



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday of the Year

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29th October 2023

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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

Readings this Sunday

Exodus 22:20-26 To be in right relationship with God, people must be just in their dealings with one another.

Psalm Response I love you, Lord, my strength.

1 Thessalonians 1:35-10 The God News is spread by the witness of our lives.

Matthew 22:34-40 Loving God and loving neighbour form one commandment. We love the God we cannot see by loving the neighbour we can see.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	7pm	Deceased benefactors of the archdiocese
Wednesday	10am	Jim Butler
Thursday	10am	Holy Souls
Friday	10am	Brian Kelly RIP
Saturday	11am	SVDP Mass
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.

WEDNESDAY is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7 pm. Mass on Wednesday at 10am

THURSDAY is All Souls Day. Mass at 10 am. Prayers at Kingscavill cemetery at 2 pm

SATURDAY Mass at 11 a.m. is the Diocesan SVDP Mass with the Archbishop.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Kelly (Grangemouth), who has died aged 79 years, and whose funeral will be here next Friday at 10am.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Catherine Cuddihy, Margaret Green, Rhona Bennett, Betty McCue, James Butler, Nancy Pomphrey, Nan McKenna, Margaret Pyke, William Dunleavy

CENSUS SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER next Sunday a census is taken of Mass attendance

SPECIAL COLLECTION last Sunday for Missio-Scotland realised £505.70

ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer below. We are asked to pray it together at the end of Sunday Mass in October. The proceedings of the Synod can be followed in the online magazine Crux: Taking the Catholic Pulse. *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

FIRST CONFESSION Parents of children expected to make their first Confession in 2024 and First Communion in 2025 should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible so that they can be formally admitted as candidates for the sacraments. There will be a meeting for parents in the church hall on Wednesday 22 Nov at 6pm.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS A reminder for parents of children who start school in August 2024: You will be required to register your child for school shortly (please check with your local school). If you intend for them to go to a Catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. This will ensure they are given a place in cases where spaces are limited, as children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. This is also the case for Catholic secondary schools.

SAINT JOSEPH'S PRIMARY is a small, Catholic, inclusive school in the heart of Linlithgow. P1 parents can find out more by joining us on Thursday the 9th of November at 6:00 pm. Contact us by email @wlstjosephlin-ps@westlothian.org.uk for further information. Follow us on Twitter @SaintJosephsRC or online at stjosephsprimarylinlithgow.westlothian.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

Tuesday 31 October 9.30am Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair.

STALL – Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Diaries, Cribs and Christmas Gift Bags.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES back after Mass. All Welcome.

SEPTEMBER ACCOUNTS Offertory collection was £4,728: expenditure £ 6,697. Exceptional costs £1950 for a new back door to the house.

Have you ever thought of singing in the choir ? Please see the leaflet in the porch or on the website (News and Events page).

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 8th November Queen Margaret Hall at 730, local historian Bruce Jamieson will be giving an entertaining talk on historical matters local. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. Christmas Dinner will be 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.

JOB VACANCY The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.or

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

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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 :



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.

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.

ALL SOULS’ DAY

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. It takes place on All Souls’ Day, Thursday 2 November at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG. All welcome.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba’s, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN.

Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY!

A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30 pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

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