



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

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12 APRIL 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

The first two readings go hand in hand in describing the experience of the early church. The first three words of the first reading are key: "They devoted themselves" (Acts 2:42). Members of the early church were nothing if not devoted. They devoted themselves to learning from the apostles, to living communally with other Christians, to prayer, to worship, and to the Eucharist. They also devoted themselves to making sure that everything they had was divided equitably among them so that no one was in need, to meeting together to share and strengthen their faith, to eating together as Jesus had with the apostles, and to growing in number. The second reading hints at the persecution they faced. But they were able to endure the trials they suffered because of their faith: a certainty of their salvation, which they called "a living hope . . . to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (1 Pt 1:3-4). No wonder they experienced "an indescribable and glorious joy" (1 Pt 1:8).

Jesus returned to his disciples in a glorified body, but his body still had the wounds from the cross, wounds that could be seen, felt, and probed. Wounds remain on the Body of Christ still. These are real wounds that are visible and palpable. These are wounds that still need healing. Pope Francis famously described the Church as a field hospital, where the wounded and ill are treated and restored to health. We are called to do this. We are called to heal the wounds of the body of Christ.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you," Jesus tells his disciples after greeting them and offering them peace (Jn 20:21). Jesus had already taught the disciples to pray that the Father's will be done here on earth. The Father's will in sending Jesus was to win our salvation by suffering and dying for our sins. Now Jesus is sending us on a mission in accordance with the Father's will. Before he ascends to be with the Father forever, he tells his disciples to make disciples of all nations. God created every one of us for a reason and Jesus is telling us what it is. As he did what he was sent to do, so must we.

Question of the Week What do I see as God's purpose for my life? How will I, with the grace of God, fulfil that purpose?

Sunday 12 April

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

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

1.30 p.m. Baptism in St Paul's

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday 13 April

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 14 April

12.30 p.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's followed by burial at St Drostan's.

Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday 15 April

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 16 April

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

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 17 April

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

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

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 18 April

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

Confessions at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 19 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (Private Intention)

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

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

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Review of structures within the Church in Scotland:

The Holy See is inviting us all to reflect on how the present dioceses within Scotland can best serve the mission of the Church in the years ahead. Consultation will take place over the next few months on how co-operation might be improved among dioceses, resources better shared, and whether some dioceses might be merged. More information at www.bcos.org.uk

St John Henry Newman: Mgr Rod Strange, a leading scholar on this 19th century priest who moved in mid-life from the Church of England to the Roman Catholic Church, will speak about his life and writings this Thursday from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Mayfield Salisbury church, West Mayfield, Edinburgh.

Confirmations: Archbishop Cushley will celebrate this sacrament for some of our children on Friday 24 April at 7 p.m. in St Paul's.

Hustings before Scottish Parliamentary Election

This is an opportunity to share opinions about matters of political debate with candidates standing for our local constituency. Organised by Glenrothes Churches Together it will be held on Sunday 26 April at 6.30 p.m. in St Paul's hall. Please pre-submit questions to hustings.gct@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: This takes place from Friday 10 to Friday 17 July. Places are available for the sick and disabled. For more information email enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com Hotel pilgrims should visit www.tangney-tours.com

Divine Renovation gathering takes place in St John the Baptist's, 136 Lower Millgate, Uddingston on Saturday 25 April from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main speaker is Fr James Mallon. More details and registration at www.divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland

Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 25 April beginning in Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street at 10 a.m. followed by the chain in Lothian Road, Edinburgh at 11 a.m.

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

Last Sunday's Collection £1089.66 Building Fund £225.03 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.) **SCIAF** boxes should be returned at this time. **Special collection** next Sunday for the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) who will be making a mission appeal.

Buy a Brick – St Paul's perimeter wall If you have not so far obtained a donation form, they are available at the back of our churches. **THANK YOU.**