



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**CYCLE B**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Week 16**

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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)**

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### **Readings this Sunday**

*Acts of the Apostles 2:14:36-41 Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah*

*Psalms: The Lord is my Shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

*1 Peter 2:20-25 In accepting Baptism, Peter's audience has come into Christ's fold.  
He restores us to wholeness.*

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I  
know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

*John 10; 1-10 When the Good Shepherd calls to us, we are able to recognise his  
voice. He comes to us and speaks to us in what is familiar to us – in what we  
know.*

*The Prayer of the Faithful Lord bless your people.*

### **MISSION APPEAL THIS SUNDAY BY THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS**

We welcome Fr John McFadden CSSp from Carfin, who will making the appeal.

### **PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Wednesday	10 am	Gerry Henry
Thursday	10 am	Ellen Brennan
Friday	10 am	Bridie Duncan
Saturday	10 am	Mary Prior
Sunday	9.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 am	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** Felix Kelly, Jennifer Duffy, Catherine Clark, Rena McMeechan, Ellen Porter, Elizabeth Green, Peter Cabrelli

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Easter ceremonies so splendid – cleaners, readers, servers, organists, psalmists, choristers, counters, flower arrangers.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** For the Scottish Bishops' Seminary Fund.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Today (Sunday) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese, and particularly for Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland who will both be ordained to the priesthood in July. We also keep in our prayers Canon Paul and all priests in the Archdiocese for their service to God and His people. A second collection will take place on Sunday 28th April or donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/studentscollection>

**MARCH ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £6,086 Expenditure £7,551 including £5,400 for removal of a dangerous tree.

**SCIAF BOXES** should be handed in now.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wednesday 24th April after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Ms McCarthy and Mrs. O'Dwyer.

**STALL** (cash only) First Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts available.

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

**LADIES CLUB** Wednesday 24/4/24 Church Hall at 7.30 pm for the Annual Inter-Church Event. Sarah Ryan will be hosting the Big Quiz with prizes. Tea and coffee will be served, and home baking would be appreciated. New members are welcome to join in this event.

**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.

**PARISH CHOIR** We are always happy to welcome new singers. Details on parish website, or just come up to the gallery after Mass.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN** at Nunraw Abbey Friday, September 27th - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. £150 inclusive of both nights and meals. £15 deposit. Contact Stevie Gallacher at [Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk)

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** at 5pm on Fridays. The Alive Prolife group say the Rosary most Fridays in the church. We communicate using WhatsApp. Please email [eddielove15@gmail.com](mailto:eddielove15@gmail.com) or [Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk) and we will include you.

**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,  
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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 :



### 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>

### 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.

### SALAMANCA

St Mary's Parish in Stirling invites people from across the Archdiocese to join them on a pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain, from 12-19 October 2024. Includes trips to Avilla and Segovia, staying at the Royal Scots College (twin rooms only). Contact: [admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk](mailto:admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk) or 01786 473749.

### ASSISTED PILGRIMS FOR LOURDES

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)

### SYNOD: SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to Spiritual Conversation, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

### FUNDING TO STUDY THEOLOGY

SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary’s University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar takes place on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

### MASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES

The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is on Wednesday 29 May at 7.15pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love.

### WAY OF ST ANDREWS

Pilgrimage in Scotland? Try the ‘Little Camino’, Scotland at its best. Great trails, great scenery and a great opportunity for reflection. Visit <http://www.thewayofstandrews.com/>

### SAVE THE DATE

An Archdiocesan Lourdes Day takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 18 August. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Details to follow soon.

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