



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Lent

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Public Mass on Sunday is at 9:15 am and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month

Please follow the link on our Parish website: www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk

Readings this Sunday

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-15 David is God's unexpected choice to be King of Israel.

Psalms: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want

Ephesians 5:8-14 Through Christ we have come out of darkness into light.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ You are the Word of God. Lord, you really are the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you O Christ! You are the Word of God.

John 9:1-41 The Gospel story of the healing of the blind man is a story of conversion. In John's Gospel, there is close relationship between believing and seeing. It is not a case of seeing is believing, but believing is seeing. This is not the random healing of a blind man but the essential human condition. Without faith we are all blind.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Mary Topping
Tuesday	School Feast Day Mass	
Wednesday	10am	John Topping
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	10am	Gerry Keating
Saturday	10am	Connie Payne
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11am	Sick of the Parish

Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses.

SPECIAL COLLECTION “This weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world. We pray for all those involved in charities of the Church, which help those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent.” – Archbishop Leo

MONDAY is the Feast of St Joseph. this will be celebrated in the school on Tuesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Saturday 9.30am

EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS Wednesday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

CONFESSIONS Saturday 10.30am. First Confessions Saturday, 25 March, 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: May Doyle, Philip Levy, Mary McAulay, Mary Kroal, Michael Tierney, Dorothy Mackintosh, Robert Kennedy, Mark Austen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Beech, who has died aged 78 years, and whose funeral will take place privately later this month.

LENTEN ALMS are sent to the archdiocesan office and distributed to various charities supported by the archbishop

FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS Offertory Income was £4,839. Expenditure was £22,589, which included £18,810 paid to the archdiocese as our annual assessments.

STALL Easter Cards, Confirmation Cards and Gifts are now available.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 20 March 10.30am Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones.

LADIES CLUB 25th March in Queen Margaret Hall at 7.30 pm. AGM followed by games, hosts Ann and Jim Wilson. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for the new tax year, 2023/24, are available for collection from the porch. If there have been any changes to your circumstances, eg change of address, no longer a taxpayer, please let Ann Chirside know (07446294432). If you are a UK taxpayer and wish to make your offertory donation through the Gift Aid scheme please see Canon Paul or Ann Chirside. For every £1 gifted 25p can be claimed from the taxman.

SSVP CARAVAN: The caravan at Seton Sands which sleeps 4/6 is available for a one-week holiday on the following Saturdays this year: 15/5, 27/5, 10/6, 24/6, 8/7, 22/7, 5/8, 19/8, 2/9 and 16/9. For more details please contact our SSVP with the preferred week and note a ballot may be necessary for popular weeks

LENT RETREAT titled *Encountering Jesus* at St Kentigern’s Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, led by Fr Bart Parys, a Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland Fri 24 Mar 7:30pm - 8:30pm; Sat 25 Mar 10:00am - 3:00pm; Sun 26 Mar 9:30am - 11:00am. No registration required.

MASS - RELICS OF PADRE PIO are touring Scotland. They will be on Friday 24 March at 7:00pm at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. Mass followed by individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

ARCHDIOCESAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Monday 3 April at 7:45pm on Zoom. It is a chance pray for all pro-life intentions bit.ly/stations2023

PALM SUNDAY Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen

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