



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of the Year

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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](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)

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## Readings this Sunday

**1 Samuel 3:3-10,19** *This is the vocation story of the prophet Samuel. Notice how he was called repeatedly until he was ready to respond and notice how Samuel did not respond until he knew where the call was coming from.*

**The response to the psalm:** *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

**1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20** *We do not belong to ourselves but to God and to one another as parts of the Body of Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, Alleluia Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.*

**John 1: 35-42** *This is John's version of the call of the first apostles.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	James Murphy
Wednesday	10am	May Murray
Thursday	10am	Eddie Linden
Friday	10am	Frank McLinn
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.**

<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION</b> last Sunday for the Justice and Peace Office of the Bishops Conference of Scotland amounted to £260.80
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Tom McNulty, a retired priest of this archdiocese, who has died
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> May Murray, Marian Keogh, James Swan, James Joseph Prior, Connie Payne, Pat Clifford
Mass on Saturday is usually combined with Morning Prayer from the Roman Breviary.
<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. This amounted to £179.60.
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Monday 29th January after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti
<b>STALL</b> All Calendars now £1.00 each. The Archdiocese Directory £3.00 each.
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> not available Wednesday 17th.
<b>50/50 SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> will be collected after both Masses during January. The amount due for the year is £30, half going to prizes, half to charity. New members welcome. If you have any queries please see Ann Chirnside or Ita Watts.
<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.
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>NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING</b> Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.or
<b>STANTON HEALTHCARE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE</b> 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.
<b>THE SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</b> is being held in St Michael's Church of Scotland on Sunday, 21 January at 6.30pm. All very welcome.
<b>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND GAZA</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. Amen
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, <a href="mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk">DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</a>

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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 :



### **ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS**

The next Mass to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Sunday 21 January at 6:15pm at St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH9 9LD.

### **DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS 2024**

Register by Sunday 21 January! Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January. Visit [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024).

### **JOB VACANCY**

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-finance-officer/>. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 January.

### **CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!**

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It is a free event 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. Register at [bit.ly/musicday2024](https://bit.ly/musicday2024)

### **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**

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.

### **EVENT**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Committee for Interreligious Dialogue hosts its Annual Colloquium Residential from Friday 23 February to Saturday 24 February 2024. It takes place at the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge and this year's theme is The Role Of Religious Experience In Interreligious Dialogue. For details visit <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>

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