



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday

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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

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 Our faith comes to us from the apostles, who testified not only to the public life of Jesus but also to his Resurrection.

Response This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Colossians 3:1-4 The true meaning of life is to be found in the Kingdom of God

John 20:1-9 The first witness to the Resurrection found only an empty tomb. It was through faith that they were able to say that he is risen.

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Friday	10am	Ellen Brennan RIP
Saturday	10am	Thanksgiving
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.

Please pray for the soul of Agnes ("Nan") Maguire, who died on Holy Thursday aged 82.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: John Richard Doyle, Rose Auchenclos, Mary Thomson, Margaret McKay, Cecilia Liddell, Frederick Adrian

AIDS TO PRAYER See the website of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow at <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/>, which also includes the text of Through Lent with Pope Francis.

PARISH EXPENDITURE At a recent Archdiocese Trustees meeting it was decided that, in all future project applications over £9,000, parishes will be asked to fund-raise around 15% of the total cost of the application rather than rely entirely on parish cash resources. This fund-raising request will affect parish project applications from now on. No distinction is made between essential maintenance and projects.

CANDLE/FIRE SAFETY Please note that children should not light votive lights; nor should they stand too close to those lights. They should always be supervised by an adult in those areas.

FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,616. Expenditure £3,049. exceptional amounts-they will come through in March.

SCIAF BOXES should be handed in by 14th April

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024/25 are ready for collection in the porch. Please let Ann Chirnside know if there are changes in your circumstances, eg change of address, no longer a tax payer. If anyone else who is a UK taxpayer would like to donate through Gift Aid please see Ann. We can claim 25p from HMRC for every £1 gifted.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 9th April 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

STALL Re-opens 7 April. First Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts available.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES re-opens 24th April. All Welcome.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 10th April, St Margaret's Hall at 7.30 pm. "Flutes for Fun" Young musicians performing a range of music for our entertainment. Band Leader Alison Pinkerton. Tea, coffee, and a free raffle. New Members welcome, meet up with old friends and make new friends.

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY NIGHT A huge thank you to everyone who attended the St Patrick's family night in the hall, a massive £875 was raised for St Vincent de Paul. Aidan's employer Diageo Baileys has also donated an additional €500 so many thanks to them. Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes and helped on the night.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN at Nunraw Abbey Friday, September 27th - Sunday 29th. £150 inclusive of both nights and meals. £15 deposit. Contact Stevie Gallacher at Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk

BIG LENT WALK FOR CAFOD. The pupils of our Catholic Secondary, Sinclair Academy are walking the equivalent of the distance from here to MALAWI during Lent. Please consider making a donation at <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sinclair-academy-big-lent-walk>.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND GAZA 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 – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk

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

Notices from the Archdiocese

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



SSVP

On behalf of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, I thank all parishes for their generosity in raising £17,673 in the Day of the Poor collection in November for the Fife Furniture Project. Your support will allow us to help many people across the Archdiocese. Thanks to Archbishop Cushley for allowing the project to be the beneficiary. – *Haydn Carr, SSVP President, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh*

DEEPLY DEVOTED

Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on Saturday 27 April 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Deeply Devoted features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

CONVERSION PRACTICES

The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposal to end ‘conversion practices’ in Scotland. The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns violent, abusive, coercive practices. The proposals, however, risk criminalising the mainstream pastoral work of churches and parental guidance given lovingly and in good faith. Respond to the consultation using the guidance at <https://bit.ly/guidancescot>. The closing date for responses is Tuesday 2 April.

MASS WITH AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert’s, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE.

Weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood at St Mary’s Kinnoull, Perth, 5-7 April. For details contact Louise (07926571004 or louise398@gmail.com).

JAMES MCMILLAN EVENT

Join Sir James MacMillan, one of the world’s most successful living composers and Scotland’s best known Catholic musician, for a free talk at *St Mary’s Cathedral*, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 23 April at 7:30pm. Sir James will explore how chant, as the music of Faith, has influenced the history of music. Register at <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

PRO-LIFE CHAIN, EDINBURGH

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on Saturday 27 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

ASSISTED SUICIDE WARNING

What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar ‘Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada’ on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at www.carenotkilling.scot

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 5-12 July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>