



# St Margaret's Academy

## Snippets

6th September 2019

### Subject Spotlight - Science



The vision of the Science Faculty is that pupils of all ages and abilities will enjoy studying Science subjects, set high expectations for themselves and achieve at the highest level possible for them as an individual. Pupils studying within the Science faculty are supported to deepen their scientific knowledge, develop their curiosity, improve their awareness of career opportunities linked to STEM subjects and develop skills which will prepare them for life beyond school.

The Science faculty staff would like to congratulate last year's S4-S6 pupils on their fantastic performance in the 2019 exams.

Our highlights include:

167 National 5 qualifications were achieved by S4 pupils in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Lab Science and Health Sector.

95 Higher qualifications were achieved by S5 pupils in Biology, Higher Human Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

23 Advanced Higher qualifications were achieved by S6 pupils in Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

The bar has been set extremely high for this year, and we hope that this inspires our new S4-S6 pupils to work hard and stay motivated to achieve their goals this session. Study support will begin in October and we'd urge as many pupils as possible to attend these sessions to support their learning in class and home study.

**Mrs L. Mabhena - Principal  
Teacher of Science, DMG & Art**

### What you need to know...

- 1 The school calendar is now available to view online via our school website. You can also download a copy.
- 2 Non-uniform day this Friday 13th September. Pupils break on Friday and resume on Wednesday 16th Sep
- 3 Update the school app to receive direct messages, report absence etc... Search 'School App for Parents' in Appstore
- 4 The extra curricular programme is now up and running. Please see full calendar attached and remember that all pupils are welcome.

### Key dates...

**Friday 13th Sep** - Non-uniform Day

**Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th** Holiday

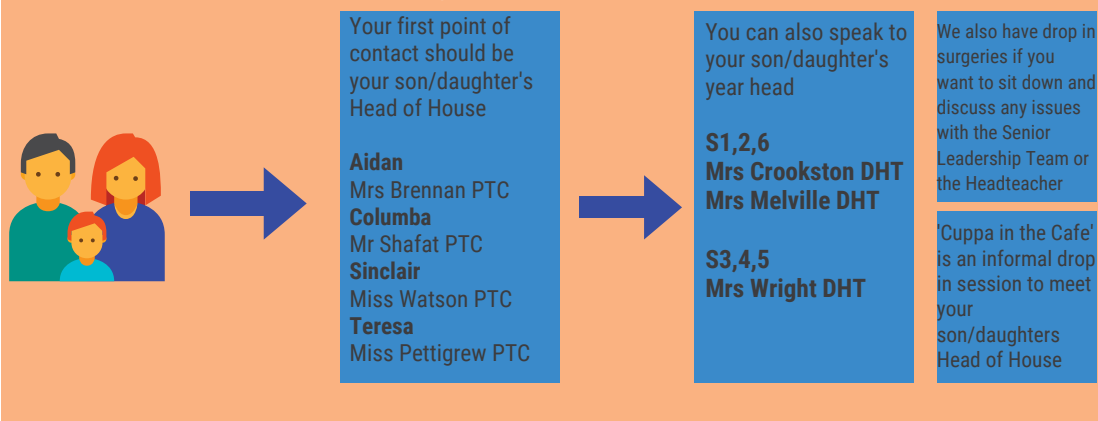
**Thursday 19th**  
-Family Learning event - Supporting your child online - Social Media 7-8.30pm  
-Senior Management Surgery 4-6pm

**Friday 20th**  
Cuppa in the cafe 9-10am

**Monday 23rd**  
Parent Council 7-8.30pm

### Getting in touch...

If you have any concerns or queries then please call (01506) 497104 or email [wlstmargarets-ac@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlstmargarets-ac@westlothian.org.uk)



## Parent Council - Have your say

The Parent Council is a group of parents that represent all parents with children at St Margaret's Academy. We meet every month during term time to hear and discuss issues affecting the school and to voice our and other parents' suggestions and concerns.

Our next meeting is on the 23rd September from 7-8pm with a 'cafe conversations' session from 8-8.30pm. Anyone with a child at the school is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Curriculum Information

We are in the process of finalising the Curriculum Information sheets for pupil in S1-3 and will be sharing these with you over the coming weeks. These will provide you with information detailing what your child is learning in each subject during the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions around the curriculum or learning then please contact your child's Head of House who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant department. Alternatively, pop along to the Senior Management drop-in Surgery next Thursday (19th) from 4-6pm or Cuppa in the Cafe on Friday 20th from 9-10am.



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### Friday Prayer

Every Friday at 8.45am we have a school community prayer which is read over the school tannoy. This week's prayer...

Loving and compassionate God, You have called us together to be a community of love at St. Margaret's Academy.

Help us, to show love, kindness, friendliness, respect, forgiveness, gentleness and helpfulness to all we meet. Fill our minds and hearts with joy and hope, and help us to be the best we can be for others. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### St Margaret's Academy community mass

We celebrate Mass every Thursday morning at 8.15am in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend including parents and members of our parish community.

### Gallery of Learning - S2 STEM

In this article we will explore the disasters connected to radiation such as nuclear winter.

#### Nuclear fallout

Nuclear fallout is the event that happens after a nuclear blast has occurred. It contains radioactive ash and dust which can become trapped in the atmosphere. The fallout can mix with rain clouds to form a pyro cumulus which is dark black rain, darkened by soot. Also the radioactive dust is made of fission products and bystander atoms.

#### Nuclear winter

Nuclear winter is the severe and prolonged global climatic effect hypothesized to occur after widespread firestorms following a nuclear war. The hypothesis is based on the fact that such fires can inject soot into the stratosphere where it can block out sunlight from reaching the surface of the earth.

The nuclear winter scenario assumes 100 or more city firestorms get ignited by nuclear explosions and the firestorms lift a lot of sooty smoke into the upper troposphere. This lack of light would cause global cooling and harm to plant life.

#### Solar flare

A solar flare is a sudden flash of increased brightness on the sun, usually observed near its surface and in close proximity to a sunspot. Powerful flares are often, but not always, accompanied by a coronal mass ejection. This is where the material that makes up the sun is thrown off into space. Flares are closely associated with ejection of plasma and particles through the sun's corona into outer space, flares also emit radio waves. If the ejection is in the direction of earth, particles can penetrate the Earth's ionosphere, and may even disrupt long range communication. High-energy particles from these flares can arrive almost simultaneously with electromagnetic radiation which destroys electronic equipment such as phones and radios.



Lewis, Brandon and Dylan (S2)

### UCAS Information Evening

Thanks to everyone who came along to the UCAS Information evening last Tuesday. The presentation from the evening is available here <http://stmargaretsacademy.org.uk/article/45296/UCAS-Parents-Information>.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Bennett or your child's Head of House.

### New Community Youth Club - East Calder

There is a new Youth Club starting in the East Calder Partnership Centre on the 11th Sep - Full details attached

### Extra Curricular programme

The updated extra curricular programme is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about our after school programmes then please contact Mr Locke in the PE dept.



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## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Congratulations to our Senior pupils who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition last week. As you will see from the photos they experienced very typical Scottish summer weather!



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- Latest news and information  
- School calendar  
- Subject information  
- Key publications  
- Parent council information



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Download app on iPhone and Android - search School App for Parents' and select St Margaret's Academy  
- Sign up to different news groups and receive notifications  
- Report absences  
- Access school calendar



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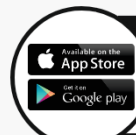
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#### POST

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Howden South Rd  
West Lothian  
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Drop in session for parents to speak to a member of the Senior Management Team face to face. You will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues that you feel are important

Thursday 19th September - Senior Management drop in session. School office 4-6pm

Friday 20th September - Pupil Support & Senior Management drop in session. School cafe 9am-10am



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# **St. Margaret's Academy**



## **Pupil Bulletin**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

### **General**

#### **Locker Renewal (New S2-S6)**

A number of lockers have not been renewed for the 2019/20 session.

If you still require your locker and have not yet renewed, please make a payment of £6 to Mrs Hynds by no later than Friday 30 August.

Lockers not renewed at this time will have contents removed, locks changed and made available for resale.

#### **Equalities Club**

The Equalities Club now has a designated 'safe space' in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes. Well done to Rachael, Erin and Rebecca for their tireless commitment to making this happen!

#### **Water Coolers**

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. In anticipation of warm weather please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

#### **School Canteen**

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

#### **Late Pupils**

Please sign at the School Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

#### **Bus Tickets**

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.96, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

#### **School Tie Return**

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

### Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

### Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

### Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

### Extra-Curricular Timetable

The Extracurricular Activities timetable for 2019/20 will be available next week. You must complete a new EE2 form for this year, last years is now invalid. You can collect an EE2 form from Mr Locke in the PE base. Remember clubs are for **everyone**. You do not need previous experience or knowledge to attend. Go along and give as many clubs as you can a try!

## **S1 – S3**

### Junior Choir

Junior choir is now S1-S3 and will be on a Tuesday Lunchtime 5a and B. Please see Miss Saunders in music to collect a pass.

### Junior Drama Club

Any S1 or S2 pupils who are interested in joining the Junior Drama Club should come to a meeting on Wednesday the 11th of September at either 5a or 5b in the Drama Department.

## **S4 – S6**

### Sleep in the Park

On 7th December Social Bite will be running their annual "Sleep in the Park" event to raise money towards ending homelessness in Scotland. If you will be **over the age of 16** before 7/12/19 and want to help raise money and take part, please come and see **Miss McLay in Social Subjects** to register your name!



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# ***EAST CALDER YOUTH CLUB***



***FRIDAY  
7-9PM***



***IN***

***EAST CALDER  
PARTNERSHIP CENTRE***

***COST £1***

***TUCK SHOP FOR SNACKS***

*For Young people from 10-14yrs*

Come along to take part in Arts & Crafts, Games,  
Cooking and lots more.....



Bring along your ideas for activities too!

***NEW MEMBERS WELCOME***

Starts Friday 13th Sept.2019

Any Queries? Please contact  
Jock Kerr 07917242536



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Before school/break

RE Youth Club



RE department

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Lunchtimes

Senior Choir



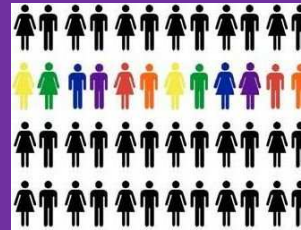
Mrs Allan  
U47

S1-S3 Choir



Miss Saunders  
U46

Equalities Group



Miss Morton  
RE Department

Lunchtimes

Craft Club



Green Room – P5a  
Ms Brennan

Craft Club



Green Room – P5a  
Ms Brennan

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	<b>RE Youth Club</b>  <b>RE department</b>	<b>Drama Club (5a+b)</b>  <b>Mrs MacDonald</b>	<b>RE Youth Club</b>  <b>RE department</b>	<b>RE Youth Club</b>  <b>RE department</b>	
<b>After school</b>	<b>Debate Club</b>  <b>Miss Nisbet</b> <b>U21</b>	<b>Basketball (S4-6)</b>  <b>Mr Cumming</b> <b>Games Hall</b>	<b>Badminton</b>  <b>Mr Murray &amp; Miss Munro</b> <b>Games Hall</b>	<b>Fit for Girls</b>  <b>Mrs Rafferty</b> <b>Games Hall</b>	<b>Duke of Edinburgh</b>  <b>S3-6</b> <b>Mr Hill</b>
<b>After school</b>	<b>Creative Technology Club</b>  <b>U31</b> <b>Mr Stewart</b>	<b>Board Games Club</b>  <b>Mr Bringhurst</b>	<b>Wargames Club</b>  <b>Mr Miller</b> <b>L42a</b>	<b>Swimming Club</b>  <b>Mr Locke</b> <b>Pool</b>	<b>Water polo</b>  <b>Mrs Melville/Mr Hopkins</b> <b>Pool</b>



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school	<p><b>Basketball (S1-3)</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Bradley</b> Games Hall</p>	<p><b>Rugby</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Haynes</b> Grass</p>	<p><b>Football</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Bradley</b> Astro</p>	<p><b>Dance &amp; Gymnastics</b></p>  <p><b>Miss Stryke</b> Dance Hall</p>	<p><b>S1 Football Team</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Cumming</b></p>
After school	<p><b>Hockey Club</b></p>  <p><b>Mr McCurdy</b> Astro</p>	<p><b>Electronic Games Club</b></p>  <p><b>RE Department</b></p>	<p><b>Running Club</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Hopkins</b></p>	<p><b>Skiing</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Haynes</b> Hillend</p>	<p><b>Girls Football Team</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Bradley</b></p>
After school	<p><b>Water polo</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Hopkins</b> Pool</p>	<p><b>Board Games Club</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Bringhurst</b></p>	<p><b>Move Night</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Stewart</b> DMG Dept</p>	<p><b>Roller-skating Club</b></p>  <p><b>Mrs Sim</b></p>	<p><b>S3 Football Team</b></p>  <p><b>Mr Bradley</b></p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Other Teams
<b>After school</b>	<b>Fitness Club</b>  <b>Miss McIlraith</b>	<b>Softball Club</b>  <b>Mr Haynes</b>	<b>Electronic Games Club</b>  <b>RE Department</b>		Handball Team Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon Gymfest Team
			<b>School Brass Band</b>  <b>Mrs Downs</b> <b>Drama Studio</b>		

**St Margaret’s After School Clubs** Specific Days  
 Monday-Thursday (3:30pm-4:30pm) Friday (12:30pm – 3pm)  
 After School Activity Clubs can be found on the school website, Facebook and twitter accounts.  
**All Welcome S1 – S6**

**Complete and return this section to school: Physical Education Department**

**St Margaret’s Academy After School Activities**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School hours \_\_\_\_\_ Other times \_\_\_\_\_  
 contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact  
 Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to my child taking part in the above school club:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any allergies?	
Is your child taking medication at present?	
Does your child suffer from any condition that may affect participation?	
Has your child been in contact with any contagious or infectious disease or suffered from anything in the past four weeks that may become infectious or contagious?	
When did your child last have a tetanus injection?	
Does your child have any special dietary requirements?	
Is there any activity in which your child must not participate?	
Is your child a confident swimmer?	
If you answered yes to any of the questions above please give details here:	

Name, telephone number and address of Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental/carers agreement to receiving emergency medical treatment:**

**Please read the two statements below, tick one option and cross out the other.**

<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to my child receiving emergency medical treatment, including blood transfusion, and anaesthetic as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to my child receiving medical treatment/anaesthetic as considered necessary by the medical authorities present with the exception of the administration of blood or blood products. I accept full legal responsibility for this decision and release West Lothian Council and its staff from any liability for any consequences resulting from my decision not to consent to the transfusion of blood and blood products
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_

## Pupil's Code of Conduct

Your health, safety and welfare are of paramount importance to the school. In line with West Lothian policy, to ensure that the above aims are met, each participant and their parent/carer must sign the following "Code of Conduct".

- Normal school rules apply – a high standard of behaviour is expected at all times
- Rules at the club/match/competition locations must be observed at all times
- Be punctual at all meeting times
- Always wear a seatbelt when travelling with the team.
- The Group leader will decide if mobile phones are to be carried and the rules regarding their use.

In certain circumstances use of the phones may be prohibited. Follow the group guidance at all times

- No pupil should ever be on their own. Minimum of 3 in each group.
- Purchase, carrying or consumption of alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances is strictly forbidden
- In emergency situations the group will follow the advice of the emergency services

## Code of Conduct – Parental Responsibility

If there is any significant violation of the Code, the group leaders reserve the right to send the offending pupil home at the parent/carers' expense.

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We have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at all times.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (pupil)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Return to \_\_\_\_\_ PE Department \_\_\_\_\_

## ST ANDREW'S

Admin Office:

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Craigshill  
Livingston  
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T: 01506 432141

## ST PETER'S

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Deans  
Livingston  
EH54 8PT  
T: 01506 438787

## ST PHILIP'S

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Kenilworth Rise  
Dedridge, Livingston  
EH54 6NY  
T: c/o 01506 880918

## ST THERESA'S

Kilronan Park  
41 Main Street  
East Calder  
EH53 0ES  
T: 01506 880918

### Pastoral Team:

Fr Kenneth Owens, Fr Simon Hughes, Fr Peter Krakowiak SAC & Fr John Semnanke

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**Fr Peter Mobile:** 07460 676 278 (text only) **Email:** katolicylivingston@gmail.com

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### SVDP Contact Numbers:

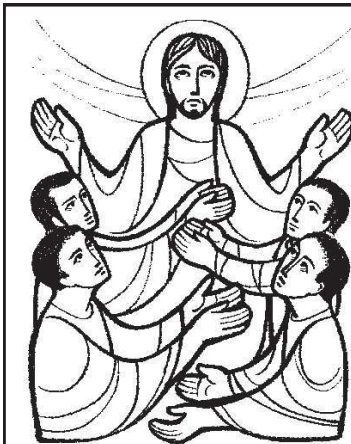
St Andrew's & St Theresa's: 07342 793611

St Peter's: 07796 662264

St Philip's: 07502 031701

## SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

23rd Sunday of the Year - Year C



Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them.

Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if needs be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own close relatives.

The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other sphere of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn't walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out and see if one has what it takes.

### Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

### Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

### Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

### Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

## Shared News ...

**Fr Kenneth Update:** Fr Kenneth is now out walking twice a day using only one stick and is making good progress.

**Weekday Masses:** Please remember to keep an eye on weekday Masses as they may be subject to change over the coming weeks. Today we welcome Fr Ian Wilson to St Philip's and St Andrew's. On Friday 13th, Fr Simon will celebrate the parish Mass in St John Ogilvie primary school to which everyone is welcome.

**Family BBQ:** As tickets sales were very poor, the Social Committee decided to cancel the Family BBQ planned for Saturday 7th. Anyone who bought a ticket will be given a refund if they contact the parish office or a member of the Social Committee. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Youth Club:** Will start up again tonight from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn and will meet every two weeks. Children in P4-P7 welcome to go along.

**Bereavement Café:** Will be open on Wednesday 11 September from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in St Andrew's hall for anyone who wants to pop in for coffee and a chat.

**Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Second Collection:** A second collection will be taken next weekend, 14 & 15 September (apart from St Peter's when it will be the following weekend). This fund provides the living costs and housing for our retired priests and is one of the main sources of income for the fund. Gift aid envelopes are available.

**SSVP Appeal:** The four parish groups are making an appeal for assistance to help a young family in the town who are about to be made homeless (mum, dad and three young children). The family were brought to our attention via a local Foodbank and we are now in the fortunate position, thanks to a family in our parish, of being able to offer them alternative accommodation. As this new accommodation is unfurnished, we need to help them furnish it. Therefore, we will be 'standing down' our collection next Sunday, 15th, which means all money collected will not be banked but put towards furnishing the accommodation. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**Sacramental Programme:** The first parents meeting for those children in P3 who are eligible to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 18 September in St Andrew's. Registration will start at 6.45pm and parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's baptism certificate. Parents of children who attend non-denominational schools who wish to join our CIC programme should also attend this meeting. The first meeting for P4 parents will be on Tuesday 24 September at 7.00pm in St Andrew's.

**Justice & Peace Scotland:** Are holding a Day of Reflection on Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home on Saturday 21 September in Glasgow. See poster on noticeboards for more information.

**Men's Retreat Day:** This will take place at Nunraw Abbey on 12 October. If interested, contact Brian Rolfe (Tel: 07538 153 582 or email: march2ndjuly19th@gmail.com)

**Next Sunday's Readings (015.09.19):** Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32.

**Recently Deceased: John McGuinness Anniversaries (September):** Peter Cochrane

### ST PETER'S ...

**Rosary Group:** Meet on Wednesday at 10.15am in the side hall. Knit & Natter will follow at 12.30pm.

**Altar Servers:** Fr Simon would like you all to stay on after Mass today so we can sort out your albs.

**Children's Liturgy:** If possible, can the leaders stay behind today to see Fr Simon at 11.00am.

**Sunday 15th:** Next Sunday, we welcome St Patrick's Missionary Society who will be carrying out an appeal at both Sunday Masses. This is the Annual Deanery Mission Appeal.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £859.82; **Building Fund:** £280.48; **Church Stall:** £49.61; **Sunday Teas (Newlands Concert Brass Band):** £166.55.

### ST ANDREW'S ...

**Fairtrade:** Stall next weekend, 14 & 15 September, in the foyer at the back of the church.

**Sunday Teas:** There is still a slot available. If anyone is interested, please speak to Veronica Phair or contact the parish office.

**Woollen Hats:** Are on sale after the Vigil Mass in aid of Mary's Meals.

**Loan Fund:** The outstanding current loan figure is £3,852.40. Thank you.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £754.90; **Building Fund:** £139.16; **2020 Teas:** £71.39;

**200 Club:** No 55 & No 65; **Sanctuary Candle:** Ian Boak RIP

Church  
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## ST THERESA'S...

**Coffee Morning:** On Saturday 21 September from 10.00am - 12 noon in East Calder church hall in aid of the mental health ward at St John's Hospital

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £609.37;  
**Building Fund:** £170.70; **Bonus Ball Proceeds:** £160.00; **Bonus Ball Winner:** No 15 Ad Koning

## ST PHILIP'S ...

**Family Fun Night:** Will be on Saturday 14 September at 7.00pm in the Lanthorn. Tickets available after Mass.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £555.03;  
**200 Club:** TBC; **Sanctuary Candle:** Maureen & Peter McLaren (Golden Wedding blessing)

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: **Safeguarding Training:** Anyone who :  
: volunteers for regulated work :  
: within our parishes must have a :  
: PVG processed by the Church and :  
: are asked to complete training on a :  
: regular basis. New training was :  
: introduced in 2018 and a number of :  
: PVG volunteers have completed :  
: Induction Part 1. Opportunities to :  
: complete Induction Part 2 of the :  
: training are now available; this is :  
: essential in order to complete the :  
: training course. A reminder to PVG :  
: volunteers who last completed :  
: training prior to 2016, you should :  
: now complete Induction Part 1 and :  
: then progress to Induction Part 2. :  
: Induction Part 1 training will take :  
: place on Tuesday 17 September at :  
: Our Lady & St Bridget, West Calder :  
: (Community Centre behind church :  
: car park) from 7.00pm - 8.30pm or :  
: on Friday 27th at St Peter's, :  
: Livingston from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. :  
: Induction Part 2 training will be on :  
: Friday 13th at St John's, Fauldhouse :  
: or Tuesday 15 October at St Peter's, :  
: Livingston both from 7.00pm- :  
: 8.30pm. :  
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Last Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> September – was named by Pope Francis as ‘**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**’. Many parishes are now devoting all of September to reflecting on our care for the planet and its resources. It is ironic that as we celebrate this we have been seeing the most horrendous pictures via Social Media of the - it seems – deliberate destruction of one of our beautiful planet's most important natural resources – the Amazon Rainforest. Pope Francis has now entered the political debate and is pleading for politicians and world leaders to end the wilful destruction of our precious environment. Day after day it seems we see human beings behaving in the worst of ways towards the natural environment we have been gifted with. It appears it is driven often by the insatiable human need for economic profit ... money. I think it's a very, very serious sin ... And we are ALL responsible.



Perhaps we can't do so much directly about the Amazon Rainforest here in Livingston but I feel sure we can all do our wee bit to care for what we have here in West Lothian. I'm sure I've said before that I love gardening! And I do my little bit to care for the natural environment I'm gifted with here at St Peter's. And now, each year, children from St Margaret's Academy also come to clear out pots and planters and prepare bulbs for the Spring to make the area around the parish beautiful for everyone. I no longer kill spiders or wasps or pesky houseflies. I catch them and set them free.

There is a child who is now leading the world in responding to caring for the environment – she is a remarkable 16 year-old young person from Sweden called Greta Thunberg. She is literally fulfilling the words of an ancient prophecy of Prophet Isaiah ... 'and a little child shall lead them'. Let's be like her! Let's encourage our children to love the planet and creation as the incredible gift that it is TO US!

On Friday morning the following words were prayed at St Margaret's Academy over the tannoy system. Maybe you'd like to make the words your own as we think about our response as to how we care for creation ....

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. AMEN!

*Fr Simon*

## WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Dzisiejsza Liturgia słowa pełna jest paradoksów. Spójrzmy na pierwsze czytanie, z Księgi Mądrości: „Któż poznał Twój zamysł, gdy nie dałeś Mądrości, nie zesłałeś z wysoka Świętego Ducha swego?” (por. Mdr 9, 17). A następnie „... a ludzie poznali co Tobie miłe”, ale, pytamy, w jaki sposób?

W Psalmie 90 znajdujemy takie słowa: „Obracasz w proch człowieka”. A następnie „...wracajcie, synowie ludzcy”. Co by to mogło znaczyć ?

Nareszcie w dzisiejszym fragmencie Ewangelii najbardziej zaskakujące są pierwsze i ostatnie zdanie. Pierwsze mówi o rzekomej nienawiści do ojca i matki, żony i dzieci, braci i sióstr, nadto siebie samego. Ostatnie zaś brzmi jako konkluzja: „Tak więc nikt z was, jeśli nie wyrzeka się wszystkiego, co posiada, nie może być moim uczniem”. O czym tu mowa ?

Wśród różnorodnych interpretacji i komentarzy tych fragmentów Ewangelii trudno znaleźć jednoznaczną odpowiedź, ale jedno jest pewne. Mamy odczytywać tę Liturgię słowa w całości, a zwłaszcza Ewangelię. Ponieważ tam gdzie Chrystus mówi o tzw. nienawiści dodaje również słowa o krzyżu. Opuszczenie najbliższych dla Chrystusa, dla Jego Ewangelii nieuchronnie wiąże się z krzyżem. Ten właśnie krzyż nadal pozostają znakiem zgorznienia i nienawiści. Pamiętajmy jednak, że krzyż jest etapem przejściowym. W swoim codziennym życiu niejednokrotnie spotykamy się z trudnościami, ale jeżeli mamy w pamięci, iż ten krzyż kryje w sobie potęgę zmartwychwstania, to żadna nienawiść, żadne trudności i niepowodzenia nie zdołają przyćmić radość zmartwychwstania!

W tym kluczu należy odczytywać również ostatnie zdanie z dzisiejszej Ewangelii: być uczniem Jezusa, to znaczy przejść swoje życie Jego śladami.

al. Maksim Bolandz SAC

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
<b>Sun 8 Sept</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass IW <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass SH 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Jim Baxter</i>	9.30am Mass IW <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Rose Fairley RIP</i>	23rd Sunday of the Year - Year C
<b>Mon 9 Sept</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Monday 23rd week of the year
<b>Tue 10 Sept</b>	9.30am Mass PK <i>Woods Family</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	Tuesday 23rd week of the year
<b>Wed 11 Sept</b>	9.30am Mass SH	No Service	No Service	No Service	Wednesday 23rd week of the year
<b>Thu 12 Sept</b>	No Service	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Catherine Linstrum RIP</i>	No Service	Thursday 23rd week of the year
<b>Fri 13 Sept</b>	No Service	9.30am Mass in St John Ogilvie Primary School SH	No Service	No Service	Memorial of St John Chrysostom
<b>Sat 14 Sept</b>	5.30pm Vigil SH	9.30am Mass SH <i>James McGill</i> 6.30pm Polish MM	No Service	No Service	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Sun 15 Sept</b>	9.30am Polish SH 11.30am Mass SH <i>Ian Boak</i>	9.30am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass JS <i>Sylvia Crighton</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	24th Sunday of the Year - Year C