



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

6th 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 God loves all human beings in equal measure.

Response The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1 John 4:7-10 God is love – the basic message of the letters and Gospel of John.

John 15:9-17 The commandment of the Lord is to love one another as he has loved us.

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Maureen Cunning
Wednesday	7pm	Nan Maguire
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Fr Roddy Johnson
Saturday	10am	Gerrard Chambers
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. Mass on the first Friday of the month is in the school during term time.

**THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS ON WEDNESDAY 7 PM
(VIGIL) AND 10 AM ON THURSDAY**

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Ellen Howey, James Docherty,
Mary Russell, Ellen Allison, Robert Hall, Margaret Johnstone.

NEXT SUNDAY is World Communications Sunday when there will be a special collection to support the Scottish Catholic Media Office. In his message for the day, Pope Francis urges us to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of artificial intelligence. You can read the letter on the Archdiocesan website at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY for The Scottish Bishops' Seminary Fund was £315.90

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.

FIRE SAFETY IN A CHURCH SETTING Training sessions available in the hall on 5 June (2.30 to 4.30pm) and 12 June (6.30 to 8.30pm)

ASSISTED SUICIDE Copies of a pastoral letter from the Scottish Bishops are available in the porch.

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 for details on how to contribute. Nuala will also be outside the church after 9.15 Mass for a few weeks, weather permitting, and will be delighted to receive cash donations. Further details are on the website.

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

MUSICAL EVENING in Queen Margaret 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

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/assisted-suicide 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

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 FOR TEACHERS

Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email kay.leslie@staned.org.uk

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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