



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

34th Sunday of the Year (Christ the King)
CYCLE A

26th November 2023

Week 48

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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

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The prophet gives hope to the people in Exile in Babylon – the Lord promises to gather his people to himself and will be their shepherd.

Psalms Response The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

1 Corinthians 15:20, 26-28 Those who follow Christ follow him through death to life.

Matthew 25:31-46 Putting our faith into practice is feeding the hungry and caring for those in need.

At the 9.15 Mass the psalm will be sung by all of us (no. 806).

Pupils from Sinclair Academy will proclaim the Prayer of the Faithful at both Masses.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Sick person
Wednesday	10am	Fr Joe O'Connor (Lancaster)
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am	School Mass
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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is this Sunday, when we think about and pray for those involved in Catholic Education. There will also be a special collection for the Catholic Education Service.

THURSDAY is the Solemnity of St Andrew.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year. From next Sunday readings are from Cycle B.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Agnes Joyce, David Burns, Julie McWade, Mary Ellen McLean
Special Collection for the World Day for the Poor last Sunday raised £428.03.
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
FIRST CONFESSION Children, who expect to make their first Confession in 2024 and First Communion in 2025, will be formally admitted as candidates for Confession and Holy Communion at the 11am 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 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. Proceeds to SCIAF.
OCTOBER ACCOUNTS Offertory income £5,332 and expenditure £13,473 (includes £3,480 insurance Premium and £4,500 repairs to SW boundary wall).
50/50 CLUB The last draw for 2023 will take place on 3 December after 9.15am Mass in the hall. Thank you to all who supported this
LADIES CLUB Christmas dinner is at the Richmond Park Hotel Bo'ness on Wednesday 13/12/23 7pm for 7.30 pm. Remember to bring along your Secret Santa gift.
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
THE ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE will be held in St Peter's Episcopal Church on 3 December at 6.30pm. Everyone will be most welcome
A set of Rosary beads and pouch were found in the Saint Magdalenes area of Linlithgow on November 13th. They have been left at the back of the church, near to the holy water font.
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 :



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.

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.

COP28

The annual climate summit takes place in the United Arab Emirates from Thursday 30 November. Archbishop Bill Nolan (Glasgow Archdiocese), president of Justice & Peace for the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland, has issued a statement that can be read in the news-events section at www.archedinburgh.org.

BLESSING OF NATIVITY SCENE

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene for Edinburgh at the annual outdoor Carol Concert for Edinburgh at 3:30pm on Sunday 3 December at Mound Place

MASS WITH AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean Community takes place at 2pm on Sunday 3 December at St Cuthbert’s, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Register before 3 Dec for a 20% discount. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024.
Questions? srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

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