



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

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## 4 MAY 2025 – 3<sup>RD</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

It is not a surprise to hear in today's gospel that Simon Peter was back out on the sea fishing. He was, after all, a fisherman. Without Jesus to lead him, Peter returns to his old vocation. It is also unsurprising to see him fishing at night. From the middle of the sea, he won't be able to hear the cock crowing at dawn, that daily reminder of his betrayal on that fateful morning. Finally, it was inevitable that their labour produces nothing; the same thing happened before. Symbolically the contrast between their catch without Jesus (nothing) and with Jesus (153, thought to represent all the known species) cannot be starker. At last Peter realizes that his true vocation is to "catch" disciples from every place on earth.

After Jesus had been arrested and taken away, Peter stood by a charcoal fire to warm himself where he was accused three times of being one of Jesus' disciples. Now, after Jesus has died and risen and returned to reveal himself to his disciples, he and Peter are again beside a charcoal fire, where Jesus asks him three times

if he loves him. Peter denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus gives him the opportunity to reconcile with him three times. Although we are not told about the cock crowing on this morning, we are told that all this happens after dawn. A new day for Peter and all the disciples has arisen.

In the first reading we see Peter show his loyalty to Jesus. The Sanhedrin were determined to prevent any mention of Jesus, let alone preaching/ teaching in his name. Not only does Peter not deny Jesus, he proudly and courageously testifies to Jesus' glory and declares that he will follow God's orders and not theirs. Peter has put his convictions into action. He gives his fellow disciples, then and now, a model to follow.

**Question of the Week:** When have I found the courage to speak out on behalf of what I believe?

### **Sunday 4 May**

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

**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)

1.30 p.m. Baptism in St Paul's

6 p.m. Holy Hour in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21;1-19

### **Monday 5 May**

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's** (Sick Person)

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

### **Tuesday 6 May**

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

Readings: Acts 7:51 – 8:1; Jn 6:30-35

### **Wednesday 7 May**

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

## Thursday 8 May

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

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

## Friday 9 May

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

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

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

## Saturday 10 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 9:31-42; Jn 6:60 – 69

## Sunday 11 May – 4th Sunday of Easter

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations to ordained ministry and religious life*

**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

**First Communions:** A meeting for parents of children preparing for First Communion will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to all our young people who received this sacrament on Monday. On Pentecost Sunday (8 June) we shall celebrate as a parish with them and distribute certificates at 11.30 a.m. Mass.

## 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 13 May. Please act on the recommendations of our bishops in today's pastoral letter and visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to contact our MSPs. There will be a holy hour in St Paul's this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. to pray for this intention.

**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.

**Lectio Divina** takes place on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in St Paul's.

**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 next 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.

**Fr Tommy Greenan**, a priest of our archdiocese who died in 2020 at the age of 64, spent many years working in El Salvador and Guatemala and left writings, some of which have been published in a book *The Song of the Poor*. An event to commemorate his life 5 years after his death will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

## 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/](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/event/pausing-by-the-well-summer-retreat-in-daily-life/) or email [pmreading@btinternet.com](mailto:pmreading@btinternet.com)

**Christian Aid Quiz** takes place on Friday 16 May between 7 and 9.30 p.m. in St Columba's hall. Tickets are £5 (includes refreshments)

**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".

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £689.85 Building Fund £210.05 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.

**Special Collection** next Sunday for Ecclesiastical Students.