



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday of the Year
CYCLE A
19th November 2023 Week 47

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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

Proverbs 11:10-13, 19-20, 330-31 This description of a perfect wife can seem a bit dated, but it is also a feminine image of God who “opens her arms to the poor.”

Psalms Response O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Christ will come again unexpectedly. But if we live in the light, we will not be caught off guard

Matthew 25:14-30 The good news of God's love must never be buried.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Mass for Peace
Wednesday	10am	William McGlenn
Thursday	10am	Persecuted Christians
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
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.

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.

SEX & RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION The Scottish Government has removed all references to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: bit.ly/detailsandresponse

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Robert Martin, Bunty Clelland, Jimmy Clelland, Mary Borst, Josie Aitken, Paul John Keane

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: Last week's Middle East Aid collection raised £335.80 which was donated at very short notice and, once again, demonstrates the extraordinary generosity of our parish. Sincere thanks for your continued support.

SSVP are hosting an afternoon concert in the Queen Margaret Hall on Saturday 16th December between 2pm and 4pm to help raise funds for their annual Christmas Tree Appeal. All are welcome! (see website / Facebook for more details).

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 4 December after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

STALL – Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Cribs and diaries (£3.00)

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES on Wednesday after Mass. All Welcome.

HAMPER RAFFLE Tickets available £1 per strip.

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

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

Christmas dinner 13th December Richmond Hotel – Any outstanding money (meal £26.50 - deposit £10.00 =£16.50), menu choice and dietary requirements must be in before 22nd November as asked by Richmond Park for catering purposes. Please contact Cathy Godley - 01506 844730 before 22nd November. There will be a Secret Santa (gift £5.00).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Fertility Care Scotland at 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

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Parish website www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk Archdiocese website 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 :



PRISONERS’ WEEK

A prayer for Prisoners’ Week (19-25 November). Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.

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

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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