



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday of the Year

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Week 38

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Public Mass this Sunday is at 9.15 and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11:00 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

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 This reading shows that the necessity of forgiveness is deeply embedded in the Old Testament.

Psalms Response The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Romans 14:7-9 One way or another we all have an influence on others. Our life and our death will influence others.

Matthew 18:21-35 We cannot love God and ask for God's forgiveness and refuse love and forgiveness to love our neighbour at the same time.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Special Intention
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Tom Farmer
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sunday	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.

THURSDAY is the Feast of St Matthew

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Edward McGuire, David Paton, Mary Moriarty

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or wish to know more about the faith, then contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

ALL COVID RESTRICTIONS having now been removed, the Chalice may once again be offered to the faithful

CHURCH CLEANING

Tuesday 19 Sept. 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair.

STALL - We have a selection of Cards, gifts also 2024 Diaries £3. each.

ACCOUNTS AUGUST Offertory income £4,339, expenditure £2,082 (includes £357 joinery costs for hall).

ROADWORKS I am sure we all agree that the roadworks outside our drive are very inconvenient. While essential work must be carried out, very often there is no-one working there at all. We were given no warning at all of these roadworks – no communication at all, even though the contractors use our grounds for parking without seeking any kind of permission. I, Deacon Douglas and others have sent letters of complaint. This is Scottish Power's response:

I have investigated your concerns with our engineers and I want to go over some details about what these works are. Unfortunately, these were not Planned works, but instead fault works, that is to say Unplanned so in these instances we are unable to prewarn customers. Our engineers are replacing and modernising cabling on the Low Voltage Underground Cable Network and will need to complete a 50m cable overlay in the coming weeks. This work was raised under Emergency Road Opening Notices with the local council however due to the complexity of the works being carried out we have had to extend this to 29 September 2023.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO This hymn dates from the earliest days of the Church and is there in all the liturgical rites. The musical version of the Latin text, which we occasionally sing, dates from the 13th century. The present English version dates from 2011. When reciting or singing this hymn, we are connected with the whole Church and generations who have gone before us.

SAFEGUARDING By law, PVG scheme members need to tell Disclosure Scotland if their personal details have changed. By informing them, you will ensure that Disclosure Scotland holds accurate address and contact information for PVG scheme members. For information on how to update your PVG details, timescales and legal requirements please visit their website at www.mygov.scot/manage-pvg.

MARY'S MEALS- Mairi Hughes is running her first marathon at Loch Ness on 1st October to raise money for our sponsored kitchen. You can sponsor her at <https://www.gofundme.com/ca9399-marathon-for-marys-meals> or by adding your name to the sheets at the back of the church.

STANTON HEALTHCARE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE 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.

PEACE ONE DAY is on 21 September. Linlithgow Churches Forum invite you to pray at sometime during the day for peace. St Peter's Church will be open for prayer between 10am and 2pm. There is a diary online at <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/55ea80> where you can sign up to pray at a specific time.

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.

NEWSLETTER – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk

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Parish website www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk Archdiocese website www.archdioces-edinburgh.com

Notices from the Archdiocese

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



MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A Mass for Young Adults takes place each Sunday at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church in Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The new Young Adults Ministry programme for 2023-24 is available at the Church or via ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk

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.

SCIAF EVENT

Mark Booker from SCIAF hosts a two-part workshop on 21 and 28 September, 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. It is titled ‘Catholic Social Teaching in Action: The SCIAF Approach’. It will highlight the charity’s work and how Catholic Social Teaching can be put into action in the light of the Gospel. Register at ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at the end at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

A VIEW FROM WITHIN

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland’s prisons share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners’ Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am - 3:30pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at bit.ly/aviewfromwithin

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. An open information evening takes place on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

SEARCHING FOR JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

SAFEGUARDING EVENT

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

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