



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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29 JUNE 2025 – ST PETER AND 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

We can tend to think of saints as people who never seriously sinned. Peter and Paul are anything but. In the gospels Peter's faith often wavers. At the passion he denies Jesus three times. But the Lord gave him three opportunities to confirm his sincere love for him. Paul was one of the most zealous persecutors of the early Church, but he was dramatically called by the risen Lord on the road to Damascus.

Saints Peter and Paul each saw their faith rewarded in various ways. Peter, imprisoned after James had been executed by Herod Agrippa, expected to have a death sentence imposed on him as soon as Passover ended, but he is rescued by an angel of God. Neither the soldiers nor the guards, neither the chains binding his wrists nor the iron gates of the city, can prevent God from setting Peter free. Peter's faith that Jesus was indeed the Christ (the Messiah) leads to Jesus choosing him as the rock upon which he would build his Church and giving him the keys to the Kingdom. For Paul, keeping the faith is reward enough for him. The Lord, he asserts, has given him the strength to complete his mission to the Gentiles and will now bring him

safely to heaven. By keeping the faith through all his travails, he says he will be awarded the "crown of righteousness," as will all those who place their trust in the Lord (2 Tim 4:8). Like the members of the early church, who prayed fervently to God for Peter when he was imprisoned, may our faith see us through our hardships until the end of our days.

Obedience, both to the Lord and to their calling, was of paramount importance to Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter, entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom, treats his responsibility seriously, leading the early church, taking upon himself the authority to admit Gentiles as full members, and asserting his will at the church's first council. In the incident we hear narrated today, he obeys the angel of the Lord at every turn, enabling his rescue from prison. Paul, having been chosen by the Lord to carry his name to the Gentiles, made three lengthy missionary journeys across the known world in obedience to his call. He remained obedient through multiple imprisonments, allowing him to assert at the end of his life that he has kept the faith. These two apostles followed the Lord obediently, enabling them to establish and extend the early church in lasting ways.

Question of the Week How do the examples of Saint Peter and Saint Paul help me respond to my call and give me hope despite my past actions?

Sunday 29 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)

1.30 p.m. Baptism in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Monday 30 June 13th week of ordinary time

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday 1 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 2 July

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34

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

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

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

Friday 4 July

6 p.m. Mass in St Paul's (Syro-Malabar rite)

Readings: Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 5 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 6 July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (People of the Parish)

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 (Special Intention)

Readings: Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Deanery Holy Year Events: On the last Sunday of every month there will be a special hour of prayer held at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. This Sunday we shall reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We have postponed walking the Fife Pilgrim Way in stages until the 6 Saturdays between 30 August and 4 October

Syro-Malabar Rite Some of our Indian parishioners belong to this rite of the Catholic Church in full communion with the Pope rather than the Roman rite. To help us discover more about their traditions, on Friday at 6. p.m. in St Paul's. Fr Sebastian Thuruthippillil will celebrate Mass in this rite (in English), after which there will be opportunity to learn more about their history and to share some refreshments.

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic? After the summer holidays we hope to begin again group meetings to explore the Catholic faith. Fr Philip will be happy to have a chat with anyone about this.

Safeguarding team meets on Tuesday at 10.45 a.m. at St Mary's

Bereavement Group meets on Wednesday after Mass at St Paul's.

Fabric & Finance meets on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. in the church house.

Parish Feast Day We shall celebrate our patron, St Mary Magdalene, on Tuesday 22 July with Mass at 7 p.m. in St Mary's followed by refreshments at Romero House.

Youth Ministry We plan to begin a group for our young people (P7+) – we shall have an initial gathering for a barbecue on Thursday 7 August at 7 p.m. at St Paul's

Summer School this will take place on Monday & Tuesday 11 & 12 August. More details later.

St Paul's Primary 3 Gardening Scheme: This has begun in the Presbytery grounds at St Paul's. If anyone has any spare child size gardening tools they would be willing to donate to the scheme, could they please contact the office or drop them off at the Church. Thank you!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage This takes place with flights from Glasgow between 24 September and 1 October costing £780 (£150 single room supplement) including breakfast and dinner. More information on notice in church porches or email roger.fostersenior@gmail.com

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

Last Sunday's Collection £585.76, Building Fund £274.00. **Special Collection for the Xaverian Fathers raised £1130.97** (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund. **Special Collection this Sunday for Peter's Pence.**

Buy a Brick – St Paul's perimeter wall If you have not so far obtained a form, they are available at the back of our churches. There has been a great response so far.