



## PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

### Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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## 10 AUGUST 2025 -19<sup>TH</sup> 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

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to teach the disciples that they must prepare themselves as they wait for the Son of Man's second coming. It is instructive to note that Jesus' story involves servants. Generally, servants wait on their master, but in this parable the master is so delighted with the servants who have remained vigilant that he waits upon them. It is a role reversal especially stunning in that day and age. We can imagine God so pleased with the way that we prepare for the coming of the kingdom that we are generously showered with God's mercy and grace. After all, isn't this exactly what we are offered through the sacrifice of God's Son?

Luke uses here the Greek word *doulos* for servant. In his time this was the word used for those who served the Christian community. Those who honourably and selflessly serve the Christian community, then and now, are rewarded with an inexhaustible treasure in heaven. Moreover, those who serve Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters are also God's faithful servants, for,

as he also taught his disciples, what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for him. Indeed, as we wait for the Lord's return at the end of time, we are called on to wait on the Lord in the person in need.

In Jesus' parable a prudent and faithful steward guides the servants. Entrusted with our faith in baptism, we can be called stewards of our faith. Remember, Jesus wraps up his explanation of this parable by telling his disciples that "much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Lk 12:48). We have been entrusted with a great gift in being entrusted with our faith. We are called to be faithful stewards of the Catholic faith. Like the stewards of a different parable who were entrusted with talents that they could develop and build up instead of burying them in the ground while the master was away, we work to deepen and increase our faith, not bury it or keep it to ourselves, as we await the Lord's coming.

**Question of the Week:** What can I do to build and deepen my faith? Whom can I wait on while I wait for the Lord's return?

**Sunday 10 August – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's** (Private Intention)

**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: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

**Monday 11 August – Memorial of St Clare (1193-1253), born in Assisi and influenced by St Francis, she founded a religious order for women dedicated to prayer and poverty**

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

Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday 12 August**

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

Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday 13 August

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

#### 10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday 14 August** – *Memorial of St Maximillian Mary Kolbe (1894-1941), Polish Franciscan priest who was martyred in Auschwitz*

#### 10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 – 19:1

**Friday 15 August** – *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Royal**  
(People of the parish)

Readings: 1Chron 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1Cor 15:54-57;  
Lk 11:27-28

#### 10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

#### 7 p.m. Mass in St Mary's (Sick Person)

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

### Saturday 16 August

#### 10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday 17 August** – *20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's** (People of the Parish)

#### 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

Readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 12:49-53

**Deanery Holy Year Events:** On the last Sunday of each month there will be a **special hour of prayer** at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

**Fife Pilgrim Way:** We shall be walking this in stages on the 6 Saturdays between 30 August and 4 October beginning each stage at 11 a.m. and reaching the destination between 2.30 & 3.30 p.m. An information sheet is available in the church porches. If interested in taking part, please put your name on the sheet in the church porch – this might enable people to travel together to the starting point. Fife Pilgrim Way Trust has issued a walk passport which can be stamped at various points – this can be obtained from [www.fifecoastandcountrysidetrust.co.uk](http://www.fifecoastandcountrysidetrust.co.uk)

**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.

**Summer School** for primary school age children will take place this Monday & Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St Paul's. Sign up on sheet in the church porch.

**Children's Liturgy leaders** meet next Sunday at 12.30 p.m. at St Paul's

**Cemetery Sunday** This year we shall have prayers in all 3 main cemeteries within our parish as follows: 24 August at Leslie, 31 August at St Drostan's, Markinch, 7 September at Falkland. All services will begin at 3 p.m. where we shall pray for all buried in these cemeteries.

**Edinburgh Festival Fringe** St Mary's Cathedral Schola is giving a concert *Faith in the Footlights* in the cathedral on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. exploring the spiritual resonances of musical theatre. Stephen Callaghan of the Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts project is performing *Pilgrim of Hope* each evening from Monday 18 August to Sunday 24 August at 7.30 p.m. at Lauriston Halls, 28 Lauriston Street.

**Across Group** is holding a Charity Indian Night Meal in the Yak & Yeti, Kennoway on Tuesday 2 September from 7 to 9 p.m. (£17). Contact any member of the group.

**National Pilgrimage to Carfin** takes place on Sunday 7 September. A bus will leave St Paul's at 12.30 p.m. (£10). If interested, put your name on sheet in the porch.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £548.59; Building Fund £281.74 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.) **Special collection** next Sunday for African Missions and Holy Places

**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.