



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Easter

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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](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)

## Readings this Sunday

*Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23 Peter proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord, connecting it with the story of King David,*

*Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

*1 Peter 1:17-21 The whole of this Epistle is homily addressed to the newly baptised. St Peter reminds them of their great worth in the eyes of God. Their ransom was costly indeed.*

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

*Luke 24:13-35 The journey to Emmaus resonates with the journey of faith that we all make. So often the Lord is there with us and we do not realise it at the time!*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Gerry Henry
Wednesday	10am	Gino Nelli
Thursday	10am	Margaret Hardie
Friday	10am	David Turner
Saturday	10am	Mary Beech
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.*

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 10.30am**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Hardie, who has died aged 73 years and whose funeral service takes place in Bennie's funeral parlour on 27 April at 2pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Jennifer Duffy, Catherine Clark, Rena McMeechan, Ellen Porter, Annie Straite

**FIRE DRILL THIS SUNDAY AFTER BOTH MASSES.** We are now required to do this at least once a year. After the final blessing, the church will be evacuated immediately as though there was a fire. The main doors should be opened immediately and the swing doors between the church and porch hooked open. You should go out through the door nearest to you.

**MARCH ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £4,787. Expenditure £1,900. No extraordinary expenditure.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next Sunday for the Scottish seminary and students.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Next Sunday (30 April) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). *If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 ([vocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:vocations@staned.org.uk)) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)*

**LADIES CLUB.** Wednesday 26th April at 7.30 pm St Margaret's hall, guest speaker, Jean Osborne on The Joy Of Stamps. Tea, coffee and a raffle is included. All welcome.

**STALL** has a selection of Confirmation Cards and First Communion Cards.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** - Back on Wednesday 26th after Mass. All Welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Mon. 1st May 10.30 am Mrs Robertson, Mrs Lonie, Mrs McElroy, Mrs Jones.

**ARCHDIOCESE** six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas. Register at [bit.ly/prepareforpentecost](http://bit.ly/prepareforpentecost)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023** There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 7-14 July. Everyone is welcome, and those with disabilities/medical issues are especially invited - you will be cared for 24/7 by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and support workers. Financial assistance may be available to support your pilgrimage. For full details visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/) or email [edinburghlourdes@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghlourdes@gmail.com)

**MASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES** The Archbishop will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on Wednesday 31 May. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and the number of years being celebrated to [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), or phone 0131 334 1693.

**CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP** Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at [bit.ly/calledgifted2023](http://bit.ly/calledgifted2023)

**RETHINK ABORTION TRAINING DAY** This day will help you clarify your own beliefs to become more effective and informed in real-life discussions about pro-life issues. It takes place on Saturday 13 May from 10am-5pm in Turnbull Hall Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG. To book a place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/> Tickets £25 (includes lunch and refreshments).

**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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