



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

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Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 The prophet proclaims God's love for his people.

Psalms Response Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

1 Peter 3:8-14 the final realisation of the kingdom of God is delayed because God is patient with his people and gives them time to turn to him.

Mark 1: 1-8 "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ..." In what we do and say we are called to proclaim that Good News.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Francie Meenan
Wednesday	10am	Michael John McLaughlin
Thursday	10am	Owen Boyle
Friday	10am	William Cameron
Saturday	10am	Kathleen Cottam
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.

CRIB COLLECTION BOX (ARCHDIOCESAN CARE FUND) The proceeds this year will be sent to Friends of the Holy Land, a nonpolitical Christian charity, which gives help to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NATIVITY – Shine Star, Shine

A sparking nativity musical by Niki Davies, all welcome:-

- 13th December St Joseph's Primary School at 1.30 pm
- 14th December at St Michael's RC Church, Linlithgow at 6.30 pm

The school Christmas Fayre is on Friday 15th December 11-12.30 which all parishioners are welcome to attend.

SEX & RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION The Scottish Government has removed all reference 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. Contact your MSP to make your views known.

'BUFFER ZONE' BILL

A new bill proposes criminalising prayer and offers of help to women in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion centres in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please respond to the government consultation which ends on 20 December at bit.ly/f2pshortsurvey. Please also write to your MSP to express your concerns. Visit <https://rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones> for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced, including help with responding to the consultation and writing to your MSP.

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 Tuesday 19 December 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

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

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES will be back on 10th January. Thank you to everyone that has supported this.

HAMPER RAFFLE Tickets available £1 per strip. Proceeds to SCIAF. Draw will take place next Sunday 17 December after the 9.15am Mass.

CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS - SSVP

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 or 07596225937 with details of the child including age and gender. Help us to reach out and help

CHRISTMAS FLORAL ART WORKSHOP

The next workshop will take place on Monday 11th December at 10.30am in the St Margaret Hall. Anyone interested details from Hetty Redwood (843960) All welcome

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 Advent Pro-Life Rosary continues on Monday (11 December) at 7:45pm and includes a reflection from Fr Gerard Hatton (St Patrick's, Cowgate). Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

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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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Day and Vigil Mass times for our parish and all churches in the Archdiocese can be viewed at www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/

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 course begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

ADVENT TALK SERIES

Canon Hugh White continues his Advent talk series ‘Time with God’ each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. Visit bit.ly/ArchYouTube

EXPLORE GOD’S WILL

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba’s, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues each month at the same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

ST PAUL’S BOOKSHOP

For Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images calendars and lots more, visit St Paul’s Bookshop at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh (beside John Lewis). It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ CAROL SERVICE

The Lourdes Hospitalité Committee is hosting a Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday 10 December at St Margaret's Church, Main Street, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD. All are welcome to come along and join the festivities. Refreshments in church hall afterwards.

EDINBURGH JESUIT CENTRE: MARKING THE ADVENT TIME

Fr Adrian Porter SJ will explore the prayers, customs and traditions of the Advent liturgy at 7pm on Monday 11 December at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh EH3 9DJ. This is a free, one-hour session. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Please save the date - details to be confirmed soon.

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