



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

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3 MAY 2026 – 5TH 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

“Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?” Jesus asks Philip in today's Gospel (Jn 14:9). The same could be asked of us today. Jesus has been with us since we were baptized. He had only been with his disciples for three years; he's accompanied us for much longer. Do we still not know him? We have written eyewitness testimony about him. We have two thousand years of writings about him, from Saint Paul's letters to books and essays from contemporary theologians and spiritual writers. We have our own personal experiences through prayer. Jesus assures us that to know the Son is to know the Father. Twenty centuries later, we still have every opportunity to know God.

As the early church grew and grew, especially when Saint Paul or one of the Twelve came to preach, with hundreds of people being baptized every day, more ministers were needed to serve the church's many members. In the first reading today, it is the needy

among the Hellenists, Palestinian Jews and other Jews from the diaspora who spoke Greek, the more common language at the time, and not Hebrew or Aramaic, who were being overlooked. Clearly the Twelve did not want this to continue. But there were only so many of them and they needed to remain dedicated to preaching and teaching the word of God. So they appointed seven disciples (seven symbolizing universality) to take on the task of serving those with material needs. These seven, all with Greek names, are considered the Church's first deacons (from the Greek *diakonos* - meaning servant).

The building we enter to celebrate the Eucharist may be made in part with physical stones, but Peter points out in the second reading today that the Church is made of a different kind of stone: living stones. Along with all other baptized Christians, we make a living spiritual home in which God may dwell. Just as we would prepare our own physical home for guests, we pray that God help us prepare our spiritual home so that we may be “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own” so that our lives may be lived in praise of God (1 Pt 2:9).

Question of the Week What can I do this week to know Jesus better, to serve those who are overlooked, and to prepare my spiritual home?

Sunday 3 May

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 at St. Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday 4 May

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 5 May

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday 6 May

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 7 May

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 8 May

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 9 May

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

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

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 10 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

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 at St. Paul's

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

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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

Parish Youth Group (P6-S6) will resume meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

Tea & Chat: This Fundraising event will take place on Saturday 9 May in Romero House between 11am and 1pm. Tickets can be purchased from passkeepers. There is no fixed ticket price, just a donation of your choice. The proceeds will be shared between the Parish and Dementia UK.

Pastoral Council Retreat takes place next Sunday at 2 p.m. in Romero House.

Glenrothes Churches Together meets on Wednesday 13 May at 7.30 p.m. in Romero House

Solemnity of the Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass on Wednesday 13 May at 7 p.m. in Chapel Royal; 10 a.m. in St Paul's and 7 p.m. in St Mary's on Thursday 14 May.

First Communions will be held on the weekend of 23/24 May.

Archdiocesan Family Picnic and Mass is being held at Gillis Centre on Saturday 9 May beginning at 1 p.m. – bring a packed lunch, but tea/coffee, soft drinks and dessert will be provided.

Gillis Centre: The Archdiocese has announced that it intends to place this site on the market later in the year. This follows a process of review about how best support the mission and future needs of the archdiocese. <ore information available at www.archedinburgh.org/news

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 10 to Friday 17 July. Places are available for the sick and disabled. For more information email enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com Hotel pilgrims should visit www.tangney-tours.com

World Youth Day 2027 will be held in South Korea next year from 3 to 8 August. If you are aged between 19 and 35 and want to share in this international event and discover something of Christian life in Korea, email youth.office@staned.org.uk

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

A small lawnmower has been donated to the Parish. Free to anyone who would like it and can pick it up.

Last Sunday's Collection £699.66 Ecclesiastical Students £534.08 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.) **SCIAF** boxes should be returned at this time. **Chapel Royal offertory collection from 19/4/26 was £80.50 & White Father's collection was £206.30**

Buy a Brick – St Paul's perimeter wall If you have not so far obtained a donation form, they are available at the back of our churches. **THANK YOU.**

Fr Philip thanks everyone for their immense generosity on the occasion of his recent birthday.