



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

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1 MARCH 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, about a week before the Transfiguration, Jesus told his disciples for the first time that he would suffer and be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. Then he asserted that those who follow him must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Therefore, it is only a few days after this challenging news that Peter, James, and John hear the Father's voice coming from a cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt 17:5). We might imagine God the Father saying "My beloved Son just told you he was going to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. Listen to him. He told you that you must deny yourselves. Listen to him. He commanded that you each take up your cross. Listen to him."

Perhaps only in retrospect do the disciples link the two events. Jesus is able to be seen transfigured in glory because he has accepted his cross and will sacrifice himself to follow the Father's will. We are called to take

up our crosses and sacrifice our desires and self-centeredness to follow God's will. In doing so, we hope to one day be transfigured in glory for all eternity.

Today Jesus is seen transfigured, but in just over a month on Good Friday we will see our Lord disfigured: a crown of thorns thrust down upon his head, bloody welts on his body after being whipped by the soldiers, wounds in his hands and feet from the nails driven into them on the cross. For our sins, Jesus accepts becoming disfigured. But by putting his life in the Father's hands, he becomes transfigured in glory.

Question of the Week: How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter? How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?

Sunday 1 March

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Fr Leonard Norman OCR RIP)

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 (People of the Parish)

Readings: Gen 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday 2 March

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Readings: Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 3 March

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

7 p.m. Guided prayer at St Paul's until 8 p.m. – drop by for as long as you want

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 4 March

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Zoom (see info below)

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 5 March

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

Stations of the Cross after service

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday 6 March

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 8.30 a.m.

Readings: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 7 March

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's (Canon Tom Hendry RIP)

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

Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 8 March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Pastoral Letter – Assisted Suicide: Visit www.carenokilling.scot to find help in contacting MSPs about this matter, as asked by our bishops.

SCIAF: This year's fundraising event is the 'Big Lent Walk' - SCIAF are asking us to 'Walk the Blue Nile River' 1450km. Please sign up and collect a sponsor sheet from the churches. Further information can be found on the posters in the church foyers. 'Long or short, the kilometres will add up!'

Lent Study – Bishop Barron's *Catholicism*: We shall continue watching this in Romero House on Tuesdays after Mass – this week's topic is *Mary, Mother of God*

Stations of the Cross this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. will take place on Zoom with this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86719945701?pwd=pFUrdE_njiH0FtgZCpdI83QUAhJGU4Q.1 - meeting ID is 867 1994 5701, passcode 541878

Youth Group (P7+) meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall. Leaflets with more information are in the church porches.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6 March: Services for our area are being held in the Salvation Army Centre, Caskieberran Road at 2.30 p.m. and in Falkland Church of Scotland at 7 p.m. The format for this year's service has been prepared by Christians in Nigeria.

Coptic Church: For several decades there has been a place of Christian worship according to the Coptic tradition in Kirkcaldy. Copts have a tradition which goes back to the first century of Christianity, and they hold that St Mark brought them the gospel in Egypt. Next Sunday

we shall visit their church in Links Street, Kirkcaldy from 2 to 3.30 p.m. – if you plan to come along, please put your name on the sheet in the porch.

Parents Confirmation meeting takes place in St Paul's hall on Tuesday 10 March at 7 p.m.

Passover Meal will take place on Friday 20 March at 7 p.m. in Romero House. Tickets (£12 per adult, children free, inc wine/soft drinks) will be available next weekend.

Penitential Service with individual confession and absolution will take place in St Paul's on Thursday 26 March at 7 p.m. Some of our children will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time at this service.

Lent Retreat Evening: This will be held in St Paul's on Friday 27 March from 5 to 8.30 p.m. led by Fr Shyju Naduvathaniyil from Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries.

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

Last Sunday's Collection £750.92; Building Fund £197.23. (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.)

200 Club Winners for February: 1st prize H.Cassidy, 2nd prize M.Cunningham.

A purse has been found at St Paul's Church, please contact the office if this belongs to you.

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. **£17,774.09** has been raised so far. **THANK YOU.**