



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

11th Sunday of the Year

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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

*Exodus 17: 22-24* God will make a new people grow from the remnant of Israel who will be as majestic as a Lebanon cedar.

*Response* It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

*2 Corinthians 5: 6-10* Following Christ is already sharing in his life. But we have to wait for the full vision.

*Mark 4: 26-34* The Kingdom of God grows from small beginnings beneath the surface of our own experience.

## PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Maggie Massolini
Wednesday	10am	Peter and Pat Lamont
Thursday	10am	Anne Johnstone
Friday	10am	Jean Neilson
Saturday	10am	Robert McMeechan
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.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY** for Scottish Bishops' Pro-life Initiatives amounted to £402.73. Pastoral letter available in the porch.

**SUNDAY MASS.** From 7 July to 22 August, we will go to our summer schedule of one mass on Sunday at 10am. On 29 August we will revert to two masses at 9.15 and 11.00am

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK** Pat Lamont, Henry McGaughan; James Boyle, John Cuddihy, George McMeechan, Robert McMeechan, Mrs Mary Prior, Mary Anne Quinn, Ita Mary Sharkey, Filomena Di Stefano, Jean Neilson.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Monday 17th June after Mass Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti

**STALL** You can now pay by CARD or CASH.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** are now closed for the Summer.

**APRIL ACCOUNTS** Offertory income was £6,063. Expenses were £12,454, which includes £3,820 for joinery and renovation work in the house and church roof repairs of £1,272.

**CANDLE/FIRE SAFETY** Please note that children less than eight years old 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.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** Because so required by our insurance company, the archdiocese have employed a health and safety firm (Diary Management) to inspect the health and safety needs of every parish. We will shortly be visited by an inspector, who will want to see all our documentation and records. Therefore, all groups in the parish should give copies of any documentation they have (risk assessments forms and so forth) to Canon Paul as soon as possible, which will be kept in a parish health and safety file in the sacristy. The diocesan health and safety policy can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/HS-Policy-Final-14-Jun-2023.pdf>

**FAIR TRADE** Karri Byrne has acted as the parish representative for Linlithgow Fair Trade, and we are very grateful for her service in that role. However, she is not able to continue, and we need another representative. It does not take a great deal of time. If you would like to volunteer for this role or would like to nominate someone, please contact Canon Paul.

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Copies of a pastoral letter from the Scottish Bishops are available in the porch. Assisted suicide is legal in Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada and the state of Oregon. In all these places, there are horrific stories emerging. Basically, whatever promises are made, there are no safeguards – these are often disregarded. And there is tremendous pressure on sick and elderly people simply to end it all.

**LINLITHGOW CHURCH FORUM** has organised Hustings for the general election, inviting all 8 candidates to take part. They will take place on Sunday, 30 June, 2024 in St Michael's Church of Scotland Kirk hall, starting at 6.30pm with prayers, then tea, with the Hustings starting at 7.15pm and finishing at 9.00pm. All welcome. If you have any questions for the candidates please e-mail them to Paul on paul@cassley.org, by 23 June, 2024, using Hustings Questions in the title.

### **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](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:



### **WORKSHOP ON ASSISTED SUICIDE**

The Assisted Dying Bill could come into law in Scotland soon. The Archdiocese is hosting a workshop in the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Tuesday 18 June at 7:30pm to show you how to engage with, and inform others, about concerns arising from this proposed law. Free event. Register at <https://bit.ly/calledtocarenotkill>

### **ST MARGARET’S PILGRIMAGE**

Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret’s Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

### **SCHOLA CANTORUM**

An evening of summer music takes place at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7pm on Wednesday 26 June. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by a drinks reception. Tickets £10. Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

### **ORDINATIONS**

Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday 29 June at midday in St Mary’s Cathedral Edinburgh. The Cathedral hosts Eucharistic Adoration from 1:15pm to 8:00pm on Thursday 27 & Friday 28 June to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and includes a Holy Hour led by the two men at 7:00pm. Please keep Paul and Peter in your prayers.

### **SCHOOLS MASS**

The annual Edinburgh Catholic Schools’ Community Mass takes place at St Catharine’s Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, on Thursday 20 June at 7.00pm. All welcome

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

SPUC has launched a campaign to encourage voters to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. Visit: [www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote](http://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote)

### **DOMINICAN CONFERENCE**

The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place Friday 28/Saturday 29 June at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome): [bit.ly/godsmercyandyours](http://bit.ly/godsmercyandyours)

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