



## PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

**Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve**

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## 18 MAY 2025 – 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

Love is not easy. Even the love we have for a child, a spouse, a parent, or a significant other takes work. We have to overlook certain things that may annoy or anger us. The favours we do for them may be difficult and draining. Over time, we struggle with showing our love as we want to. So Jesus' command to love one another is a challenge. When he adds, "As I have loved you" it becomes nearly impossible (Jn 13:34). After all, he laid down his life for his disciples. How can we match that? God willing, we never will have to. But we love one another as Jesus loves us when we sacrifice our own wishes for those we love. In so doing, we are both obeying and imitating the Lord. We pray that we may continue to do so without complaint, without resentment, without giving up.

For love of us God entrusted the entire human race to the Son. Who is entrusted to us in love? In the marriage vows partners entrust themselves to each other. Our children are entrusted to us from birth or adoption.

Ageing parents may entrust themselves to us. We may be entrusted with others' lives as a teacher, a mentor, or in military service. We care for those entrusted to us with a love that bonds us to the other person in a reflection of that bond that Jesus established with us.

The bonds we share with those we love transcend time and space. They even transcend death. Those who have died in Christ, says John in Revelation, are citizens of the new Jerusalem, where "there shall be no more death or mourning" (21:4). Because Jesus has redeemed us, "the old order has passed away" (21:4). In the new order, if you will, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and the dead rise to new life: "Behold, I make all things new" (21:5).

**Question of the Week** What have I done to reinforce and strengthen the bond between those whom I love?

### **Sunday 18 May**

**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

### **Monday 19 May**

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

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

### **Tuesday 20 May**

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

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

### **Wednesday 21 May**

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

#### **Thursday 22 May**

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

Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

#### **Friday 23 May**

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

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

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

#### **Saturday 24 May**

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

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

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

#### **Sunday 25 May – 6th Sunday of Easter**

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

**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: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**First Communions** These will be held next weekend at 6 p.m. Mass at St Mary's and at 11.30 a.m. Mass in St Paul's.

**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. Next Sunday 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.

**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 (this Monday) and end (Mon 16 June) from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. 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/](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/event/pausing-by-the-well-summer-retreat-in-daily-life/) or email [pmreading@btinternet.com](mailto:pmreading@btinternet.com)

**Archdiocesan Mass for Married and Engaged Couples** takes place on Tuesday 27 May at 7.15 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

**Council of Christians and Jews** This new initiative for the east of Scotland is holding an initial meeting on Wednesday 28 May from 7 to 8.30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Nicholson Square, Edinburgh, when a Jew and a Christian will speak about the feast of Pentecost.

#### **Solemnity of Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation**

There will be a vigil Mass in the Chapel Royal on Wednesday 28 May at 7 p.m. and on Thursday 29 May Mass at 10 a.m. in St Paul's and 7 p.m. in St Mary's

**Laudato Si webinar** This is being organised by the Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical. Bishop John Arnold will speak on the significance of this ground-breaking encyclical. Register at [bit.ly/laudatowebinar](http://bit.ly/laudatowebinar)

**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](mailto:mail@catholic-iona.com)

**Across Group** is having a Charity Indian Meal at the Yak & Yeti, Kennoway on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm. Price £17 - all are very welcome. Anyone interested please speak to a member of the group or contact George Smith. The next **Bingo Tea** is on Saturday 31 May at 2 p.m. in St Paul's Hall.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £671.03 Ecclesiastical Students Fund £418.18 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.