



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday of the Year  
CYCLE A  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Week 46

Canon Paul Kelly  
St Michael's Catholic Church,  
Blackness Rd., Linlithgow, EH49 7JA  
Tel: 01506 842145 Email: [frpaul.kelly@staned.org.uk](mailto:frpaul.kelly@staned.org.uk)  
SVDP 07596225937 / [ssvplgow@gmail.com](mailto:ssvplgow@gmail.com)

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

**11:00 am Mass will be live-streamed this Sunday**

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

### Readings this Sunday

*Wisdom 6:12-16 A feminine image of the Spirit of God*

*Psalms Response For you my soul is thirsting, O God my God*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 At the time that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians – about 48 or 49 A.D. – the return of Christ was expected very soon. However, the message remains - Christ will come again.*

*Matthew 25:1-13 Preparing for the Lord's coming does not involve doing anything difficult – just basic and obvious things, like taking oil for lamps.*

### PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Gerry Keating
Wednesday	10am	Campbell/Curry/Crawley deceased
Thursday	10am	Isabella Cameron
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	10am	Antony/Grace family deceased
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.***

**THURSDAY** is the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland

**WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR** 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.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** is on 26 November, when there will be a special collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** William Byrne, Thomas McGaughan, Agnes Ward, John Russell

**CENSUS SUNDAY 5 November** 235 people attended Mass here last Sunday.

**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 6 pm. These children will be formally admitted as candidates for Confession and Holy Communion at the 11 am Mass on Sunday, 3 December.

**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.

**SSVP BOX COLLECTION:** SSVP Council General International has requested that this week's (12th November) box collection proceeds be donated to an emergency fund to help relieve the suffering in the current Middle-East conflict. Funds will be dispensed by the International Commission for Aid and Development. Your generosity and prayers will be gratefully appreciated.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Wednesday 15 November after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg.

**URGENT HELP NEEDED MALE OR FEMALE** 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

**STALL** – Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Cribs only a few Diaries left priced £3.00

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** Back on Wednesday 22 Nov. after Mass.

**OCTOBER ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £5,332 and expenditure £13,473 (includes £3,480 insurance Premium and £4,500 repairs to SW boundary wall).

**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 22nd November, Queen Margaret Hall at 7.30 pm, Phil Doddsforth will give a talk on Blood Bikes. Tea, coffee and a free raffle.

**Christmas dinner** 13th December Richmond Hotel – final payment is due by the next meeting on 22nd November. Cost £26.50 - £10.00 deposit balance £16.50. Please advise the committee of your menu choice and any dietary requirements. As always there will be a secret Santa gift (£5.00)

**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.

**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)

*St. Michael's is a parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrew & Edinburgh*

*A Charity registered in Scotland Number SCO08540*

*Parish website [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk) Archdiocese website [www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com](http://www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com)*

## *Notices from the Archdiocese*

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



### **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).

### **INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE WEBINAR**

The Bishops’ Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online on Friday 24 November, 7-9 pm. The theme is the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue. It precedes the annual colloquium at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge on 23-24 February 2024. Details at <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/> Scottish Interfaith Week runs from 12-19 November. Resources and more at <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org>

### **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.

### **ADVENT ROSARY**

The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December) at 7:45 pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](https://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

### **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).

### **PETITION FOR PEACE**

Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at [caid.org.uk/CallForPeace](https://caid.org.uk/CallForPeace)

*St. Michael’s is a parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrew & Edinburgh*

*A Charity registered in Scotland Number SCO08540*

*Parish website [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk) Archdiocese website [www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com](http://www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com)*