



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

5th 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

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job is the archetype of a wise man tried by suffering. He can only put his faith in the Lord, who is his only hope.*

*Psalms Response Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. Doing God's work is its own reward.*

*Mark 1 :29-39. The reason why Jesus came was to proclaim the Word of God. The miracles of healing were to back up the message but were not themselves the message. That's why Jesus has to move on from those who were simply looking for the miracles.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Frances Neil
Wednesday	10am	Billy Whyte
Thursday	9:30am	Peter Rigby
Friday	10am	Francesca Miller
Saturday	10am	Peter Miller
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.*

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Tony Harry, John McMeechan, Gertrude Doonan, Anna Adrian, Elma Martin, Margaret Dunne, Maureen Scott, Helen McGeary, Jeanie Pow

**PARISH COORDINATORS FOR SAFEGUARDING** For many years now Morag O'Dwyer has carried out the tasks of parish coordinator very efficiently and with no fuss. She now feels the time has come for her to step down, though she will still be willing to advise as Coordinator Emeritus. We are all very grateful to her for all the work she has done for us through the years. These tasks are now being carried out by John McCormack and Clare Kilkerr.

Mass on Saturday is usually combined with Morning Prayer from the Roman Breviary.

**PARISH ACCOUNTS** 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. Council officials will visit the church grounds this coming Thursday at 10am to inspect the tree.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Group 2 Tuesday 20th February Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

**STALL** All Calendars £1 each. There is also a book written by the Pope priced £4.95p

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** back after Mass. All Welcome.

**ST MICHAEL'S LADIES CLUB** 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.

**MARY'S MEALS-** Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning. We raised £1230 for our sponsored kitchen in Malawi. This amount will be doubled under the Double the Love Campaign.

**PARISH CHOIR** We are always happy to welcome new singers. Details on parish website, or just come up to the gallery after Mass.

**YALE KEY** was left in the church last Sunday. It is a single key for four key rings attached. We have also black framed prescription spectacles.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Lenten retreats at Hazelwood House (Hazelwood House | Conference Centre in Glasgow) 22 February - 25 February and 21 March - 24 March. The price is £228. Please contact Stevie Gallacher on [stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk) if you'd like to attend or would like more details.

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.

**FREE PLACES AT SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE!** 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: <https://bit.ly/youthconference24> or contact the Pro-Life Office: [prolife@stanned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@stanned.org.uk)

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND GAZA** 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

**NEWSLETTER** – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, [DeaconDouglas.Robertson@stanned.org.uk](mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@stanned.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 :



**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.

**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.

**LENT RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE: PATHWAYS THROUGH THE DESERT** The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is offering a retreat in daily life for Lent, ‘Pathways through the desert’, in partnership with St Paul and St George Episcopal Church, York Place. It begins on Sunday 18 February and runs for five weeks, finishing on Sunday 24 March. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (usually 20 to 30 minutes) and to meet once a week with their individual prayer guide. For more information please email [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

**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](https://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 today (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.

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS** If you are involved with RCIA, children’s liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024** The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 5-12 July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>