



## PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

**Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve**

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## 18 OCTOBER 2026 – 29<sup>TH</sup> 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

Cyrus was the pagan king of Persia, but when he conquered Babylon, he permitted the Jewish people to return to their homeland and worship God as they desired. For this reason, Isaiah speaks of Cyrus as having been anointed by God. He insists that God was the power behind the pagan king's success, arming him, making him king, and leading him to victory over Babylon, all without him realizing it. In a similar way, Paul explains to the Thessalonians that the gospel did not come to them only by what he, Silvanus, and Timothy told them, "but also in power and in the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:5). What we cannot see or hear can be even more powerful than what we can sense. Let us recognize the effect of the Holy Spirit, whom we received in baptism and confirmation, in our own lives and the lives of others.

The Roman coin makes the "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" half of this lesson easy to remember (Matthew 22:21). But sometimes we overlook the

"[repay] to God what belongs to God" half (22:21). We owe our very lives to God. Created in God's image, given breath and life by our creator, we have been baptized in Christ Jesus and confirmed in the Holy Spirit, chosen as disciples to live out the gospel throughout the course of our lives. We bear the image of God. We are called to repay God with our whole selves.

How often do we get frustrated shopping for a gift, throw up our hands, and say: What do you get someone who has everything? Well, what if that someone is God? What can we give God, who has everything and has already given us everything we have? We give God thanks and praise, of course, through prayer and worship. But because all people are God's children, we can also give to those in need from the gifts we have received. Just as we might give gifts to our close friends' young children, we can also give gifts to God's children.

**Question of the Week:** This week ahead, how will I repay to God what belongs to God?

**Sunday 18 October** – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mission Sunday*

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 and Benediction at St. Paul's

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

Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

**Monday 19 October**

**9.30 a.m.** Rosary & Adoration

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

Readings: Eph 2:1-10 Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday 20 October**

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

Readings: Eph 2:12-22 Lk 12:35-28

**Wednesday 21 October****9.30 a.m.** Divine Mercy Devotions**10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's**

Readings: Eph 3:2-12 Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday 22 October****10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's**

Readings: Eph 3:14-21 Lk 12:49-53

**Friday 23 October****9.30 a.m.** Rosary & Adoration**10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's**

Readings: Eph 4:1-6 Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday 24 October****9.30 a.m.** Rosary & Adoration**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's**

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

Readings: Eph 4:7-16 Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday 25 October** – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal****10.40 a.m.** Rosary and Benediction at St. Paul's**11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's**

Readings: Ex 22:21-27 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

**Sunday Benediction:** We now have the Benediction every Sunday in St. Paul's beginning with the holy rosary at 10:40am. We are all invited.**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](http://www.wednesdayword.org)**Sacristan / Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting:** Fr Isaac will be holding a meeting for all Volunteers who hold the above positions on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11am in St Paul's Church Hall.**Please confirm your attendance by contacting the office on** [parish@stmarymagdalenes.org.uk](mailto:parish@stmarymagdalenes.org.uk) / 01592 756758. Thank you.**October Devotion:** October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are all encourage to say our rosary at home; you can equally join us for the rosary in St. Paul's Church 30 minutes before the Mass.**Day of Prayer for the Faithful Departed:** This will take place on Monday 2 November. There will be 3 Masses as shown below. (Refreshments will follow 10am & 7pm Masses.) Letters will go out this week to the families of those from our Parish who have died in the last 12 months.**9.30am** St Paul's: Priest's Intention**10am** St Paul's: Pope's Intention**7pm** St Mary's: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**Sacramental preparation for Children:** If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation in 2027, please pick up a form to complete from the Church Foyers. This is especially important if your child does not attend a Catholic School. **Parents meetings** will be held at 7pm in St Paul's Church Hall on the following dates:**Reconciliation:** Tuesday 16 February 2027**Confirmation:** Tuesday 9 March 2027**Holy Communion:** Tuesday 27 April 2027**Sacraments for Adults:** If any adult parishioners wish to receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and confirmation, there are now forms in the church foyers to complete and return to Fr Isaac.**SPUC** Edinburgh West hosts its first Day for Life. The event will explore pro-life issues including support for unborn children and their mothers and concerns around assisted suicide. Admission is free but registration is required. Saturday 31 October, 9:30am-3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh.[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spuc-edinburgh-day-for-life-tickets-2001092436345?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spuc-edinburgh-day-for-life-tickets-2001092436345?aff=oddtcreator)**The Social Justice Team** have been informed of a need in our society and would like to ask for your help. There are people whose incomes are small and who have to prioritise their needs for heating and food, leaving nothing left for general toiletry items. If any members of the parish would consider bringing **one** of the following items in on a monthly basis it would be much appreciated. Shampoo, Soap, Shower Gel & Toothpaste. A box will be available at the churches to collect the items. Thank you. Social Justice Team**Sick List** We pray for the sick in our parish community and family and friends who are ill,**Last Sunday's Collection: £628.70** Building Fund **£154.83** (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for Building Fund.

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