



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of the Year

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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

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10** *Nineveh was a pagan city and, in being sent there to preach the word of God, we are reminded that the God of the Old Testament was also the God of the gentiles. The grace of God knows no limits.*

**Psalm Response** *Lord, make me know your ways.*

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31** *Time is always short and so many things come to an end. We are to use our time by focusing on what is eternal.*

**Mark 1: 14-20** *This is Mark's version of the call of the first disciples and they are called to a much bigger life than that of fishing.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Henry McMeechan
Wednesday	10am	Tommy Watson
Thursday	10am	Anne Cole
Friday	10am	Elizabeth Chapman
Saturday	10am	Fr Tommy McNulty
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>THURSDAY</b> is the Feast of The Conversion of St Paul
<b>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</b> 18-25 January
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> Peter Maguire, Henry McMeechan, Tommy Watson, William Murphy, Teresa Gargan, Nancy Lewis, Florence McIlroy.
Mass on Saturday is usually combined with Morning Prayer from the Roman Breviary.
<b>PARISH ACCOUNTS</b> Copies of the 2023 parish accounts are available in the porch. This year we have a reasonable surplus. We have paid substantial four-figure sums to SCIAF (£2221) and Mary's Meals (£5871). Looking ahead, we will have to pay about £19,000 to the diocese, being our share of the assessments; in the grounds a large tree is now becoming dangerous and will have to be felled with the Council's permission (about £4,000 plus); in the house the kitchen is now in a state of genteel decline, and some bathroom fittings are showing their age.
<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> back after Mass. All Welcome.
<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 Chirside or Ita Watts.
<b>ST MICHAEL'S LADIES CLUB</b> restarts after the Christmas break on Wednesday 24/1/24 at 7.30 pm St Margaret's Hall. Burns Night, an evening of music and poetry. Our host is Ian Hamilton. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. New members are welcome.
<b>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE</b> Morning Saturday 27 January 10.30 am: There is a box for donations of raffle/tombola prizes at the back of the church. The hall will be open from 9 am on the 27th if you wish to hand in home baking.
There will be a celebration commemorating the life of Toni Harry, who died in 2021, on the 24th of February 2024 at 2pm in Inchyra Grange Hotel in Falkirk. All welcome.
<b>FREE PLACES AT SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE!</b> SPUC's Youth Conference is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs 23 - 25 February at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: <a href="https://bit.ly/youthconference24">https://bit.ly/youthconference24</a> or contact the Pro-Life Office: <a href="mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk">prolife@staned.org.uk</a>
<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. During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to meditate on this year's theme: 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27) and ensure we extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to our brother and sisters of different Christian denominations, as well as those of all faiths and none, in our community.
<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>

## Notices from the Archdiocese

For Archdiocese events see the “News and Events” page on the website or use this QR code :



### **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](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024).

### **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](http://bit.ly/musicday2024)

### **NEW DAWN DAY**

New Dawn in Scotland hosts a conference and parish healing service at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Parish, West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ on Saturday 3 February from 9:30am. Speakers are Fr Frankie Mulgrew, priest from the Diocese of Salford (and a former comedian), and Terry Quinn, an International Catholic Evangelist and bible scholar. Visit <https://newdawninscotland.com/>

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** – 11 February. The World Day for the Sick was introduced by St Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom each Monday at 7:45pm, beginning on Monday 19 February, and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/lentstations](http://bit.ly/lentstations)

### **SOPRANO AND BASS WANTED**

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking a soprano and a bass to sing in its Schola Cantorum octet. The choir sings weekly at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral, and at other services and concerts throughout the year. Alongside its core liturgical singing, recent highlights for the group have included singing as part of the Cathedral's pilgrimage to Rome in 2023, "Light from Light" candlelit concerts in the Archdiocese in 2022, and singing at the Festival Mass of the Cumnock Tryst in 2023. To apply or for more information, please contact Michael Ferguson, Director of Music, by 29 January: [DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto:DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.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)

**VALENTINE'S RETREAT** The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024, 2-5pm. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Creche available for children of primary school age and older. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>

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