



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Week 43

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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](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)

## Readings this Sunday

*Isaiah 45: 1.4-6 The pagan King Cyrus II of Persia, known as Cyrus the Great (600-530BC), known for his tolerance, is the unwitting servant of the God of Israel in ending the exile of the Jewish people in Babylon.*

*Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power*

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 This the earliest document of the New Testament, written in about 49AD and gives us a unique insight into the faith of the earliest Christians.*

*Matthew 22: 15-21 Life cannot be divided up into two compartments, one spiritual and one political. God is sovereign over all.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Peter Boyle
Wednesday	10am	Rhona Bennett
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Synod in Rome
Saturday	10am	Alice Cahill
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.***

This Sunday at the end of Mass, Dr Gerry Burns, Headteacher of Sinclair Academy, will say a few words about this new Catholic school.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:

Peter Boyle, Elsie McAulay, Charlie Porter, Bridget Keoch

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** this Sunday to mark World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Funds raised will go to Missio Scotland, the Pope's charity for world mission. It helps support Catholic projects for those in need across the world. Find out how your donation will help improve lives at [www.missioscotland.com](http://www.missioscotland.com)

**SATURDAY** is the Feast of St Simon and St Jude

**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 so that they can be formally admitted as candidates for the sacraments. There will be a meeting for parents in the church hall on Wednesday 22 Nov at 6pm.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS** A reminder for parents of children who start school in August 2024: You will be required to register your child for school shortly (please check with your local school). If you intend for them to go to a Catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. This will ensure they are given a place in cases where spaces are limited, as children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. This is also the case for Catholic secondary schools.

**STATUE** Following a meeting with Martyn Day MP to bring to his attention the theft of our statue we have received a response which can be seen on the website – News and Events page.

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Tuesday 31 October 9.30am Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair.

**STALL** – Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Diaries, Cribs and Christmas Gift Bags.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** back after Mass. All Welcome.

**SEPTEMBER ACCOUNTS** Offertory collection was £4,728: expenditure £ 6,697. Exceptional costs £1950 for a new back door to the house.

**LADIES CLUB** Wednesday 25th October in St Margaret's Hall at 7.30 pm. Jennifer from Linlithgow Museum will talk about the work of the museum. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. All ladies welcome. Christmas Dinner will be 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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** in the church hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30-12:00. Home baking very much needed (please mark anything that contains nuts) and can be handed into the hall from 9:00 on Saturday. Donations for Raffle & Tombola also gratefully received (box at back of the church).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** Fertility Care Scotland at [info@fertilitycare.or](mailto:info@fertilitycare.or)

**SPUC** Glasgow Torchlight Procession to mark the 56<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk)

### **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](https://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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/3Z93und).

### **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY!**

A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

### **DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS 2024**

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30 pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). Questions? Email [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

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