



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023

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

**11:00 am Mass will be live streamed**

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 1:12-14* It was not just the apostles in the upper room waiting for Pentecost. There were also Mary, the mother of Jesus, his relatives and several women.

*Psalm Response* I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living  
*1 Peter 4:13-16* We can always be proud of our identity as followers of Christ, even when we are insulted for it.

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans says the Lord. I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia

*John 17:1-11* This has been described as the priestly prayer of Christ, a prayer that exists between time and eternity. The Lord prays for all who will follow him in every age. He prays that we may be gathered up into the union of the Father and the Son.

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Hugh Campbell
Wednesday	10am	Elizabeth Gibson
Thursday	10am	Felix Kelly
Friday	10am	Coyle family
Saturday	10am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
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.*

Next Sunday is **PENTECOST SUNDAY** and marks the end of the Easter season. The solemn Easter alleluia will be part of the final blessing. The paschal candle is then removed from the sanctuary.

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Caroline Connerton, Maria Teresa Cabrelli, Edward Boyle, Arthur McConaghie, Peter Battison

**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** takes place during Mass at 11 am on most Term Time Sundays and we welcome all children of primary school age to join us. The Liturgy begins with a brief 'Sorry', followed by the reading of the day's Gospel and an age-appropriate discussion around this. We then provide an activity for the children which aims to help them enter more deeply into the meaning of the Gospel, and often part of this is to create a poster together which is brought to the Altar at the Offertory. Each session must have a leader and a helper for safeguarding purposes. We have been so glad to restart these sessions post-pandemic but are now extremely low on volunteers. If you feel you could provide help by becoming a leader and/or helper, it would be greatly appreciated! This role can be fulfilled by anyone: parents, grandparents, or those who don't have children. Please contact Clare on [clare\\_kilkerr@outlook.com](mailto:clare_kilkerr@outlook.com).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**, this Sunday 21 May - World Communications Day, 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 Chirnside (07446294432) by 24 May for menu and booking details.

**SSVP FISH TEA 1ST JUNE** (Doors 6 pm-6:30 pm) - We really hope to hold our fun Fish Tea event however the response level so far has been low. Please help spread the word and come along! The event is open to ALL and promises to be a great evening with entertainment from Linlithgow Folksters. If interested please contact an SSVP member, text (07596 225937) or email ([ssvplgow@gmail.com](mailto: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** Wednesday 31 May 10.30am Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg.

**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.

**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](mailto: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

### **RETREAT**

Journeying Onward is a four-week retreat beginning on Saturday 27 May, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email [rldjourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk](mailto:rldjourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk) or [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

### **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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