



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

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7 JUNE 2026 – THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - SOLEMNITY

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

When the Chosen People journeyed across the vast desert for forty years (forty years indicating a lengthy time), God provided manna to nourish and sustain them. Without it, many would have starved and never made it to the promised land. The manna sent from heaven restored life to their bodies. The Body and Blood that Jesus gives us to eat nourishes and sustains us as we journey through our earthly lives, which can be times of trial, on our way to be with him eternally. Jesus promises us that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (Jn 6:54). This is what we celebrate every Sunday and every time we celebrate the Eucharist. The living bread come down from heaven gives us life forever. The true food and true drink we consume gives us true life - life eternal.

In today's second reading Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that they receive more than sustenance and nourishment when they receive the Eucharist. Before this they have participated in the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ. This puts us into communion with God

and with each other. It also brings us into unity as the single body of Christ, which is the Church.

Physical hunger is a simple fact of life. Whether we have plenty, live on a limited budget or suffer from malnutrition we experience the pangs of hunger whenever we have not eaten for a while. Spiritual hunger is a fact of life as well. Our spirits need sustenance and nourishment as much as our bodies do. We need friendship, we need intimacy, we need peace of mind, we need love. Jesus satisfies this hunger and explains it in physical terms. The "true food" he provides is his very self, which gifts us an intimacy beyond any other gift, a communion of love with Christ in the Eucharist.

Question of the Week When I receive the Eucharist; I receive Jesus within me. How does knowing that Jesus is in me affect the way I act in the world?

Sunday 7 June

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

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 (Special Intention)
Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday 8 June

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 9 June – Feast of St Columba (521-597), Irish monk who in mid-life moved to Iona from where he and his companions evangelised much of the Highlands and Islands

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

11 a.m. Funeral in Kirkcaldy Crematorium.
Readings: 1Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 10 June

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 11 June – *Memorial of St Barnabas, companion of St Paul*

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3, Mt 5:20-26

Friday 12 June – *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Dt 7:6-11; 1Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday 13 June - *Memorial of St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), famous Franciscan preacher*

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday 14 June – *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Fr Paul Hackett SJ 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: Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 – 10:8

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

St Paul's Church cleaning More help is required – if able to assist, please speak to the sacristans.

Parish Youth Group (P6-S6) meets on Thursday at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

Glenrothes Churches Together AGM will be held on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in St Columba's Church. Ninian Crichton Stuart will be speaking stewardship drawing from the story of Falkland, Scotland and the Holy Land. All welcome.

Review of structures within the Church in Scotland:

The Holy See is inviting us all to reflect on how the present dioceses within Scotland can best serve the mission of the Church in the years ahead. We are invited to reflect on the following questions:

1. Where do we see good examples of mission in our parishes, deanery, diocese and country?
2. Where does mission need to develop or even begin? What are the barriers to better mission and what can encourage it?
3. Does the present structure of 8 dioceses in Scotland support mission? Does our diocese already have all that it needs? Would it help if we were to share resources with another diocese(s)? Would it help if our diocese merged with another diocese?

You can reply directly to the above questions at bit.ly/archconsultation26 – the parish pastoral council will discuss these questions at the next meeting on Wednesday 17 June and prepare a response on behalf of the parish, so individual contributions will be welcomed – email or hand them in to the church house.

Dunfermline Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret will be held next Sunday – details on notice in the porch. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. in St Margaret's church, preceded by a procession leaving Pittencrieff Park at 2 p.m.

Walking "The Way" Deacon Pat Carrigan from Dunfermline is organising over the summer days of reflection walking in Perthshire and Fife – for more information email columbasway@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass will take place on Thursday 18 June at 7 p.m. in St Peter's, Carmondean Centre, Livingston. The guest speaker is Peter Diamond from Aid to the Church in Need.

Archdiocesan Mass for Married & Engaged Couples will take place on Friday 19 June at 7 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, contact VEmarriage@staned.org.uk

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

Last Sunday's Collection £601.85; Building Fund £204.72 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)