



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

## The Epiphany

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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)

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### Readings this Sunday

**Isaiah 60:1-6** *Returning from exile the deported Jews are on their way back from Babylon to Jerusalem, which is now lit up by the temple candles. The prophet sees beyond this to the glory of God to which all nations will come.*

**Psalms Response** *All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.*

**Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6** *The mystery of God has been revealed in Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia.*

**Matthew 2: 2-12** *This story occurs only in Matthew. Whether legend or fact, Christ is revealed as Messiah for all peoples.*

### PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Archie Birt
Wednesday	10am	Grace Boyle
Thursday	10am	Anne Cole RIP
Friday	10am	Bernard McGee
Saturday	10am	David Reeve
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.**

<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION</b> this Sunday for the Justice and Peace Office of the Bishops Conference of Scotland.
<b>MONDAY</b> is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord and marks the end of the Christmas season.
<b>SATURDAY</b> is the Feast of St Kentigern
Many thanks for all your kind gifts and cards over Christmas. I am very fortunate to be here! – Canon Paul
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Cole, who died on 26 December aged 91 years and whose funeral will be here on 11 January at 10am.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> John Cairns, Arthur McCrystal, Peter McCrystal, Esther Buchanan, Frances Torbett, Thomas Edward Love, Denise Tierney, James R. Allan, Ella McClennan, Bernard McGee, Stan Matassa, John Boyle, David Reeve.
Mass on Saturday is usually combined with Morning Prayer from the Roman Breviary.
<b>CHRISTMAS COLLECTION</b> was £1,738.11
<b>CRIB COLLECTION BOX (ARCHDIOCESAN CARE FUND)</b> 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.
<b>FIRST COMMUNION 2024</b> Meeting for parents of children preparing for First Communion in the hall, Wednesday 10 January at 6pm.
<b>CONFIRMATION 2024</b> Parents of children expecting to be confirmed in 2024 should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for parents in the hall on Wednesday 10 January at 6.30pm
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Wednesday 10th January after Mass Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Ms. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.
<b>STALL</b> has a selection of cards also The Archdiocese Directory priced £3.00
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> back on after Mass this week. Unfortunately, will not be available next Wednesday 17th.
<b>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING 27 JANUARY:</b> A box for donations of raffle/tombola prizes will be at the back of the church. If you are able to help on the day or to supply home baking, please contact Angela on 07745509562.
<b>WAYSIDE CLUB.</b> "Thank you" to all who generously responded to the Legion of Mary's Wayside Winter Appeal for rain wear, footwear and warm clothing. Please be assured that they will be used by people who need them.
See the Archdiocese news and events webpage (or our website and Facebook) for highlights of 2023 featuring St Michael's in September and November.
<b>PRAYER FOR PEACE</b> 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.
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, <a href="mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk">DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</a>

## *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](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.

### **JOB VACANCY**

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit [archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor](http://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor). Closing date for applications is Monday 13 January.

### **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](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). Questions? [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

### **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](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

### **SAVE THE DATE I**

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.

### **SAVE THE DATE II**

The Archdiocesan Valentine’s Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern’s Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Details to follow soon.

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