



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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13 JULY 2025 – 15TH 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

There would have been many reasonable excuses to hurry past a severely injured person on the crime-ridden road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The priest and Levite in today's gospel likely used their need to maintain ritual purity as an excuse. If the person on the road-side was dead, touching a corpse would have left them unable to fulfil the duty they were undoubtedly rushing to do. Or they may have reasoned that it was the responsibility of the Roman authorities. A Samaritan might have rationalized that a kinsman of the victim should be the one to help. Certainly no one thought it wise to spend any more time than necessary on this dangerous road, especially since there were probably criminals in the area. But for this Samaritan, his heart won out over his head.

Imagine for a moment if the priest or Levite passed the Samaritan a few minutes after seeing the severely beaten man. Samaritans were despised, viewed as enemies. Might they have also hurried past the

Samaritan on the far side of the road, fearing that he might attack them? They would have regarded both the half-dead man and the Samaritan as undesirable, neither one a neighbour to be loved?

The Hebrew word *rakhum* which means compassion, is derived from *rechem* meaning womb. The deep, emotional, caring response to someone who is suffering is identified with the connection between mother and baby, established from the very beginning when the baby in the womb is completely dependent on the mother. The compassion that the Samaritan is driven to give to the robber's victim is akin to the powerful heartfelt bond a mother has for her child.

Question of the Week: To whom can I become a neighbour? How will I follow my compassionate heart even if my head comes up with a dozen different excuses?

Sunday 13 July

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

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (Private Intention)

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

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

Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday 14 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:24 – 11:1

Tuesday 15 July – Memorial of St Bonaventure (1221-1274) Cured as a young child by St Francis of Assisi, he later joined the Friars Minor, becoming superior general and writing many works on theology and spirituality

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 16 July *Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 17 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 18 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 19 July

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Eucharistic adoration and prayer for healing after Mass until 11 a.m.

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

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday 20 July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Sr Mary Lewis DW – anniversary)

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: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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 27 July we shall reflect on the virtue of justice.

We have postponed walking the Fife Pilgrim Way in stages until the 6 Saturdays between 30 August and 4 October.

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic? After the summer holidays we hope to begin again group meetings to explore the Catholic faith. Fr Philip will be happy to have a chat with anyone about this.

Prayer and Praise We are invited to share in this event taking place this Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in St Margaret's Church of Scotland.

Bake Sale to raise funds for the Parish takes place next Sunday after Mass in St Paul's.

Parish Feast Day We shall celebrate our patron, St Mary Magdalene, on Tuesday 22 July with Mass at 7 p.m. in St Mary's followed by refreshments at Romero House.

Across Group Bingo Tea takes place on Saturday 26 July in St Paul's hall between 2 and 4 p.m. All Welcome!

Coffee morning fundraiser takes place on Saturday 2 August between 10.30am & 12.30pm in Romero House. More details to follow.

Youth Ministry We plan to begin a group for our young people (P7+) – we shall have an initial gathering for a barbecue on Thursday 7 August at 7 p.m. at St Paul's

Summer School this will take place on Monday & Tuesday 11 & 12 August. More details later.

Knitting: We are running low on some items that are popular. If anyone is able to knit boys jackets / cardigans please get in touch with **Elizabeth Campbell**.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage This takes place with flights from Glasgow between 24 September and 1 October costing £780 (£150 single room supplement) including breakfast and dinner. More information on notice in church porches or email roger.fosterseniorgmail.com

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

Last Sunday's Collection £546.25; Building Fund £194.13 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)

This Sunday we are asked to pray for those who work at sea – if you want to support financially the Church's mission to sailors, take an envelope for the Apostleship of the Sea from the back of the church and include it in the ordinary collection.

Buy a Brick – St Paul's perimeter wall If you have not so far obtained a form, they are available at the back of our churches. There has been a great response so far. The total raised so far is **£2670**. Well done!