



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday of the Year  
CYCLE A  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2023                      Week 45

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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**

*Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10* All Israelites are equal before the Lord. The prophets condemn the priests because they have undermined God's covenant by abusing their position.

*The response to the psalm:* Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

*1 Thessalonians: 2:7-9, 13* The apostle communicated the Gospel message through love; and that message "is still a living power among you who believe it."

*Gospel Acclamation* Alleluia, Alleluia Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

*Matthew 23:1-12* In the Christian community, authority is about service and not to be equated with power.

**PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10am	William Fossett
Wednesday	10am	Murray/Henry family deceased
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Bryan Kelly
Saturday	10am	Hugh McCann
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.*

**CENSUS SUNDAY 5 November** This Sunday a census is taken of Mass attendance

<b>THURSDAY</b> is the Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
<b>WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR</b> is on Sunday 19 November. A special collection will take place that day in all parishes for the Fife Furniture Project. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for tenants.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> Grace Boyle, Tom McCormack, May Jamieson, Peter Pow, Veronica Cabrelli, Hugh McCann
<b>FIRST CONFESSION</b> Parents of children expected to make their first Confession in 2024 and First Communion in 2025 should <b>contact Canon Paul as soon as possible</b> 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.
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b> 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.
<b>SAINT JOSEPH'S PRIMARY</b> 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
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Wednesday 8 November after Mass Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg. <b>URGENT HELP NEEDED MALE OR FEMALE</b> Do you have an hour to spare once every six weeks? Could you help our current volunteer cleaners? Sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church. Many Thanks
<b>MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING</b> A big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning in any way. The magnificent sum of £2204.66 was raised to support this good cause. Thanks also to Canon Paul who allowed use of the hall. Thanks, Susan and Gerry
<b>SSVP</b> The Folksters Concert on 20th October was once again well supported by the parish and raised an incredible £1022.32! We would like to thank the kind volunteers who came along to help, the sound/stage technicians and especially the Folksters for putting on a brilliant show.
<b>STALL</b> – Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Diaries, Cribs and Christmas Gift Bags.
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> All Welcome.
<b>OCTOBER ACCOUNTS</b> Offertory income £5,332 and expenditure £13,473 (includes £3,480 insurance Premium and £4,500 repairs to SW boundary wall).
<b>HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF SINGING IN THE CHOIR?</b> Please see the leaflet in the porch or on the website (News and Events page).
<b>LADIES CLUB</b> 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 are welcome.
<b>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE</b> 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.
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, <a href="mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk">DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</a>

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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 :



**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** Fertility Care Scotland at [info@fertilitycare.or](mailto:info@fertilitycare.or)

**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.

**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](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events) To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

### **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](https://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](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). Questions? Email [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

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