



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

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Public Mass this Sunday is at 9.15 and 11:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

**FROM 7 JULY TO 22 AUGUST, WE WILL GO TO OUR
SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ONE MASS ON SUNDAY AT 10
AM. ON 29 AUGUST WE WILL REVERT TO TWO
MASSES AT 9.15 AND 11.00AM**

Readings this Sunday

Acts 12:1-11 By putting Peter in prison Herod thought he could confine the Word of God. Not so! God's message cannot be imprisoned.

Psalms 33: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 At the end of his life, Paul does not look back but looks forward to eternal glory.

Matthew 16:13-19 "Who do you say I am?" The Lord asks that question of every one of us. In our experience of life and faith, who do we say he is?

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Anna
Wednesday	10am	Paul Casey
Thursday	10am	Charles Lynch
Friday	10am	Robert McMeechan
Saturday	10am	Brian Mallon
Sunday	10am	People 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 this Sunday for Peter's Pence. Donations to Peter's Pence support Pope Francis' Mission and charitable works, which have financed 192 projects in 72 countries.

WEDNESDAY is the Feast of St Thomas.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Margaret McGowan, Mary Anne Quinn, Wyn Clarkin, Tom McAda, Nuala McDevitt, William Graham, Cathy Morgan, Michael Cannon, Fr J. McGovern, George Morgan, Bruce Thomson, John Allison.

COPIES OF A PASTORAL LETTER from the Scottish Bishops on the General Election are in the porch. Visit the website of the Catholic Parliamentary Office for more information and resources: <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/>

VANDALISM The cross prised off the back wall of the church has been found in the grounds. It is difficult to know what was behind this – attempted theft, vandalism, or simply stupidity. The police are investigating and have the CCTV evidence of visitors to the church.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 2nd July 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair Mrs. Gormley.

STALL You can now pay by CARD or CASH.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES are now closed for the Summer.

NEW PARISHIONERS - there is a registration form at the back of the church that can be filled in and handed to Canon Paul.

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

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