



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

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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

*Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 You are the potter, we are the clay. We put ourselves into God's hands who will make us into what we truly are.*

*Psalm Response God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9 God has joined us to his Son so that he is one with us and we are one with him.*

*Mark 13: 33-17 Stay awake! We do not know when Christ will come to us.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Owen Boyle
Wednesday	10am	Alan Jennings
Thursday	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday	10am	Frank Cullen
Saturday	10am	Bastable family deceased
Sunday	9.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 am	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.***

Special Collection for Education Sunday raised £347. 51p

This week the Chapter of Canons meets in the Cathedral. The meeting is followed by lunchtime Mass in the Cathedral.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Mary Ellen McLean, Jim Conway, Kristel Margot Schrempp, Alec Bartley, Francie Meenan.**

**WEDNESDAY TEA/COFFEE** after Mass. All Welcome.

**STALL** Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Cribs & Diaries (£3.00)

**HAMPER RAFFLE** Tickets available £1 per strip. Proceeds to SCIAF.

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

**50/50 CLUB** The last draw for 2023 takes place today after the 9.15am Mass in the Hall.

**LADIES CLUB** Christmas Dinner is at the Richmond Park Hotel, Bo'ness on Wednesday 13 Dec. 7pm for 7.30pm. Remember to bring along your Secret Santa Gift.

**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 this 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.

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

**CHRISTMAS FLORAL ART WORKSHOP** The next workshop will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am in the St. Margaret Hall. Anyone interested details from Hetty Redwood (843960). All Welcome.

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

**CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS** Right now many people are struggling financially. Christmas can make this worse, especially if you have children. For many people it will be difficult or even impossible to provide their children with gifts at Christmas. If you, personally, are having difficulty or you know of children who would benefit from a gift then contact (in strictest confidence) [ssvplgow@gmail.com](mailto:ssvplgow@gmail.com) or 07596225937 with details of the child including age and gender. Help us to reach out and help.

**ADVENT ROSARIES FOR LIFE** with priestly reflections at 7.45pm each Monday in Advent. Let's pray with Mary as she makes her way to Bethlehem carrying our unborn Saviour, and join with St. Joseph, silently protecting Our Lord from the instant of His conception. A great way to start your Advent preparations 4<sup>th</sup> December His Grace, Archbishop Cushey, 11 December Fr. Gerard Hatton. Fr. Gerard, St. Patrick's Edinburgh. 11 December is the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a major Pro-Life Feast day Fr. Gerard will speak about Our Lady of Guadalupe. 18<sup>th</sup> December Mgr. Allan Chambers. Mgr. Allan is parish priest of St. Mary's Bathgate and a Vicar General of the Archdiocese. **REGISTER** for one or more here <https://bit.ly/archprolifeevets>

**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** – any items for the next newsletter please email, before Thursday, [dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dsrobertson@blueyonder.co.uk)

## *Notices from the Archdiocese*

### **TALK SERIES AT THE CATHEDRAL**

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](https://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark).

### **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS**

Parishes are invited to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 23 July. It is an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the role of the older generations in sustaining families and parishes everywhere. .

Please see <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/>.

**STUDY THEOLOGY IN EDINBURGH** The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary's University in Scotland and begins in September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY EDINBURGH FORMER PUPILS REUNION:** If you or your friends would like a reunion with other FPs then please send your name and the years when you started and left Holy Cross Academy to Michael Balfour at [mjbggen19@gmail.com](mailto:mjbggen19@gmail.com) or telephone 07484 620 635 by 30 June 2023. We aim to reply by 31 July 2023

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