



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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9 AUGUST 2026 – 19TH 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

Storms, fires, and earthquakes were often thought of as divine manifestations; even today we may refer to a natural disaster as an act of God. Therefore, it's hard to imagine that Elijah did not venture to the opening of the cave to look for God in the heavy wind, the earthquake, or the fire, especially after he had been told, "Go outside . . . the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:11). But he waited patiently until he heard a tiny whispering sound. Standing at the entrance of the cave, he then hears the LORD's voice. (This occurs immediately after the end of today's first reading.) May the wisdom of the prophet provide a lesson for us as well. We may wait in vain for a big event to hear God's voice, expecting to recognize it during

the trauma of the moment. But like the compassionate souls reaching out to rescue and aid a storm's survivors, our God can often be found in the quiet moments and days as we recover from life's storms.

Paul's heart broke when he considered that most of his own people—the Chosen People—could not see Jesus as the Messiah. But up until his journey to Damascus, he too was in that state. In fact, he was dedicated to persecuting those, like Stephen, who saw Jesus as the Christ. He feels the anguish so deeply because he regrets the actions of his old self so deeply. Seeing through eyes of faith can challenge us, for we cannot return to our old imperfect way of seeing things.

Fear is a great threat to faith in the Bible, from the Chosen People's fear of starvation in the desert to Peter's fear while walking on the water in today's Gospel. It is no wonder that whenever an angel visits, the first words out of their mouth are, "Do not be afraid." Overcoming fear, as Abraham did when bringing Isaac up the mountain, or David in facing Goliath, takes faith. Peter fails on this count today. His "little faith" leads to doubt, which allows his fear to overtake him (Matthew 14:31). Peter is literally drowning in fear. Faith allows us to walk above our fears.

Question of the Week: When has my faith helped me to cope with my fears or overcome them?

Sunday 9 August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Fr Isaac –Priestly Ordination Anniversary)

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (People of the parish)

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

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

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Monday 10 August – Feast of St Lawrence

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday 11 August – Memorial of St Clare

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Ez 2:8 – 3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 12 August

9.45 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's Church followed by burial in St Drostan's Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Service lead by Fr Jock Dalrymple

Readings: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 13 August

10 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's followed by burial in St Drostan's Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Readings: Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21 – 19:1

Friday 14 August – Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary at 9:30am

Readings: Ez 16:1-15a, 60, 63 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 15 August

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary at 9:30am. Confessions after Mass at 10:30am in St. Paul and 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's

Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13b,30-32 Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 16 August – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (People of the parish)

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

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

Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27a Lk 1:39-56

Homily: Father Isaac prints copies of his Weekend Homily and puts them at the back of the Church. Please feel free to pick one up when you arrive for Mass. If you cannot locate one, please ask a Passkeeper.

Carfin: A bus will be leaving from St Paul's Church to Carfin on Sunday 6 September at 12.45pm. If you wish to come, please leave your name on the sheet in the church porches. The cost will be £10 return per person.

World Youth Day 2027 takes place in Seoul, South Korea from 1 to 9 August next year more information from youth.office@staned.org.uk

Preparation for Sunday Mass If we look at the Scripture readings before coming to Mass, we shall be better able to profit from what is proclaimed. The following website has material for both adults and children – www.wednesdayword.org

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

First Friday Devotion: Starting from the 4th of September, we shall be observing the first Friday devotion in St. Paul at 9am. It is an invitation to spend quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. We shall observe moments of silent adoration and reparation, then the rosary and divine mercy chaplet will follow and will be concluded with the mass for the sick and the needy. We are all invited. One hour with Jesus is better than thousand elsewhere. (Cf. Psalm 84:10)

Last Sunday's Collection £516.81 Building Fund £140.70 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)

