



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Public Masses Sunday 9.15am and 11.00am

Readings this Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9 *The prophet has discovered that the Word of God has kindled an unquenchable fire within him.*

Psalms Response *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

Romans 12: 1-2 *We are to model ourselves on Christ and the values of his kingdom not on the world around us.*

Matthew 16: 21-27 *Peter has to learn that he has to follow Christ, get behind and follow him, not get in front to lead and control and therefore be an obstacle.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Sick Person
Wednesday	10.00am	Marion Carlin
Thursday	10.00am	Rita Campbell
Friday	9.25 am	School Mass: St. Joseph's
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: Jack Healy, John Kerr, David McCormick, Nancie McDermot, Austin Sowerby, Deborah Ann McMeechan, Hugh Pow, Winifred Reape.

READERS

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

6 Sept. 9.15am 1st Tom Byrne 2nd Mary Workman 11am 1st Danny Boyle 2nd Jenny Bann

CHURCH CHOIR: The choir will resume weekly practices again on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm. Following Cathy Vickers Morton's return to America, we hope 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)) 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.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 7 September after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti. As you can see we are short of cleaners if you can help please put your name and what day you prefer on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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

SSVP Collection last Sunday raised £105. 80p Thank You.

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

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES back 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.

KYRIE ELEISON This Greek invocation, meaning Lord have mercy, will be familiar to many of us as it occurs in the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. In the early centuries of the Church, the language of liturgy was Greek and then it was translated into Syriac, Latin, Slavonic and Coptic. However, the Kyrie is not a remnant of the ancient Greek liturgy but was actually inserted into the Latin and Syriac liturgies after they were established maybe because the words expressed the basic prayer of the earliest Christians and represent the cry of the poor.

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/>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE will hold a weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood on 16th - 18th October, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. Contact Maggie on 07786687631 or email beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com

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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