



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd MAY 2026

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Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am

Readings this Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 The apostles appoint deacons to help with the distribution of food. One thing to notice here is that feeding the poor was an important part of the work of the early Church. Notice too how the deacons who were appointed did not confine themselves to giving out food but became preachers of the Gospel.

Psalm Response May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1Peter 2:4-9 All our prayer and work go through Christ, our High Priest; and, united with him, we all have a share in his priesthood.

John 14:1-12 Jesus is the only way to the Father.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Patrick Powell
Wednesday	10.00am	John and Ellen Howey
Thursday	10.00am	Rose Lewis
Friday	10.00 am	Special Intention (Ph)
Saturday	10.00am	Helen and Daniel Brady
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00am	Sick of the Parish

Mass on Sunday is always for the parish and the sick of the parish. Weekdays are reserved for private intentions.

Special Collection last Sunday for Seminary Students Fund was £408.80p

SCIAF WEE BOXES totalled £807.53p which has been sent to SCIAF.

Anniversaries: Margaret Foss, Ellen Howey, Mary Russell, Robert Hall.

READERS

3rd May 9.15am 1st Karri Byrne 2nd Mike Moran 11am 1st Derek Green 2nd Tricia Macaulay
10th May 9.15am 1st Mike Moran 2nd Karrie Byrne 11am 1st Margaret Robertson 2nd Eddie Love.

STALL .Has a selection of First Communion Cards and Gifts.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 4th May after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass The money will go to Mary's Meals and we will continue with Emerald Hill.

SSVP Update. The financial year 2025/2026 is now complete and the summary details are Opening balance 1/4/25 was £4261, Income £7965, Expenditure £10782, Closing balance 31/3/26 £1434. Full details of our income and expenditure is available on the porch noticeboard and a **HUGE** thank you to the parish for supporting our SSVP conference so generously throughout the year!

ORGANISTS We are looking for an organist or keyboard player to help out by playing occasionally, especially at 9.15 Mass. To find out more, without commitment, have a word with one of the organists after Mass or Canon Paul, or pick up a leaflet in the porch which has more information including contact details.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 6th May at 7.30pm the guest speaker is J. Ralph aka 'Indiana John Traveller in Time' All welcome, tea/coffee and a free raffle.

SUMMER OUTING: Afternoon Tea at Maison Belles on the 27th May at 2.00pm
Cost is £27.50 (includes tips) Names to Ann Chirnside also your payment ASAP.

West Lothian's SPRED (Special Religious Development) group for adults aged 21+ meets on Tuesday evenings at the Lanthorn Community Centre in Livingston. The spiritual programme for adults with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk if you are interested in becoming a SPRED catechist or seeing if your adult child would like to join the group.

A BEQUEST Several years ago, an unmarried lady in Edinburgh bequeathed an engagement ring to the parish to be sold for the benefit of that parish. Actually, she instructed her lawyer to give the ring to any parish the lawyer chose; and, since the lawyer lived in Linlithgow, it has come to us. It seems the lady in question, though not herself a Catholic, was engaged to a Catholic who was subsequently killed in World War 11. The ring dates from the 1930s and has been valued at £1700. Just selling it does not seem satisfactory. We would never get the full price for it. But, more than that, it should be disposed of in such a way that its history as a symbol of enduring love is preserved. Ideally, it could be bought as an engagement ring. If anyone has any ideas, contact Canon Paul.

Children's Liturgy Latest resources for each Sunday can be found in the resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>

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.

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