



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23rd AUGUST 2026

CYCLE A

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Public Masses Sunday 9.15am and 11.00am

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah *The dismissal and appointment of a royal official has been seen as an anticipation of St Peter being given the keys of the kingdom.*

Psalms Response *O Lord, your merciful love is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

Romans 11:33-36 *This is a hymn to the wisdom of God.*

Matthew 16: 13-20 *The Church is built on the rock of Peter's faith.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Birthday Mass
Wednesday	10.00am	Archie Neary
Thursday	10.00am	Special Intention
Friday	10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00am	Canon Leo Glancey
Sunday	9.15am	Parish
	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.

Anniversaries: Eddie Green, Archie Neary, Jack Healy.

Special Collection last Sunday for the Care Fund & Holy Places raised £336.21p

READERS

23rd August 9.15am 1st Jim Campbell 2nd Jim Lonie 11am 1st Stevie Gallacher 2nd Eddie Love

30th August 9.15am 1st Kirstie/Simon Constable 2nd Caroline Gormley 11am 1st Jonathan Moyes 2nd Linden Bicket.

CHURCH CHOIR: The choir will start our weekly practices again on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm. Following Cathy Vickers Morton's return to America, we are now hoping to recruit at least one new soprano. (We have had a good balance of voices in the last few years but we do need another soprano(or two) to keep that going)

The full choir sings on the last Sunday of every month with some additional services at Easter and on other special occasions. (Our practices are usually around an hour and are quite relaxed, although we do aim for a good results.) If you might be interested, there is a leaflet about the choir at the back of the Church or get in touch with Patricia Russell 07980 017669 prrussell@blueyonder.co.uk Or speak to any choir member after Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 26 August after Mass Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

July Expenses Offertory collections £4,412, expenses £2,801 (including £948 church roof repairs)

STALL Has a selection of cards for all occasions, Sunday Missal, Rosary Beads and Crucifixes.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES back this week after Mass. All donations go to Mary's Meals and Emerald Hill.

THE DIVINE OFFICE contained in *The Roman Breviary* is the official prayer of the Church. It is praying with Christ to the Father. It consists of the psalms (Psalter), many of which would have been recited by the Lord in his earthly life, readings and prayers. All clergy and members of religious orders are committed to this prayer, and the Church also encourages the laity to join in as well. It is after all the Prayer of the whole Church. It can be celebrated liturgically especially Morning Prayer (Matins) and Evening Prayer (Vespers), in this parish, we combine Morning Prayer with Mass on most Saturdays. We celebrate Matins during the days of the Easter Triduum.

Children's Liturgy Leaders@ Morning A morning of prayer and reflection for Children's Liturgy Leaders will be held on **Saturday 12 September**, from 9am – midday, at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1EE. This event will begin with Mass in St. Margaret's Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Adrian Porter SJ

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.

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

