



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

4th SUNDAY of EASTER CYCLE C

11th MAY 2025

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Public Mass on Sunday is at 9:15 am and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11 am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Readings this Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 Both Paul and Barnabas were devout Jews. But they found that pagans were more receptive to the Jewish Messiah than their own people.

Psalms Response We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17 John has a vision of the victory of the martyrs over death, a great encouragement for those experiencing persecution.

John: 10: 27-30 If we are to recognise the voice of the Good Shepherd, we must first open our ears to his voice.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	John and Ellen Howie
Wednesday	10.00am	Alec Mulholland
Thursday	10.00am	Haydn Carr
Friday	10.00am	Fr. Charles Cavanagh
Saturday	10.00am	Brian Oates
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00am	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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Kelly, who has died aged 84 years and whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday 20th May at 10 am.

Special Collection THIS Sunday for Ecclesiastical Students fund – this goes to the support of Scottish Seminary Students.

Mission Appeal next Sunday for Sisters of St. Peter Claver.

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Johnstone, Dorothy McEwan, Charlotte McCourt, Patrick Boyle, Terry Reilly Margaret Hanlon, Patrick Lavin.

SCIAF BOXES SHOULD BE RETURNED NOW.

SSVP Collection on Sunday £185.06p Thank You

SSVP ROSARY in memory of Haydn Carr-Pollock, our former president, Deacon Douglas Robertson will lead the Rosary on Thursday 22nd May at 6.30pm in the St. Margaret Hall. All welcome with teas/coffees served afterwards.

READERS ROTA

11th May 9.15am 1st Ann Chirnside 2nd Raymond Hendry 11.00am 1st Jim Carlin 2nd Tricia Macaulay

18th May 9.15am 1st Jim Campbell. 2nd Jim Lonie 11.00am 1st Margaret Robertson 2nd Eddie Love.

MARCH ACCOUNTS Offertory income £5,286 and expenses £5,745 (includes £2052 for new hall doors and £804 for replacement house window)

As you may have noticed Canon Paul will be celebrating being 40 years in the Priesthood on 29 June 2025. We will be giving out envelopes for your very kind donations so we can help him celebrate. Please hand back to Ann Chirnside or Catherine McAulay. Thank You.

STALL Has a variety of First Communion Cards and Gifts.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass.. All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 14th May after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Hall Marriann Pattison whose topic will be 'Worst things happen at sea!' Teas/Coffee and a free raffle. All Welcome.

THE DIVINE OFFICE This is the official Prayer of the Church, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours, since parts of allocated to different times of the day. It consists of psalms, Scripture and other readings, hymns and prayers. The psalms would have been the prayers of Jesus in his life on earth; and now, the Church joins with Jesus as her head in prayer to the Father. The Divine Office is prayed by clergy and religious, and lay people are also encouraged to join in this Prayer of the Church. In this parish, we try to do this at Easter and during Saturday morning Mass.

Children's Liturgy Workshop Join the Catechetics Commission for the second Children's Liturgy (CL) Catechist Workshop. The morning will begin with Mass and include a presentation on music & art and a time of discussion. It takes place on Saturday 17 May 9.30am – 12noon at the Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd. EH9 1BB Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2. Contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

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>

Prayer for peace in Ukraine and Middle East 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

St Michael's is a Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Charity No. SC008540

Notices from the Archdiocese

Assisted Suicide: critical debate this coming week Bills will be debated and voted on at Holyrood and Westminster on 13 May (Holyrood) and 16 May (Westminster). Those who are ill or dying deserve special care and respect not killing. Assisted suicide consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons and would change the NHS. Please write to your MP and MSP's urgently. The easiest way is via <https://writetothem.cm>

World Day of Prayer for Vocations. World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Sunday 11 May. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers (your parish priest) and all priests and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. A second collection will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our seminarians. You can also donate at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7.15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please join us for this special occasion when we celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Archbishop Cushey will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.

Nature's best kept secret A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy – without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7.45pm on Monday 12 May and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret

General Assistant for Iona The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for two or more months. Accommodation and good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen at mail@catholic-iona.com or call 01681 700369

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