



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

Pentecost

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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

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Some frightened people hiding in an upper room received the courage to move out of that room and proclaim the Gospel to the world. Thus, the Church came to be born and continues to be reborn when it moves out of entrenched defensive positions to encounter the world.

Psalms Response Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 The Spirit of God makes us into one Body, the Body of Christ, which is the physical presence of Christ in the world.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

John 20:19-23 The Spirit which Jesus imparts to his disciples is the spirit of forgiveness.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Thursday	10am	Peter Cabrelli
Friday		School Mass
Saturday	10am	Felix Kelly
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.

This 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: George Edge, Isabella McElroy, Helen Sheratt, Thomas Reynolds, May Sharkey, Mary Theresa Smith

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for World Communications Day on 21 May was £330.21

LADIES CLUB. End-of-season dinner at West Lothian Golf Club, Wednesday, 7 June, meeting at 7 pm for 7.30 pm 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 is going ahead as planned this Thursday 1st June @ 6.30 pm kick-off. If you haven't indicated your attendance to date and wish to come along, please contact an SSVP member, text (07596 225937) or email (ssvplgow@gmail.com). The event is open to ALL and promises to be a great evening with entertainment from Linlithgow Folksters.

50/50 CLUB. The June draw will be done on Sunday, 4th June after 9.15am Mass.

STALL has a selection of First Communion Cards.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES – not on next week, back on 7 June. 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.

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY EDINBURGH FORMER PUPILS REUNION: If you or your friends would like a reunion with other FPs then please send your name and the years when you started and left Holy Cross Academy to Michael Balfour at mjbggen19@gmail.com or telephone 07484 620 635 by 30 June 2023. We aim to reply by 31 July 2023

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

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

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, 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

rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk or 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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