



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Easter

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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**

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Readings this Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 At the time of his conversion, St Paul had his challenges in being accepted into the Church.

Psalms Response You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1 John 3:18-24 Love must be "something real and active" – it is about what we do.

John 15:1-8 Jesus is the true vine and we are part of him as he has made himself part of us.

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	10am	Motherwell Pilgrims' Mass
Wednesday	10am	Colm Henry
Thursday	10am	Ellen Brennan
Friday	10am	Maureen Cunning
Saturday	10am	John and Ellen Howey

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR THE SCOTTISH BISHOPS' SEMINARY FUND.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Annie Staite, Bobby Cole, Rose Ann McLaughlin, Gracie Old, Isabella Gray, James Devlin, Elizabeth Sweeney, Betty Green, Margaret Foss.

FRIDAY is the Feast of St Philip and St James
MISSION APPEAL Last Sunday raised £880.33.
MARCH ACCOUNTS Offertory income £6,086 Expenditure £7,551 including £5,400 for removal of a dangerous tree.
CHURCH CLEANING Monday 6th May 10.30am Mrs Robertson Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti
STALL (cash only) First Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts available.
WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES. All Welcome.
LADIES CLUB Wednesday 8th May in Queen Margaret's Hall at 7.30 pm. First Responders. A representative from the team will be giving insight into their role and work attending emergency situations. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. New members are welcome.
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.
EMERALD HILL Parishioners have supported the orphanage and school for the deaf at Emerald Hill, Harare, Zimbabwe, for eleven years. The Dominican sisters who run Emerald Hill are entirely dependent on donations to provide their 100 children with accommodation, food, school fees, uniforms and books. If you already contribute to this worthy cause, many thanks for your continuing kindness. If you haven't previously supported Emerald Hill please think about becoming a contributor. Contact Nuala Lonie nlonie@gmail.com . Further details are on the website.
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN at Nunraw Abbey Friday, September 27th - Sunday 29 th . £150 inclusive of both nights and meals. £15 deposit. Contact Stevie Gallacher at Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk
MUSICAL EVENING in the Church Hall on Friday 24th May. 7 to 9.30pm. A charity event with Elaine and Izzy for OPAL (Older People Active Lives). Please come along and join in if possible to support this worthwhile cause.
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 :



ASSISTED SUICIDE – CALLED TO CARE, NOT TO KILL

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide from becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

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 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

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>

YOUTH DAY FOR P4-7

Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for A Day with Mary at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

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.

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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