



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

5th 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

All the readings remind us that we are closer to the saving waters of Baptism.

Ezekiel 37:12-14 A prophecy of the rebirth of a people-the return from Exile

Psalms: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Romans 8:8-11 The 'spirit' is God's spirit of love. The 'unspiritual' is self-centredness, the opposite of love. Only the spiritual leads to life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you O Christ you are the word of God.

John 11:1-45 Then Word of God is stronger than death and calls us into life. In the days and weeks ahead, there will be a lot of readings from John's Gospel, where the opponents of Jesus are described simply as "The Jews." This sounds antisemitic to our ears. But Jesus was a Jew and never stopped being Jewish. The apostles and early disciples were Jewish. The author of John's Gospel was Jewish and known to the High Priest. What was going on was a debate within Judaism between Jews who accepted Jesus and those who did not. The real enemies of Jesus were those belonging to the priestly religious establishment in Jerusalem. "The Jews" were most likely Jewish leaders opposed to Jesus.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Ellen Porter, Robert Old, James McMeechan, Derek Edgar, Mary Carstairs Donnelly, John Richard Doyle, Rose Auchencross, Mary Thomson.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Mary Beach
Wednesday	10am	Derek Edgar
Thursday	10am	Gerry Keating
Friday	10am	Mary Topping
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
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 for Papal and Episcopal Charities (SCIAF) was £660.19p

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 10.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Saturday 9.30am

EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS Wednesday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

LENTEN ALMS amounted to £137. 60p

FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS Offertory Income was £4,839. Expenditure was £22,589, which included £18,810 paid to the archdiocese as our annual assessments. **Note that the expenses of the diocesan curia and the running of Gillis Centre are still largely paid for out of the Charlestown bequest-** money left for the purpose by John Menzies of Pitfodells (1745-1849) who also founded Blairs College. **The archdiocese also has to share the expense of maintaining the Scots College in Rome, the National Tribunal, the archives at Columba House, the Media Office and other agencies of the Bishops Conference and paying the salaries of those employed there.**

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

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

Tuesday 4 April 9..30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair.

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 Chirnside 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 Chirnside. For every £1 gifted 25p can be claimed from the taxman.

FLOWER WORKSHOP Thursday 30 March in Church Hall after morning Mass. For helpers and anyone interested in working with flowers will be made most welcome. Further information please phone Hetty on 07719603120

St. Vincent de Paul – St. Patrick’s event. A big thank you to the Finnegan family for organising the St. Patrick’s event last Saturday night on behalf of the SSVP Total raised £509.

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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