



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of lent

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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**

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Readings this Sunday

Genesis 9:8-15 God's covenant with Noah reveals God as creator and not destroyer – a God of life and not death,

Psalms Response Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22: The water of the great flood in Noah's time has become a sign of baptism and salvation,

Mark 1 :12-15 Jesus begins his ministry with the message of Good News. Being able to hear it means a change of direction – repentance.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Betty Derrick
Wednesday	10am	Anne Cole
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
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.

MASS BEGINS THIS SUNDAY WITH THE LITANY OF SAINTS IN WHICH WE ASK THEIR PRAYERS TO SUPPORT US DURING OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Theresa Howie, who died on 3 February aged 66 years and whose funeral will be here on Monday 26 February at 10 am

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: James Lavin, John Kemp Cairns, Kenneth Green. Dick Dolan, Catherine Glynn, Peter Thompson, Lawrence Murray, Bernard Hughes.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Wednesday, 6-7pm. Confession is also available at this time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Saturday 9.30 am

AIDS TO PRAYER See the website of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow at <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/>, which also includes the text of Through Lent with Pope Francis.

SCIAF BOXES available in the porch.

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.

50/50 CLUB. The last date for paying this year's subscriptions will be 25 February, after both Masses. Subscriptions are £30 annually, half going to prizes, half to charity. Thank you to all who have already supported this. New members are most welcome.

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

STALL Book available The Joy of Love, Pope Francis £4.95p. All calendars £1.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES not available next week, back on 28th February after Mass.

ST MICHAEL'S LADIES CLUB Wednesday 21st February St Margaret's Hall at 7.30 pm. "Use it or Lose it" Pilates instructor Joanna Goodall will introduce members to a light session of Pilates, good for health and fitness. Recommended dress code of loose light clothes and flat shoes. Tea, coffee, and a free raffle. New members are welcome.

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY PARTY NIGHT in aid of St Vincent de Paul, Friday 15th March 7pm-10pm in the hall. All welcome for a bit of craic and live music, audience participation encouraged! BYOB, also light refreshments available to purchase. Adults £10, children free, includes welcome drink on arrival. For tickets contact Catherine Finnegan on 07708929026 or catmaguire@hotmail.com. Tickets will also be on sale in the hall after both masses on Sunday 3rd March.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE this year is being held here in our church on Friday, 1st March at 7pm. The service has been prepared by the women of Palestine and the theme is "I beg you....bear with one another in love." There will be refreshments following the service. All are welcome.

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.

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@staned.org.uk

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Parish website www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk Archdiocese website www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com

Notices from the Archdiocese

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



LEGACIES

A gift in your will can support your parish, assist retired priests after a lifetime of service, help train our seminarians or help the Church prosper in many other ways. To find out more visit <https://archedinburgh.org/legacies>

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@staned.org.uk

LENT VIDEO REFLECTIONS Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the ‘Challenge of the Gospel’, in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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

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>

PATHWAYS OF HOPE A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled ‘Pathways of Hope’ takes place on Saturday 16 March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

CALLED TO BE SAINTS - YOUTH DAY A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question ‘what does it to be a saint in the modern world?’ Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

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 3March, 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>

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. Weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood at St Mary’s Kinnoull, Perth, 5-7 April. For details contact Louise (07926571004 or louise398@gmail.com).

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>

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