



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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25 MAY 2025 – 6TH 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

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all that he told them. Jesus had not addressed every matter that would arise. Twenty years later, in the scene at the centre of the first reading, the apostles need to decide what to do about uncircumcised Gentiles who want to be baptized as Christians. Some said, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). But Paul and Barnabas dissented. So they returned to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles and elders. There, guided by the Holy Spirit about this question Jesus never addressed, they decided a minimal number of Mosaic practices were necessary to follow and that circumcision was not one of them. Twenty centuries later, we hope to allow the Holy Spirit to guide church leaders as they debate contentious issues for which the best answer is uncertain.

In John's vision of the heavenly city, described in the second reading, he sees twelve entrances. The number

represents the tribes of Israel and the number of apostles, but we are also reminded that there are many different ways into the city and from every possible direction. No matter where we come from, there is a way into the heavenly city. There is not only one-way in.

"The whole world being at peace," we hear in the Christmas Proclamation on Christmas Eve. But was the whole world really at peace on that blessed night? To ask that question misunderstands the peace that Jesus brought into the world that night, the peace the heavenly host wished in the presence of the shepherds, and the peace that we hear Jesus give to his disciples in today's Gospel. Peace is not merely the cessation of war. After all, the peace brought by an armistice is often a peace on the victor's terms, unsatisfactory and resented by those who were defeated, who often bide their time until they can try to win back territory they had lost. No, the peace Christ gives us is the peace in our hearts that informs us that Christ is all we need. We must empty our hearts of ambition, jealousy, resentment, and anything else that does not allow peace to pervade our hearts. Indeed, if the Father and Son are to make their dwelling with us, as Jesus promises us, we must clear our hearts of whatever is incompatible with their presence. This way we can truly receive the peace Christ gives us, the peace the angels proclaimed, the peace that we pray permeates the whole world.

Question of the Week: What resentments, jealousies, or ambitions do I have in my heart that interfere with the presence of peace? How can I overcome these?

Sunday 25 May

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 12:23-2

Monday 26 May – *Memorial of St Philip Neri (1515-1595), priest who helped re-evangelise Rome*

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday 27 May

10 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's followed by burial in Leslie Cemetery.

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 28 May

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 17:15,22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 29 May – *Solemnity of the Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)*

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Royal

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

7 p.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 1;1-11; Heb 9;24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday 30 May

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday 31 May – *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

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

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday 1 June – *7th 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 (Special Intention)

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

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

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20; Jn 17:20-26

Congratulations to our children making their first communion this weekend. We look forward to their full participation in Mass each Sunday.

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. This 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.

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

Glenrothes Food Bank holds its AGM this Thursday at 2 p.m. in Caledonia House, Pentland Park. All welcome. If planning to attend, email secretary@glenrothes.foodbank.org.uk

Laudato Si webinar marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical takes place this Friday at 7 p.m. Bishop John Arnold will speak on the significance of this ground-breaking encyclical. Register at bit.ly/laudatowebinar

Across Group Bingo Tea is on Saturday at 2 p.m. in St Paul's Hall.

Dunfermline Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret takes place on Sunday 8 June, beginning with a procession from Pittencrieff Park at 2 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. in St Margaret's church, East Port.

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

Last Sunday's Collection £693.49. Building Fund £200.89 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.

Special Collection next Sunday for the work of the Church in the media.

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