



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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12 JULY 2026 – 15TH 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

Many birds love to eat seed. One can hardly fault the birds who spy seed along a path for flying down and gobbling it up. We would do the same if we ate seed rather than the fruits, grains, and vegetables seed eventually produces. But the fact that the birds are fed by the sower in Jesus' parable, that the sower is so generous with scattering it everywhere that he does not mind that a good amount of the seed will not bear fruit as intended, implies that the sower doesn't view this as a loss. In the same way, God's word is to be sown so generously that it's all right that some won't understand it, others won't accept it, still more will not take it to heart, and many will find it difficult to overcome the allure of contrary impulses. Ideally, we want to be fertile soil for its implantation, but we also rejoice that others may consume it in their own way, with only a small chance that it will bear fruit down the road.

Like seed that is sown over an entire field, God's word is proclaimed to this entire church. Every Sunday we are invited to make ourselves fertile soil for the word: listening to it carefully, understanding it as best we can, taking it to

heart, cultivating it, applying it to our daily lives, and spreading it by what we say and do. When we do all this, we follow God's will, enabling the word to achieve the end for which it was sent.

God spoke and the world was created, from the sun and stars to human beings. Jesus is the Word become flesh, born into the world to save us from our sins. God's word created us. God's word redeems us. God's word brought us this life and will bring us eternal life. No wonder God says, "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Is 55:11). It is God's will that we live and that we live eternally.

Question of the Week: What will I do this week to cultivate God's word? Which passages from scripture have I applied to my life recently or regularly?

Sunday 12 July

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Fr Allan Ocdenaria RIP)

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: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Monday 13 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday 14 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 15 July – Memorial of St Bonaventure (1221-74), Franciscan who helped to stabilise the order in the decades following the death of St Francis

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 16 July

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's

Readings: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 17 July

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Readings: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 18 July

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

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

Readings: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday 19 July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (People of the Parish)

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

11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Fr Philip will be leaving on Wednesday and will take with him many memories of your commitment of faith and generosity of spirit.

Fr Isaac will be arriving by the end of the week.

Canon Jock Dalrymple, who served in Glenrothes from 1992 to 2004, invites you to celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination on Tuesday 21 July at 7 p.m. in St John's, Brighton Place, Portobello, Edinburgh. If you cannot make this event, you will be welcome at 11.15 a.m. Mass at St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham Avenue on Sunday 19 July. Fr Jock requests no gifts, but any donations for steak Children's Home and Vocational Skills Centre will be welcome (www.stekaskills.com)

Feast of St Mary Magdalene We shall have a special Mass on Wednesday 22 July at 7 p.m. in St Paul's.

Children's Summer School: This will run on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th August, from 10am to 1pm each day. Due to limited spaces, **booking is essential**. To reserve a place, please email your child's name and age to parish@stmarymagdalenes.org.uk. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis and registration will close once all spaces have been filled. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Bray, Jennifer Ripley or Lisa in the Parish Office.

Faslane Christian Peace Vigil takes place on Saturday 1 August from 11a.m. to 12.30 p.m. A free bus service will depart from Waterloo Place, Edinburgh at 8.15 a.m. – to reserve a place email office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

World Youth Day 2027 takes place in Seoul, South Korea from 1 to 9 August next year more information from youth.office@staned.org.uk

Preparation for Sunday Mass If we look at the Scripture readings before coming to Mass, we shall be better able to profit from what is proclaimed. The following website has material for both adults and children – www.wednesdayword.org

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Adult Faith Formation The Jesuits in Britain provide an excellent online resource at www.thinkingfaith.org

Suggestion boxes are to be found at the back of our churches for any ideas for improving our parish.

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

Apostleship of the Sea This weekend we are invited to pray for all seafarers and, if we want, to contribute towards their pastoral care, which one can do by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Last Sunday's Collection £624.21 Building Fund £252.32 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)