



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

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5 APRIL 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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 two most important feasts of the Church, Christmas and Easter, have very few or no eyewitnesses. As far as we know, only Mary and Joseph were present at Christ's birth. But that's two more people than on Easter morning. No one saw Christ rise from the dead. No one could provide eyewitness testimony of what happened. Thus different people drew different conclusions upon seeing the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene assumed someone had taken Jesus' body. Simon Peter noticed that the head cloth was rolled up neatly and separately, implying that it wasn't grave robbers, but just seemed confused. Only the Beloved Disciple "saw and believed" (Jn 20:8). Only the Beloved Disciple immediately saw with eyes of faith. Now we are called to see with eyes of faith. We are challenged to understand the scripture, to receive church teaching, and to hear the eyewitness testimony of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection so that, like the beloved disciple, we too may make the leap of faith and see beyond the empty tomb.

Saint Paul tells the Colossians that "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:3). When a

person is near death, we often speak of them inhabiting two worlds, this one and the next, where loved ones who have died are present to them in a way that they haven't been since they passed away. Paul would say that in baptism we already gained admittance to the next world, where we are "hidden with Christ." Since we are joined with Christ, we are called to live as Christ calls us to live, seeing him in our neighbour and serving those who are the least of our brothers and sisters.

Saint Paul also used the images of yeast and dough to teach the Corinthians what it means to be raised to new life. The old yeast, he said, must be thrown out, for it will no longer cause the dough (that is, us) to rise. What's more, in ancient times the yeast in an old batch of dough was regarded as corrupt and regarded as a wicked influence, for it may have fermented, causing the other ingredients in the dough to break down. Unlike old yeast, Christ raises us to a new life of goodness and mercy, of love of God and love of neighbour, of sincerity and truth.

Question of the Week: To what must I die in order to rise with Christ in new life? What old yeast must be thrown out of my life so that I may become a fresh batch of dough, living in the newness of life?

Sunday 5 April

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. in St Mary's (People of the Parish)

Readings: Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 55:1-11; Mt 28:1-10

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

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Mt 28::1-10

Monday 6 April

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

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 7 April

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's (Sick Person)

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 8 April

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 9 April

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 10 April

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 11 April

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 4:13-31; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 12 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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 on Thursday 16 April from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Mayfield Salisbury church, West Mayfield, Edinburgh.

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 £675.12 Building Fund £267.40 (£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.

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.**

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL. WE SHOULD ALL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE GREAT EFFORTS SO MANY HAVE MADE OVER THIS HOLY SEASON.