



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

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11 MAY 2025 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Today's first reading is a significant one, for it is an account of Saint Paul's first apostolic mission. Up until then, Paul was still called Saul, his given name. To the Jewish authorities, Paul was already a traitor and an enemy. Now he was welcoming Gentiles to the area around the synagogue on the Sabbath. No wonder they were upset. But Paul did not return their incitement and persecution with confrontation or violence. He and Barnabas converted and baptized many Gentiles, then shook the dust from their feet and travelled elsewhere. It may well be that this first missionary experience of his led to the peripatetic life Paul chose to live.

Antioch in Pisidia was one of the most important cities of the Near East at the time of the apostles, an ideal place for Paul and Barnabas to preach. Although Paul and Barnabas were expelled, they left behind many disciples. Paul and Barnabas went elsewhere with great confidence that the Holy Spirit was with them.

The vision of John, which we hear in the second reading, gave further encouragement to first century Christians in

the midst of persecution, and of course to believers of every age. A blissful place of triumph awaits all who are faithful to Jesus, and it is impossible to count all those who are there. They do not hunger or thirst, and Jesus, the Lamb of God, is their shepherd.

Today we keep the World Day of Prayer for vocations to ordained ministry and religious life, for people who will have a particular role in shepherding others in the name of Jesus. These vocations have the ultimate aim to assist everyone in hearing the words of Jesus and becoming more and more united with him and each other. Fr Philip will be happy to meet with anyone who is considering a vocation to ordained ministry or religious life.

Question of the Week: In what ways can we more attentively be listening to Jesus in our daily life?

Sunday 11 May – 4th Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Fr Charles Cavanagh RIP)

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (Special Intention)

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's (People of the Parish)

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 13-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday 12 May

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 13 May

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

Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 14 May – Feast of St Matthias, elected to take the place of Judas Iscariot in the college of apostles
Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Thursday 15 May

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

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 16 May

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

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

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 17 May

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 18 May – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (Sr Christine Triay RSCJ RIP)

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Communion Ministers Please note that in distributing holy communion we should not be adding any other words beyond what is given in the missal, viz. "The body/blood of Christ".

Assisted Dying for Terminally ill Adults (Scotland)

Bill This will be discussed in Holyrood this month with an initial "in principle" vote taking place on Tuesday and a final reading in Westminster on Friday. Those who are ill or dying deserve special care and respect, not killing. Assisted suicide will dramatically change the culture of the NHS. Please act on the recommendations of our bishops in today's pastoral letter and visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> or www.writetothem.com to contact our MPs/MSPs.

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. On Sunday 25 May we shall reflect on the nature of pilgrimage, good preparation for walking in stages the Fife Pilgrim Way on the Saturdays between June 14 and July 19 inclusive.

Youth ministry: We hope to begin a group for our young people of secondary school age - those who expressed interest at last year's parish assembly in helping to lead this have already begun meeting. If any other adults are interested, please speak to Fr Philip. The next leaders' meeting will be this Sunday at 12.30 p.m. in St Paul's, and Mrs Helen Quinn, youth leader at St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk, will help with our reflection that day.

Pausing by the well: summer retreat in daily life (19 May to 16 June) - an opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives to pray and listen to God, and discern more of God's call in our lives. There is a group meeting at the beginning and end (7.30-8.30 p.m. on dates above), and each week one meets individually with a prayer guide for 30-40 minutes either in person or online, and one is asked to spend 20-30 minutes in personal prayer each day. For more information visit www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/event/pausing-by-the-well-summer-retreat-in-daily-life/ or email pmreading@btinternet.com

Natural Family Planning A webinar on the Billings method is being organised by Fertility Care Scotland this Monday at 7.45 p.m. Register at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret

Across Group is having a Charity Indian Meal at the Yak & Yeti, Kennoway on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm. Price £17 pp and all are very welcome. Anyone interested please speak to a member of the group or contact the office.

Christian Aid Quiz takes place on Friday between 7 and 9.30 p.m. in St Columba's hall. Tickets are £5 (includes refreshments)

House of Prayer, Iona is looking for a general assistant for a few months beginning in July. For more information contact Jane Kindlen on 01681 700369; email mail@catholic-iona.com

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

Last Sunday's Collection £656.08 Building Fund £184.24 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.

Special Collection this Sunday for Ecclesiastical Students.