



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

4th 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

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20* In the desert the Word of God came to the people through Moses. In the Promised Land it comes through the prophets. In the last days it will come through the new Moses, who is Jesus Christ.

*Psalms Response* O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

*1 Corinthians 7:32-35* Faced with the prospect of Christ's immediate coming, Christians should free themselves from any unnecessary bonds.

*Mark 1 :21-28* The authority of Jesus becomes evident.

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

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| Monday    | 10am   | Raftery/McGuire families |
| Wednesday | 10am   | Harry Cameron            |
| Thursday  | 10am   | Kathleen Sludden         |
| Friday    | 9.25am | School Mass.             |
| Saturday  | 10am   | Fr Tom 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.*

**This Sunday at the end of Mass the archdiocesan statement on safeguarding will be read out in the churches of the archdiocese.**

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| <b>FRIDAY</b> is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord  |
| <b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> Catherine O'Donnell, Neil Bradshaw, James Keogh  |
| 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 beside the hall 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> Wednesday 7th Feb at 7.30 pm in the Queen Margaret Hall. Film night, a film and choc ices, tea, coffee and a free raffle. New members welcome.  |
| <b>SSVP GARDEN PROJECT:</b> A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Queen Margaret Hall to discuss this year's plans for the garden. If you are interested in getting involved or want to hear more about the project, please come along. All welcome!  |
| <b>PARISH CHOIR</b> We are always happy to welcome new singers. Details on parish website, or just come up to the gallery after Mass.   |
| 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>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 :



### JUBILEE 2025

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, visit the official website <https://www.giubileo-2025.it/en>. A Facebook page has been set up that will highlight resources and events in Scotland - search ‘Holy Year Scotland 2025’. To help us prepare, the Holy Father has established 2024 as a Year of Prayer dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world”. Resources will be available soon.

### 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/>

**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>

**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)

### RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The ARISE retreat on Saturday 24 February is for 16-35 year-olds across Scotland to gather for a day of faith, fun and friendship at St Albert’s Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh. The day includes Mass, Adoration, talks, small group discussion, opportunities for Confession and more. Tickets £15 which includes lunch & dinner. Register at <https://www.youth2000.org/events/Edinburgh>

### LOURDES MASS

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at 3pm on Sunday 4 February at St John the Baptist Church, 37 St Ninian’s Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 8AL. The Mass is organised by the Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage team. Refreshments in hall afterwards. All welcome.

### REMEMBERING SERVICE

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, Edinburgh. Ecumenical and open to all.