Sunday's Collection £606.21 Pro-Life Movement £594.09 Special **Collection** next Sunday for Peter's Pence