



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

6th 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 8:5-8, 14-17. The Gospel spreads to Samaria, the Holy Spirit working with them.*

*Psalms Response Cry out with joy all the earth*

*1 Peter 3:16-18 Through the Resurrection of Jesus, we are led to new life.*

*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my words and my Father will love him and we shall come to him.' Alleluia*

*John 14:15-21 The Father will send the Holy Spirit who will make Christ present. And as Christ is made present, so is the Father who is in Jesus as Jesus is in the Father*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Felix Kelly RIP
Wednesday	10am	Peter Cabrelli RIP
Wednesday	7pm	Damien Gilhooly
Thursday	10am	Gerry Keating
Friday	10am	Special Intention
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.*

CONFESSIONS Saturday 10.30am

**THURSDAY is the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Mass Wed. 7pm; Thursday 10am**

**The Archbishop will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our young parishioners this Monday at 7 pm. The service does not include Mass.**

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Patrick Boyle, Teroy Reilly, Margaret Hanlon, Barclay Tierney, Patrick Lavin, Charlie Porter, Mary Dunnachie, Anne Clark, Mary Gargan.

**THE DIVINE OFFICE** contained in *The Roman Breviary* is the official prayer of the Church in union with Christ to the Father. It consists of the Psalms (Psalter), readings and prayers. All clergy and members of religious orders are committed to this prayer and the Church also encourages the laity to join as well – it is after all the Prayer of the whole Church. It can be celebrated liturgically, especially Morning Prayer (Matins) and Evening Prayer (Vespers). In this parish, we combine Morning Prayer with Mass on most Saturdays. We hope to widen its use in the parish.

**WEBSITE** – Douglas Robertson is working on updating the website. If anyone has any comments on the changes or ideas on what else they would like to see on the website please email: dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk

**APRIL ACCOUNTS** Offertory income is £5,614, outgoings £3,517.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION, 21 MAY** - World Communications Day Sunday 21 May. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - “The truth in love” (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications, mainly the Scottish Catholic Media Office.

**LADIES CLUB.** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in St Margarets hall, entertainment for the evening is **Desert Island Discs** hosted by Ita Watts . Tea, coffee and a raffle. All welcome. End-of-season dinner at West Lothian Golf Club, Wednesday, 7 June, meeting at 7pm for 7.30pm meal. The cost is £20 for two courses, £25 for three courses. Ladies of the Parish and friends will be made very welcome and if any ladies are interested in joining us please contact Ann Chirside (07446294432) by 24 May for menu and booking details.

**SSVP FISH TEA.** Our Fish Tea event including entertainment by Linlithgow Folksters will be held on Thursday 1st June with doors opening at 6 pm-6:30 pm. To help with not over-ordering food please contact an SSVP member to confirm attendance or send a text (07596 225937) or email (ssvplgow@gmail.com).

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

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** - On the 24th and 31st of May. All Welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Tuesday 16 May at 9.30 am Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Workman, Mrs C. Wilson, Mrs Sinclair.

**WEST LOTHIAN FOODBANK** It is no longer viable to make our own collection of donations of food etc to the West Lothian foodbank. As such, we will cease collecting donations in the church porch. This does not mean the need has gone away and in fact, it is ever more necessary to make donations in these troubled times. Parishioners wishing to donate should do so at our local supermarkets, which operate collection points, close to the cashiers. The foodbank publishes a weekly list of items in short supply on its website front page <https://westlothian.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you for your continued generosity

**STANTON HEALTHCARE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE** provides practical alternatives to abortion and is supported by the archdiocese. The office is at 21 Home Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9JR. (Telephone 07526480578) Further details on the notice board in the porch.

**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

**NEWSLETTER** – any items for the next newsletter please email, before Thursday, dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk

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## *Notices from the Archdiocese*

### **MARIAN HOLY HOURS IN MAY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Join us for Marian Holy Hours during the first four weeks of May at the Cathedral, beginning Wednesday 3 May from 7pm to 8pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Rosary, a reflection and concluding with Benediction.

### **LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023**

This takes place 21-28 May. To find out more visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with Archbishop Cushley who will lead a Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre at 2:30pm on Sunday 11 June. The procession will head to St Francis Xavier's Church for Benediction followed by refreshments in the church hall. Altar Servers can wear their altar robes and those who have recently had their First Holy Communion can wear their dresses/suits. 40 hours from Friday through to Sunday evening

**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)

**CELEBRATE MARRIAGE** On Wednesday 31 May at 7:15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome to come on the night and celebrate the gift of marriage. After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Coffee Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne, [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), 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)

**CATHEDRAL CONCERT** Join the Schola Cantorum on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm for a concert of beautiful music in support of St Mary's Cathedral's musical life. Come along to hear some of the highlights of the choir's repertoire, plus Handel Coronation Anthems, African American spirituals, and more! Tickets from Eventbrite [bit.ly/scholaconcert](http://bit.ly/scholaconcert) or on the door, £10 (£8 concession).

**ST MARGARET'S PILGRIMAGE 2023** St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

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