



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday of the Year

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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

2 Kings 4:42-44 The Lord provides for his people.

Response You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

Ephesians 4:1-6 We are called to live in unity with one another – to be one as God is one.

John 6:1-15 Echoing the first reading, the Lord provides for his people

PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Colin McGill RIP
Thursday	10am	Liturgy of The Word
Saturday	10am	Liturgy of The Word
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.

This Sunday we celebrate The World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly in which we recall their great contribution to our lives.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Elizabeth McCormick, Robert O'Neil, Helen Allison, Edward Gourlay, Andrewena Law, Tom Farmer.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Saturday 31 August

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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