



St Michael's RC Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

NINETEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A 13 AUGUST 2017 Week 33

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Mass Timetable

Sun	13 Aug.	9 am	
Sun	13 Aug.	11.30 am	
Sun	13 Aug.	4.30pm	Sick Parishioners & Sick Relatives of Parishioners
Mon	14 Aug.	7pm	
Tues	15 Aug.	10.00 am	
Wed	16 Aug.	9.30am	
Thur.	17 Aug.	9.30am	
Fri	18 Aug.	9.30 am	
Sat	19 Aug.	10.00 am	

Mass Intentions

People of the Parish
Joseph Bergin
Special Intention
Henryk Szymoniek
Michael Cannon
Catherine McKenna
Margaret & Peter O'Connor
Sick of the Parish

Sun 20 August People of the Parish 9.00 am Special Intention 11.30am Maureen Bastable 4.30pm

Monday Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe Tuesday IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION VIGIL MONDAY 7 PM TUESDAY 10.00 a.m.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine McKenna who has died aged 82 years.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Last Sunday was £984. 25p **THANK YOU**

SPECIAL COLLECTION Next Sunday for **African Missions & Holy Places.**

FATHER PAUL Will be visiting the sick and housebound Wednesday Linlithgow Nursing Home/St. Michael's Hospital.

Rota		Eucharistic Ministers Visiting	Readers	Altar Servers	Cantors
Sun 9 am	13 August	K. LOVE & J. GALLAGHER	J. LONIE & J. NIMMO	J. GALLACHER & H-S OSBORNE	
Sun 11.30 am	13 August	-	M. RAMAGE & D. TURNER	H. MOORE & K. DONAGHY	Y. DONAGHY
Sun 4.30pm	13 August	-	R. O'HARE	-	
Sun 9am	20 August	F. & AM CLEMENT	R. REDWOOD & J. LONIE	B. & L. McGILL	
Sun 11.30am	20 August	-	A. HUGHES & M. RAMAGE	C. JACK & S. CAIRNS	D. TURNER
Sun 4.30pm	20 August		F. HOGG	-	-

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or housebound: Josie Aitken, Mary Beech, Bunty Cleland, Netta Crawley, Trudi Dougan, Betty Farmer, Mary Gargan, Julia Leggett, May Murray, Ivy McCann, Lizzie McCormick, Evelyn Stell, Pearl Watson.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY:

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 The presence of God is a very gentle one – not a mighty wind or earthquake but a gentle breeze.

Psalms Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

Romans 9: 1-5 St. Paul declares his loyalty to his own people, the Jews.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. Alleluia!

Matthew 14: 22-33 As with Peter, when our lack of faith causes us to think the Lord has already got hold of us.

The Prayer of the Faithful Lord bless your people.

RESTORATION While work is in progress there is no admittance to the church. Weekday Mass will be in the hall. Sunday Mass will be in the Church, but please avoid sitting on the right hand side of the church facing the altar.

STALL ROTA 13, 20 27 AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24 SEPTEMBER

M. RAMAGE, P. CARLIN, S. RYAN. M. ROBERTSON, M. RAMAGE, P. CARLIN, S. RYAN.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass. Proceeds go to Mary's Meals Backpacking.

CHURCH RESTORATION WORK which started on 7 August. **Urgent call for cleaners on a Friday evening 18 August from 5pm. Male and Female would be appreciated**

125th ANNIVERSARY will take place in 2018. The obvious date to celebrate it is Saturday 29 September; but the Scottish bishops are due to be in Rome at that time for their *ad limina* visit to the Pope. However, the anniversary of the consecration of the church in 1946 is on **Sunday 6 May**, and the archbishop is happy to come then. Previous anniversaries have been celebrated at a variety of times. This the 50th was celebrated in 1938, being fifty years from laying the foundation stone in the Church in 1988, whereas the 100th was celebrated in 1993, being hundred years from the opening of the completed church in 1993.

DIOCESAN AND PARISH ORGANISATION. The archbishop has reformed the diocesan curia. The Pastoral Office has been abolished and its functions (RCIA, Marriage preparation, youth, and adult education) will be discharged at parish and deanery level. The archbishop will also institute a diocesan pastoral council, consisting of clergy and laity, to advise him on the governance of the diocese.

In our parish we already have a parish financial council. I am also setting up a parish fabric group, so far consisting of Tom Byrne, Jim Carlin, Simon Constable and Alex Mulholland, to advise me on various property issues and which will function as part of the financial council.

I also intend to establish a new **pastoral council**, which will liaise with the diocesan pastoral council and assist the development of our parish cluster. Because it is strictly a pastoral council, the members of it must be prepared to be involved with the most vulnerable members of our community and therefore must join the PVG scheme. The pastoral council, according to the Canon Law of the church, does not have an existence independent of that of the parish priest, and is not an executive body, but is constituted by him to give advice on pastoral issues. Its members should be committed Catholics and have some skills in pastoral leadership. There will be a parish meeting about this on 12 October 2017. Feel free to recommend to the parish priest those you think may be suitable to join such a body. Those seeking power, prestige and status should not apply.

S.V.D.P. Will be celebrating the 400th Anniversary Mass at Carfin on Saturday 30 September, with Mass at 2pm. This is the last week for names and numbers. Depending on numbers for hire of a bus.

ALIVE PRO-LIFE Will meet in the hall on Thursday at 6.30pm to pray the rosary. All welcome.

PARISH FETE ANY FIRST AIDER trained and would be willing to volunteer to help at the Fete please contact Angela on 843408. **MEETING ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY 17 AUGUST IN Q.M. HALL 7PM TO FINALISE FETE. ALL WELCOME** Donations for hamper would be appreciated.

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