



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

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## 12 JANUARY 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - FEAST

**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

This Sunday's feast continues the theme of "epiphany" – the voice from heaven after Jesus' baptism further manifests who Jesus is in relation to God the Father, and through our reception of the sacrament of baptism we share in Jesus' relationship with his Father becoming adopted children of God.

When we were baptized, the Holy Spirit was poured out on us, much as we hear in the second reading. The letter to Titus asserts that with our "bath of rebirth" we "become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Tit 3:5-7). How appropriate as we begin this jubilee year as pilgrims of hope. Our baptism confers upon us a share in the salvation brought by Jesus, who was the first to receive the Holy Spirit in baptism, enabling us to hope for more than this world could ever give: for life eternal with the Lord.

May this hope for our future bring us the comfort that Isaiah promises, the desire "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly" that Paul commends (Tit 2:12), and the reassurance we hear from the Father when Jesus is baptized. We have been baptized in Christ. We are God's beloved children, baptized in the name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In us, God is well pleased. God continues to shower us with grace, as was poured down on us in a special way in baptism, as we live out our baptismal calling. Significantly, before the Father spoke to him at his baptism, Jesus prayed to God, initiating a dialogue with the Father. May we initiate that dialogue as well, again and again, praying that God's grace, poured down on us from the heavens, helps us grow into the beloved sons and daughters God calls us to be.

**Question of the Day:** How can setting even five or ten minutes aside for prayer each day help me live out my baptismal calling? Can I resolve to do that each day during this jubilee year?

### **Sunday 12 January**

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

**9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal** (Fr Gordon Brown RIP)

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

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

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday 13 January – Feast of St Kentigern (Mungo), brought up by St Serf at Culross, he became the first bishop of Glasgow, dying in 603. 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**

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

Readings: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

### **Tuesday 14 January**

**10 a.m. Mass at St Mary's**

**12.45 p.m. Funeral Service in St Paul's followed by burial at St Drostan's Cemetery**

Readings: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

### **Wednesday 15 January**

Divine Mercy devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Readings: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

## Thursday 16 January

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

Readings: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday 17 January** – *Memorial of St Anthony (251-356), founder of Christian monasticism in Egypt*

### 2.30 p.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's followed by cremation in Kirkcaldy

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

## Saturday 18 January

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

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

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

Readings: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday 19 January** – *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 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

7 p.m. Ecumenical service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in St Paul's

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Christian Initiation of Children** A preparation rite takes place this Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Mass – please bring along your baptismal candle.

**Glenrothes Churches Together** fellowship meal is being held on Saturday at 7 p.m. in St Columba's hall. If you wish to attend, sign up on the sheet in the church foyers.

**Parish Assembly Follow-up** There will be a meeting for those interested in being part of house groups/prayer groups on Wednesday 22 January at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

**Salvation Army** invite all who helped with the Christmas Present Appeal to a gathering on Friday 24 January at 6.30 p.m. in the centre on Caskieberran Road, Glenrothes. If you wish to attend, telephone 01592 757909 for catering purposes.

**Deanery Holy Year Events** On the last Sunday of every month during 2025 there will be a special hour of prayer held at the Carmelite Convent, Dysart from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. We shall join the sisters for Evening Prayer (Vespers) and also reflect on a particular Holy Year theme, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This month we shall reflect on the meaning of a Jubilee year.

Later in the year we hope to organise staged walking of the Fife Pilgrim Way and also have an afternoon pilgrimage to Inchcolm.

**Parish Finance/Fabric Committee** is looking for people who can help with various odd jobs (including joinery) – if able to help speak to Damian Bray or Fr Philip

**Conversations in the Spirit** Fr Matthew Nunes from the archdiocese of Liverpool will lead a workshop on this theme at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 1 February from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details and registration at [bit.ly/inthespirit25](http://bit.ly/inthespirit25)

**Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025** takes place from 11 to 18 July. More details at [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25)

**National Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome** will take place from 5 to 12 September (including 3 nights in Assisi). The cost will be around £1400 (£168 single room supplement). For more details, email [j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk)

**Across Group AGM** takes place on Monday 17 February at 7.15 p.m. in St Paul's Church Hall.

**Catholic Media** The following website is very useful for information about the Church in the United Kingdom [www.indcatholicnews.com](http://www.indcatholicnews.com)

**Faith formation** The following are very useful: [www.thinkingfaith.org](http://www.thinkingfaith.org), Jesuit reflections on scripture, doctrine and spirituality, as well as <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk>, about Christian social and moral teaching. For help in daily prayer visit <https://sacredspace.com>

**The Care Home in Falkland** has asked our Parish to conduct a short prayer service for its residents on a regular basis. The next date is Sunday 19th January at 2pm. Many residents are former church goers and appreciate the prayers, joining in with the hymns, as well as seeing different faces. Please come along for this half hour or so if you can manage.

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

**Last Sunday's Collection** £611.56 Justice and Peace £484.61; (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)