



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

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## 30 JUNE 2024 – ST PETER & ST PAUL – SOLEMNITY

**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 Church in Rome has celebrated her twin patrons since the third century, linking Saints Peter and Paul in liturgy, art, and patristic preaching. Given their differing backgrounds, educations, and temperaments, their partnership should never have worked, and though each received a uniquely different call, apostleship made them one in Christ. They are the foundation of a worldwide communion that, nearly two-thousand years later, filled with light and darkness, adorned with sinners and saints, is still enlivened by unity in diversity, scholarship and service, worship and witness. Traditionally, Peter represents the Church's more institutional nature, Paul, its Spirit-inspired charismatic side. In the light of recent developments within the Church, we might make a comparison between the role of a primate (ordained leader) and the vocation of us all to work together synodically as the body of Christ. Both dimensions, now as then, are God-given and indispensable.

Today is not a feast about hierarchy and power but about service and that true authority which people recognised in Jesus when they heard him speak. Of all the great figures of the New Testament, Peter and Paul are perhaps the most vivid to us, and our celebration today would emphasise their closeness to us. This is not just a feast of Peter with triumphalist overtones as in "God bless our Pope" but also of Paul "fearless preacher" of the faith.

**Question of the Week** Have I read Pope Francis's hope-filled letter *Evangelii Gaudium*? How can I respond to its exhortations to involve myself in witnessing to the gospel?

### Sunday 30 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

### Monday 1 July

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

Readings: Am 2:6-10,13-16; Mt 8:18-22

### Tuesday 2 July

**10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's**

Readings: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday 3 July – Feast of St Thomas, apostle, who preached the gospel in India**

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

#### **Thursday 4 July**

##### **10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's**

Readings: Am 7:1-17; Mt 9:1-8

#### **Friday 5 July**

##### **10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's**

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

Readings: Am 8:4-6.9-12; Mt 9:9-13

#### **Saturday 6 July**

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

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

Readings: Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17

#### **Sunday 7 July – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

##### **Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Private Intention)**

##### **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: Eze 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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

**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](http://www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) for a full briefing/guidance. On the 4 Wednesdays of August at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall we shall be offering a series of workshops *Horizons of Hope*, exploring our Christian understanding of how to live well until the end of life, and how to support the dying and their families.

**Feast of St Mary Magdalene** We shall celebrate our parish feast day on Monday 22 July with Mass at 7 p.m. in St Mary's followed by refreshments in Romero House.

**Organ Recital** is being given by Mark Spalding in St Columba's church on Sunday 21 July at 2 p.m. Tickets are £5.

**St Andrews High School** Mr Patrick Callaghan is retiring as Head Teacher. We wish him every blessing in the years ahead.

**Parish Gathering:** Following on from requests for the PowerPoint used at the recent Parish Gathering, it will now be available online as an attachment to the newsletter.

**'Ladies (and Gents) who Lunch'** Glenys Evans & Pam Walker are organising a lunch at the end of July open to all Parishioners. Date and Time TBA. Come along for a catch up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones!

**Holy Year 2025** Every 25 years the Church keeps a jubilee year, a special time of renewal. We shall mark this here in various ways starting from this Christmas, but a Holy Year is also traditionally a special year for visiting Rome, praying at the tombs of Saints Peter & Paul and also visiting the cathedral of St John Lateran and the basilica of St Mary Major. It has been suggested that we have a parish pilgrimage to Rome next year, and we have been offered 5-12 September 2025 as possible dates. More details next week.

**THANK YOU** very much to all who supported the Fashion Show. An amazing £1,190.00 was raised for the Parish.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £687.35; Building Fund £256.11 **Special Collection** this Sunday for Peter's Pence