



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday of the Year

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Week 40

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**Public Mass this Sunday is at 9.15 and 11:00 am**

**LIVESTREAM: 11:00 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month**

Please follow the link on our Parish website: [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)

## Readings this Sunday

*Ezekiel 18:25-28 Repentance leads to life.*

*Psalms: Remember your mercy, Lord.*

*Philippians 2:1-11. St Paul quotes an ancient Christian hymn.*

*Matthew 21:28-32. Actions speak louder than words. But what is emphasised here is a change of mind, which is needed to enter in the kingdom of heaven*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday`	10am	Allan Guthrie
Wednesday	10am	Tom Farmer
Thursday	10am	Thanksgiving for Diaconate
Friday	9.30am	St Joseph's school Mass
Saturday	10am	John Gerard Scott
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11am	Sick of the parish

*Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses.*

## ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:

Annie Rodgers, Arthur Devlin, Jack Green

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or wish to know more about the faith, then contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Wednesday 4th October after Mass - Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg.

**STALL** - A Selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars and Cribs.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** available after Mass. All welcome.

**ACCOUNTS AUGUST** Offertory income £4,339, expenditure £2,082 (includes £357 joinery costs for hall).

**LADIES CLUB**

Wednesday 11th October meeting at 7.00 pm Linlithgow Academy Theatre for the show - The Addams Family.

We are having our Christmas Dinner at the Richmond Park Hotel, Bo'ness on Wednesday, 13th December. Cost £26.50. If you wish to come along please contact Ann (07446294432) as soon as possible, a deposit of £10 is required. All ladies welcome.

**SSVP - LINLITHGOW FOLKSTERS** are hosting a fundraiser concert on Friday 20th October in the Queen Margaret Hall from 7pm to 10pm. Monies raised will be donated to SSVP and West Lothian Foodbank. Free entry, tea/coffee, BYOB and this promises to be an evening of great entertainment. Tickets are available from SSVP members in the porch before and after Sunday masses.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO** This hymn dates from the earliest days of the Church and is there in all the liturgical rites. The musical version of the Latin text, which we occasionally sing, dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The present English version dates from 2011. When reciting or singing this hymn, we are connected with the whole Church and generations who have gone before us.

**SAFEGUARDING** By law, PVG scheme members need to tell Disclosure Scotland if their personal details have changed. By informing them, you will ensure that Disclosure Scotland holds accurate address and contact information for PVG scheme members. For information on how to update your PVG details, timescales and legal requirements please visit their website at [www.mygov.scot/manage-pvg](http://www.mygov.scot/manage-pvg).

**MARY'S MEALS-** Mairi Hughes is running her first marathon at Loch Ness on 1st October to raise money for our sponsored kitchen. You can sponsor her at <https://www.gofundme.com/ca9399-marathon-for-marys-meals> or by adding your name to the sheets at the back of the church.

**STANTON HEALTHCARE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE** provides practical alternatives to abortion and is supported by the archdiocese. The office is at 21 Horne Street, Edinburgh EH3 9JR. (Telephone 07526480578) Further details on the notice board in the porch.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE** 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.

**NEWSLETTER** – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, [DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk](mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk)

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## Notices from the Archdiocese

For Archdiocese events see the “News and Events” page on the website or use this QR code :



### MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A Mass for Young Adults takes place each Sunday at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church in Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The new Young Adults Ministry programme for 2023-24 is available at the Church or via [ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk)

### Free2Pray

The Catholic Parliamentary Office hosts ‘Free2Pray’, a webinar taking place at 7:45pm on Friday 3 October. It will highlight a bill in the Scottish Parliament that could result in the imprisonment of anyone who prays or offers help near abortion centres. It is vital that Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a response to this dangerous Bill. Register for the session at [bit.ly/free2pray](http://bit.ly/free2pray)

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at the end at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

### A VIEW FROM WITHIN

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland’s prisons share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners’ Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am - 3:30pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at [bit.ly/aviewfromwithin](http://bit.ly/aviewfromwithin)

### TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. An open information evening takes place on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

### SEARCHING FOR JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)

### VOCATIONS MASS

The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret’s, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

### SAFEGUARDING EVENT

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at [bit.ly/3Z93und](http://bit.ly/3Z93und).

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