

St Mary Magdalene's Church

Parish Newsletter 8th November 2026

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32nd Week in Ordinary Time (A)

Dear Parishioners,



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. The difference between them is both simple and profound: some were prepared, while others were not. Though all carried lamps, only the wise had brought the oil needed to keep their flames burning.

This Gospel invites each of us to reflect on the state of our own hearts. Faith is not something that can be stored away for a future need or borrowed from someone else when difficulties arise. It is a living relationship with Christ that must be nurtured each day through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, regular celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and acts of charity towards others. The "oil" that keeps our lamps burning is gathered through our daily fidelity to God in the ordinary moments of life.

As members of St Mary Magdalene's Parish, we can also look to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her life was one of constant readiness to do the will of God. Mary's "Yes" at the Annunciation was not merely a single moment of surrender but the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, trust, and obedience. She teaches us how to remain faithful and watchful, even when the road ahead is uncertain.

During this month of November, we remember our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed. Their memory reminds us that our earthly life is a pilgrimage towards our eternal home with God. The Gospel's call to vigilance is not meant to fill us with fear but to strengthen our hope and encourage us to live each day with purpose, aware of the Lord's loving presence.

May this Sunday renew our desire for holiness, deepen our trust in Christ, and inspire us to keep our lamps alight through faithful discipleship. Let us ask for the grace to be ready whenever the Lord calls us, confident that a life lived in friendship with Him leads to the joy of His everlasting Kingdom.

May Our Lady intercede for us, and may St Mary Magdalene, a faithful witness to the Risen Lord, inspire us to remain steadfast in faith and joyful in hope.

Fr Leszek, Parish Priest

LAST WEEKS DONATIONS

01 November: £671.90
Including Gift Aid: £348.90

Thank you for your continual support

Next week on 15th November there will be 2nd collection for Catholic Education Services.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

Throughout the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. The names submitted on the November List of the Dead will be remembered at every Mass.

Thank you for your offerings and for lovingly remembering your deceased family members and friends.

WEEKLY SERVICE

Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 4.45 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5.00pm Holy Mass
Wednesday :9.30am, 7.00pm (Polish)
Thursday: 9.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday: 9.30am, 6.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.45pm Holy Mass (Polish)
Saturday: 9.30am.
Sunday: 10am, 1.00pm (Polish)

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of **JESSIE RAE O'KANE, and EZRA NORRIE TAYLOR** who died recently. And for those who are sick, suffering, and elderly in our parish.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*
Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 63(62)*
R./ For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42a, 44*
Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

PRIEST ON CALL

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion *(Viaticum: communion for dying),* Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 *ASAP*.



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

800 Years since the Death of St Francis of Assisi (1226–2026)

St Francis of Assisi reminds us that holiness is not found in extraordinary achievements, but in daily faithfulness to God. Like the wise bridesmaids in today's Gospel, Francis kept the lamp of his faith burning through prayer, simplicity and loving service. May we learn to recognise Christ in the ordinary moments of life and remain ready to welcome Him with joyful hearts.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY'S, OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, DUNDEE

Canon Kevin Golden warmly invites us to join in the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St Mary's, Our Lady of Victories, Forebank, Dundee. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, 21 November 2026, at 12 noon, with Bishop Andrew McKenzie presiding. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St Mary's Hall.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8 NOVEMBER 2026

As we mark Remembrance Sunday, we honour all those who gave their lives in the service of peace and freedom, remembering especially the sacrifices made during the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. We also remember the suffering of civilians and families whose lives have been deeply affected by war.

As Christians, remembrance is more than looking back. It is a call to pray for the departed, to comfort those who grieve, and to work for reconciliation and lasting peace.



Lord, grant eternal rest to those who have died through war, comfort those who mourn, and guide our world along the paths of justice, reconciliation and peace. Amen



Our Lady of Lourdes' Tombola and Craft Table Sale after Mass on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. Try your luck at the Tombola – "in it to win it". Browse our craft stall and maybe find that perfect Christmas gift. ***All proceeds will go towards the lighting maintenance costs in the church. Donations of craft and tombola prizes very welcome – thank you.***