



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday of the Year

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21st July 2024

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Public Mass this Sunday is at 10:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

FROM 7 JULY TO 18 AUGUST, WE WILL GO TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ONE MASS ON SUNDAY AT 10 AM. ON 25 AUGUST WE WILL REVERT TO TWO MASSES AT 9.15 AND 11.00AM

LIVESTREAM: 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6 The prophet speaks out against the shepherds who have abandoned their flock. The Lord will gather together his people himself.

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

Ephesians 2: 13-18 Christ has united his people. He is the peace between them

Mark 6:30-34 The Lord himself now teaches his people.

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Michael Kennedy
Wednesday	10am	Ian Lockhart
Thursday	10am	Marie Moscardini
Friday	10am	James McGinley
Saturday	1pm	Nuptial Mass: Jonathan Moyes/ Jacqueline Watt
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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin McGill, who died on 16 July aged 85 years and whose funeral will be here on Monday 29 July at 10am. Family Flowers only. Donations can be made to Mary's Meals.

MONDAY is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene

TUESDAY is the Feast of St Bridget of Sweden

THURSDAY is the Feast of St James

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK John Dunleavie, Will Smith, James O'Connor, Cathy Lavin, Maty Lawler Reynolds

JUNE ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,295, expenditure £17,486, which includes £12,760 for kitchen refurbishment.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 29th July after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR HALL ENQUIRIES: *DandC.McAu@proton.me*

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 All church volunteers are encouraged to follow online those online Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found <https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx>

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.

The Scottish Parliament Health Committee is asking for your views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the short survey, which should take just a few minutes to do, before it closes on 16th August. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by entering the following address in your web browser: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>

KNITTING FOR UKRAINE If you are a knitter, you might be able to help with a project to knit stump socks for people in Ukraine who have had limbs amputated after being injured in the fighting or bombing. Members of St Michael's Parish Church are in contact with a charity based in the New Forest who send supplies to two hospitals there. The stump socks knitted in Linlithgow would be sent by the charity to those hospitals. There is a pattern which can be adapted for different sizes as children and young people are among the amputees. The wool needs to be very soft so baby wool, 2 or 3 ply, is recommended. If you think that you could help with knitting or by donating spare wool, contact Patricia Russell 07080 017669 or pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk

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:



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will mark this day on Sunday 28th July 2024 at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by the commission’s president Bishop John Keenan. The café will be open for refreshments. Please come along and enjoy this inter-generational day together.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops’ Conference has organised a National Conference for this year’s Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret’s Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

MASS FOR THE CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

華人天主教團體彌撒

Mass is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in Cantonese and English at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The next Mass in Cantonese and English will be on Sunday 14 July at 2pm. On Sunday 21 July, Fr Li Chi Yuen will celebrate Mass in Cantonese at 2pm. All welcome.

每月第二主日下午二時有粵語和英語雙語彌撒，有懂粵語的神父來訪時會另開粵語彌撒。彌撒後有茶聚。歡迎所有人參加。如有查詢，請聯絡劉偉明執事

SAVE THE DATE – 3 OCTOBER

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the evening of Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Details to follow soon.

SAVE THE DATE – 5 OCTOBER

A Scripture Reflection Day titled ‘Celebrating the Gift’ will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 October 2024. The event will help explain more about the new lectionary that is being introduced in Advent and is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Details to follow.

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