



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

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## 7 JULY 2024 – 14<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

A prophet has been described as someone who comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. It is no surprise then, that many would resist, as they did after Ezekiel spoke out. No matter how much or how little we do to bear witness to the gospel, we tend to feel that we are doing well enough. We don't want to hear that we need to carry our cross, or be more selfless, or change our lifestyle, or do more for those in need. We have grown comfortable with the way we live our life. When we receive reproof from the prophetic voices we hear, let us react not with obstinacy of heart, but recognize this as guidance for what God, calls us to be and heed their warnings.

Saul, persecutor of Christians, seemed to be comfortable in that role, right up until he received a jolt on his way to Damascus. Now, as Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, he speaks of an affliction "a thorn in the flesh" that bedevils him (2 Cor 12:7). Three times he begged the Lord for relief, but the Lord told him that "power is made perfect in weakness" (12:9). Like Jesus himself, who by becoming flesh made himself weak, who also begged his Father three times (in

Gethsemane) to be released from his suffering, who in the end triumphed over sin and death by submitting himself to the cross, Paul realizes that by enduring "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints" he is made strong (12:10)

In today's gospel we hear Mark write that in his native place, Jesus "was amazed by their lack of faith" (6:6). The people could not accept that the power of God was working in him. Therefore, Jesus was not able to cure more than a few. Faith in God is essential to the healing grace we receive.

**Question of the Week** How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me? Do I dismiss their words at once? How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice?

### **Sunday 7 July**

**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

### **Monday 8 July**

**10 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Mary's followed by private Cremation.**

Readings: Hos 2:16-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday 9 July – Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen (Our Lady of Good Succour)**

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

Readings: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

### **Wednesday 10 July**

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday 11 July** – *Feast of St Benedict (480-547) – his monastic communities at Subiaco and Monte Cassino inspired many lead an ordered life of prayer, study and manual work*

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

Readings: Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday 12 July**

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

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

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday 13 July**

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

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

Readings: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday 14 July** – *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's** (Lorraine & Molly Muldoon – anniversary)

**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**

Readings: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

**Apostleship of the Sea** Next Sunday we are asked to pray especially for all who work on the sea. If anyone wants to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, take a special envelope and add your donation to the ordinary collection.

**Bereavement Group** will meet on Wednesday 17 July after Mass at St Paul's.

**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.

**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.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £618.41 **Peter's Pence** £491.31

**ELECTRICITY BILLS:** The Church is currently paying an average of £450.00 per month at St Paul's. **PLEASE** ensure you turn off all lights after using the Church and Hall. Thank you.