



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday of the Year

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

11:00 am Mass will be live-streamed this Sunday

Please follow the link on our Parish website: www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7 This a song of unrequited love for his people, the vineyard of the Lord.

Psalms The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9 The peace of Christ comes from his ongoing presence with us and transfigures all human values.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Matthew 21:33-43 The rejection of the Son of God would lead to a wonderful new creation.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	The Synod in Rome
Wednesday	10am	Eddie McKenna RIP
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Rosina and George Meenan
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.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:

William Paul, Darren Polland, Cathy Higgins, Bishop John Mone

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie McKenna, who died on 4 October aged 92 years and whose funeral will be this coming Wednesday at 10.00 am.

ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer below. We are asked to pray it together at the end of Sunday Mass in October. *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

FIRST CONFESSION Parents of children expected to make their first Confession in 2024 and First Communion in 2025 should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Vincent Green and Linda MacKay, who will be married here at a service this coming Wednesday at 1pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 16th Oct. after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones.

STALL – Has Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Cribs and 2024 Diaries.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES available after Mass. All welcome.

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

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 11th October meeting at 7.00 pm Linlithgow Academy Theatre for the show - The Addams Family.

We are having our Christmas Dinner at the Richmond Park Hotel, Bo'ness on Wednesday, 13th December. Cost £26.50. If you wish to come along please contact Ann (07446294432) as soon as possible, a deposit of £10 is required. All ladies welcome.

SSVP - LINLITHGOW FOLKSTERS are hosting a fundraiser concert on Friday 20th October in the Queen Margaret Hall from 7pm to 10pm. Monies raised will be donated to SSVP and West Lothian Foodbank. Free entry, tea/coffee, BYOB and this promises to be an evening of great entertainment. Tickets are available from SSVP members in the porch before and after Sunday masses.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING will once more be held in the church hall on Saturday 28th October, from 10:30-12:00. Donations for Tombola & Raffle gratefully received (box at the back of the church). Home baking is also needed and can be handed in on the day from 9:00. If you can help at the event, please let Susan or Gerry McLean know (01506 846037). Many thanks.

MARY'S MEALS: Many thanks to everyone who sponsored Mairi Hughes for the Loch Ness Marathon. She raised £900 for our sponsored school in Malawi. In the year to July 2023, we raised a total of £4181.88. Our next event will be a coffee morning on Saturday 27 January 2024.

AGNUS DEI This threefold invocation is not there in the Greek Rite but came into the Latin Rite from Syria. It was brought into the Mass by Pope St Sergius 1 (860-911), a Syrian, who also had many connections with the English Church.

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.

SPUC Glasgow Torchlight Procession to mark the 56th Anniversary of the Abortion Act Thursday 26 October for the annual torchlight procession to commemorate 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act.

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, DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.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 :



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.

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

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

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

VOCATIONS MASS

The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls' Day, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN. Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

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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