



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

14th Sunday of the Year

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13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Week 33

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**Public Mass on Sunday is at 10:00 am**

### SUNDAY SUMMER MASS TIME

For all the Sundays in July and August, we will have only one Sunday Mass, which will be at 10am. We will revert to two Masses, 9.15 and 11am in September.

**10:00 am Mass will be live streamed this Sunday**

Please follow the link on our Parish website: [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)

### Readings this Sunday

*1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13* The presence of God is a very gentle one – not a mighty wind or earthquake but a gentle breeze.

*Psalms* Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

*Romans 9: 1-5* St. Paul declares his loyalty to his own people, the Jews.

*Gospel Acclamation* Alleluia, Alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. Alleluia!

*Matthew 14: 22-33* As with Peter, when our lack of faith causes us to think the Lord has already got hold of us.

### PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	7pm	
Tuesday	10am	
Thursday	10am	Liturgy of the Word
Saturday	10am	Liturgy of the Word
Sunday	10am	People of the Parish

**Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses.**

**Fr Henry McLaughlin** will be supplying for Mass this week.

Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption.  
Mass on Monday 7 pm (Vigil) and Tuesday 10 am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Moira Finlayson (of Livingston), whose funeral will be here at 9:30 am on Saturday 26 August.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Farmer, who died on 4 August aged 78 and whose funeral will be here at 10 am on Monday 28 August.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> David Edward Clark, Maureen Cairney, Derek Paul, Maurice Batten, John McLean, Annie Cook
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION</b> next Sunday for the African Missions & Holy Places
<b>SUNDAY MASS</b> The high point of the week is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection every Sunday. On the day the whole Christian community gathers together to give thanks with Christ at our head. From the very beginning of its life, the Church has always insisted upon the importance of the Sunday celebration -a week day Mass cannot be a substitute. Where, for one reason or another, people cannot attend Mass on a Sunday, they are encouraged to make that day holy in the best way they can.
All Covid restrictions having now been removed, the Chalice may once again be administered to the faithful, though you are not obliged to receive from the Chalice if you do not wish to. We will try at first administering the Chalice at weekday Mass before re-introducing it again on Sundays.
Douglas Robertson will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Leo Cushley here at St Michael's at 10.00 am Mass on Saturday 16th September. Douglas would like everyone to share this special occasion, the support of this parish has been so important in this journey of study and formation.
<b>JULY ACCOUNTS</b> Offertory income £4,969 with expenditure (excluding special collections) £12,404. Major expenditure was on grounds maintenance £8,624: £7,269 war boundary wall repair, and £1,200 CCTV.
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Wednesday 23 August 10.30am Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg.
<b>HAMPER RAFFLE</b> The Hamper was won by Patricia Russell. The money raised £140 goes towards Douglas's Ordination. Thank you to everyone who supported this.
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> closed till 30th August.
<b>STALL</b> has a selection of cards for all occasions also a variety of religious items given to us. Please pay by donation
<b>SSVP</b> - Karen Maclennan and her Jazzercise group recently held a Prosecco and Cake fundraiser for our conference at which an amazing £835 was raised. Well done to all involved, we truly appreciate this most generous donation. THANK-YOU!
<b>STANTON HEALTHCARE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE</b> provides practical alternatives to abortion and is supported by the archdiocese. The office is at 21 Horne Street, Edinburgh EH3 9JR. (Telephone 07526480578) Further details on the notice board in the porch.
<b>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE</b> 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.
<b>AUGUST 14-26TH EDINBURGH FRINGE - LIFESPAN TOUR.</b> Sarah de Nordwall is a Catholic bard, who was recently the performance poet at Bishop Barron's UK Tour. She's bringing her Science Fiction and Poetry Show to the Edinburgh Fringe. Dealing in a humorous and disarming way with issues of transcendence, Ideology, AI and even touching on the spiritual life of the unborn it asks: "What if you could experience absolutely everything except who you really were?" Enter the LifeSpan Tour and find out! <b>Google "edfringe tickets lifespan show"</b>
<b>INTERCHURCH BARBEQUE</b> will be held on Sunday, 20th August between 12 and 3pm in the field next to St Ninian's Church. Please book your free tickets using <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/666806294577?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/666806294577?aff=oddtcreator</a> . All ages welcome. For further information please contact Ann Chirside, 07446294432.
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk

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## Notices from the Archdiocese

For Archdiocese events see the “News and Events” page on the website or use this QR code :



### TALK SERIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](https://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark).

### FESTIVAL MASS

The new Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, will be the main celebrant at the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Archbishop Cushley will concelebrate and preach the homily.

### FESTIVAL MUSIC EVENT

Join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 14 August at 7:30pm for a unique performance of Paul Mealor's sacred choral music along with an interview with the man himself. It's a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world's most performed living composers. Tickets £16 (under 16s £5) available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite, or on the door.

### SEASON OF CREATION

Friday 1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It launches the Season of Creation which concludes on 4 Oct. This year's theme is Let Justice and Peace flow. The Holy Father's message for the day can be read at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

### CARFIN PILGRIMAGE

The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place on Sunday 3 September. Join Archbishop Cushley and Bishops from across Scotland to pray for peace, particularly in the Ukraine.

### CARITAS, JUSTICE & PEACE MASS

The annual Caritas, Justice and Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's Church, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Monday 4 September. This year's preacher is Fr Ian Stevenson, Principal RC Chaplain (Army) & Deputy Assistant Chaplain General who will speak on the theme: 'Peace in a Military Context'. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet. Please register at [bit.ly/caritasmass2023](https://bit.ly/caritasmass2023) so organisers can estimate numbers for catering.

### MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on Sunday 17 September at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30-1.50pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2:00pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3:00pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3:30pm break for refreshments and sale of candles & holy items; 4:30pm Holy Mass.

### EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED ARTS

This festival celebrates the sacred arts from 13-19 August in church venues, including St Mary's Cathedral, with concerts, talks, exhibitions and more. See [www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org](http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org)

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