



St Michael's RC Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR A 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

Week 38

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Mass Timetable

Sun	17 Sept.	9 am
Sun	17 Sept..	11.30 am
Sun	17 Sept.	4.30pm
Mon	18 Sept.	9.30 am
Tues	19 Sept	10.00 am
Wed	20 Sept.	9.30 am
Thur.	21 Sept.	9.30 am
Fri	22 Sept.	9.30 am
Sat	23Sept	10.00 am

Mass Intentions

People of the Parish
Chacko Kuriakrose
Prayer Notice Board Intentions
Veronica Hill RIP
Liturgy of the Word & Communion
Jean & Hugh Pow
David Watts
St. Joseph's School
Alda Ginestri

Sun 24 Sept. People of the Parish 9am Mary Carlin 11.30am Prayer Notice Board Intentions 4.30pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica Hill, who has died aged 81 years, and whose funeral will be on Monday at 9.30 am

Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sangf & Companions, Korean Martyrs (1839 - 67) Thursday is the Feast of St. Matthew: Saturday is the memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (d. 1968):

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) after 10.00 am Mass on Saturday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Last Sunday was £900. 65p **THANK YOU**

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. To get the benefit of Gift Aid for this collection, please use the envelopes provided at the back of the church, not forgetting to fill in your details on the envelope.

FATHER PAUL Will be visiting the sick and housebound Wednesday Bield & High Street/St. Michael's Hospital.

Rota		Eucharistic Ministers Visiting	Readers	Altar Servers	Cantors
Sun 9 am	17 Sept.	L. CAMPBELL & J. GALLAGHER	C. GORMLEY & T. BYRNE	J. GALLACHER	
Sun 11.30 am	17 Sept.	-	J. COYLE & D. ROBERTSON	K. DONAGHY	C. JACK
Sun 4.30pm	17 Sept.	-	R. O'HARE	-	
Sun 9am	24 Sept.	M. MORAN & T. HARRY	I. WATTS & S. GALLACHER	B. & L. McGILL	
Sun 11.30am	24 Sept.	-	D. TURNER & J. CARLIN	C. JACK & H. MOORE	D. TURNER
Sun 4.30pm	24 Sept.		F. HOGG	-	-

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or housebound: Josie Aitken, Mary Beech, Bunty Cleland, Netta Crawley, Trudi Dougan, Betty Farmer, Mary Gargan, Julia Leggett, May Murray, Ivy McCann, Lizzie McCormick, Betty Ward, Pearl Watson.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Lack of forgiveness is always destructive and never creative.

Psalm The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Romans 14:7-9 *As sons and daughters of God, we belong to God, not in the sense of a possession, but in the sense that we belong with God.*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Matthew 18: 1-35 *For the follower of Christ, forgiveness is a way of life.*

The Prayer of the Faithful Lord bless your people.

STALL ROTA 17, 24 SEPTEMBER, 8, 15, 22, 29 OCTOBER

S. RYAN, P. CARLIN, M. ROBERTSON, M., RAMAGE, P. CARLIN, S. RYAN, M. ROBERTSON.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass in the hall. Proceeds to Mary's Meals Backpacking. All Welcome.

TEAS/COFFEES Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass. All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2 Wednesday 20 Sept. 10 am Mrs. Curry, Miss Nelson, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Anthony.

PARISH STALL Has a selection of Devotional articles, cards and **NEW CATHOLIC BIBLES priced £16.95p**

SVDP Has booked a 33 seater bus for Carfin on 30 Sept. the bus will leave at 11.30am from the Church. There are 6 seats available, SVDP are paying for the bus please speak to one of the members or phone on the SVDP telephone number above. Café facilities available.

CHOIR PRACTICE This Tuesday at 7pm in the Church. New members welcome.

LADIES CLUB Meet on Wednesday 27 Sept. in the Hall at 7.45pm when V. Ross will be talking about Community Art.

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACKING takes place **This** Wednesday 20 Sept. at 7.30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

125th ANNIVERSARY will take place in 2018. The Archbishop will come and celebrate Mass here on Sunday 6 May.

DIOCESAN AND PARISH ORGANISATION. The archbishop has reformed the diocesan curia. The Pastoral Office has been abolished and its functions (RCIA, Marriage preparation, youth, and adult education) will be discharged at parish and deanery level. The archbishop will also institute a diocesan pastoral council, consisting of clergy and laity, to advise him on the governance of the diocese.

In our parish we already have a parish financial council. I am also setting up a parish fabric group, so far consisting of Tom Byrne, Jim Carlin, Simon Constable, Robert Davis and Alex Mulholland, to advise me on various property issues and which will function as part of the financial council.

I also intend to establish a new **pastoral council**, which will liaise with the diocesan pastoral council and assist the development of our parish cluster. Because it is strictly a pastoral council, the members of it must be prepared to be involved with the most vulnerable members of our community and therefore must join the PVG scheme. The pastoral council, according to the Canon Law of the church, does not have an existence independent of that of the parish priest, and is not an executive body, but is constituted by him to give advice on pastoral issues. Its members should be committed Catholics and have some skills in pastoral leadership. **There will be a parish meeting about this on 12 October 2017.** Feel free to recommend to the parish priest those you think may be suitable to join such a body. Those seeking power, prestige and status should not apply.

A Macmillan coffee morning will once more be held in the Church hall on Saturday 30 Sept. 10.30 – 12 noon. Tickets £2.50 per adult and £1 per school child. Donations for the Raffle and Tombola most gratefully received in the box at the back of the church. If you are available to help in any way please contact Susan & Gerry McLean 846037

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