



# St Michael's RC Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B 10 DECEMBER 2017 Week 50

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Mass Timetable			Mass Intentions
Sun	10 Dec..	9 am	Peter Quinn
Sun	10 Dec.	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Sun	10 Dec.	4:30 pm	Deceased Clergy
Mon	11 Dec	9:30 am	Deceased of the Canavan Family
Tue	12 Dec.	10.00 am	Liturgy of the Word & Communion
Wed	13 Dec.	9.30 am	Catherine McKenna
Thu	14 Dec.	9.30 am	Deceased of the Coyle Family
Fri	15 Dec.	9.30 am	Margaret Mary Watson
Sat	16 Dec.	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
<b>Sun 17 Dec. People of the Parish 9am Peter Quinn 11.30am Deceased Clergy 4.30pm</b> <i>Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Lucy, early Roman martyr. Thursday is the Memorial of St. John of the Cross (1542-981)</i>			

Confessions Saturday after 10am Mass.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Last Sunday was **£1,138.70p** THANK YOU

Rota		Eucharistic Ministers Visiting	Readers	Altar Servers	Cantors
Sun 9 am	10 Dec	M. MORAN & P. LAMONT	M, WORKMAN & T. BYRNE	H-S OSBORNE & L. MULHOLLAND	-
Sun 11.30 am	10 Dec	-	J. COYLE & D. ROBERTSON	H. MOORE & L. CONSTABLE	P. RUSSELL
Sun 4.30 pm	10 Dec	-	F, HOGG	-	-
Sun 9 am	17 Dec	L. CAMPBELL & J. GALLAGHER	I. WATTS & S. GALLACHER	H-S OSBORNE & J. GALLACHER	-
Sun 11.30 am	17 Dec	-	P. RUSSELL & W, CAMPBELL	N. BANDURA & H. GORDON	D. TURNER
Sun 4.30 pm	17 Dec	-	F. HOGG	-	-

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

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

**MASSES 24-25 DECEMBER. On Sunday 24 December Mass is at 9 and 11.30 am (NO 4.30 Mass). Christmas Mass during the night begins at 9.30pm on Christmas Eve with carols. Masses on Christmas Day at 9am and 11 am**

**ST. JOSEPH'S NATIVITY PLAY** takes place in the church on Thursday at 7pm. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS LIMITED PARKING** The main gates will be closed at 6.50pm to avoid accidents with children crossing from the hall to the church. There is pedestrian access from St. Michael's Lane.

### **READINGS THIS SUNDAY:**

**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11** *Though many times sinners, the people of God can always hope in God's forgiveness.*

**The response to the psalm:** *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

**2 Peter 3:8-14** *An important theme of Advent is waiting. That time of waiting is needed for our conversion to the ways of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

**Mark 1: 1-8** *John the Baptist prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by a baptism of repentance.*

**The Prayer of the Faithful: COME. LORD JESUS.**

**STALL ROTA 10, 17 24, 31 DECEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28 JANUARY 2018**

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

**TEAS/COFFEES** Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass. All welcome. Bacon Rolls after the 11.30 Mass. All welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Group 2 Wednesday at 10 a.m. Mrs. Curry, Miss Nelson, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Anthony.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Tuesday at 6.45pm

**PARISH STALL** Has a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars. **NEW CATHOLIC BIBLES** priced £16.95p an idea for an extra Christmas present.

**CHRISTMAS MINI HAMPER** Raised £147.00 for SCIAF. Draw will take place today after the 9am Mass. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

**SVDP CHRISTMAS CONCERT** in aid of Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD), by local folk group The Folksters will take place in the St. Margaret Hall **THIS** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm Free tickets available from SVDP members after Mass. Donations welcome. Tea/Coffee and mince pies will be provided.

**SVDP SLEEPING BAG APPEAL** for the homeless. If you have any sleeping bags which you'd like to donate, please contact a members of the SVDP.

**ARCHBISHOP'S YOUTH INITIATIVE** For the three Fridays of Advent (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.), at 7pm in the Cathedral in Edinburgh. The Archbishop will conduct a catechesis for young people (16-29 years) followed by a social event in the hall. If you would like to attend this, please contact Fr. Paul.

**ECUMENICAL PUB CAROL SINGING** is on Wednesday 20 December. Meet at 7.30pm at St. Michael's Church of Scotland, Kirk Hall. All Welcome.

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