



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2nd 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](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)**

## Readings this Sunday

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18* Once again the essence of this story is that God is creator, not destroyer, and does not want human sacrifice!

*Psalms Response* I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

*Romans 8: 31-34* In Christ God has given everything to us. In his Cross we see the love of God fully revealed

*Acclamation* Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God

*Mark 9:2-10* The Transfiguration is not only a revealing of the true identity of the Messiah but also a revelation of true human nature – what we are all called to be. Jesus not only reveals God to us but also reveals true human nature.

## PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Ann Theresa Howie RIP
Wednesday	10am	Philip Keane
Wednesday	6-7pm	Exposition
Thursday	10am	Chris Duncan
Friday	9.25am	School Mass
Friday	7pm	World Day of Prayer Service
Saturday	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10am	Anne Cole
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.***

**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

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Sylvester Donoghue, Rosemarie Healey, John Sweeney, Charles Gormley

**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.

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 3 Wednesday 6 March after Mass: Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer

**STALL** Book available The Joy of Love, Pope Francis £4.95p. A small selection of St. Patrick's Day Cards available.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** on Wednesday after Mass. All Welcome. Please note that we are not available the third Wednesday of every month.

**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](mailto:catmaguire@hotmail.com). Tickets will also be on sale in the hall after both masses on Sunday 3rd March.

**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](mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.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 :



### **JOB VACANCY**

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit [archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor-2/](https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor-2/). Closing date for applications is Friday 1 March

### **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](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

### **PRO-LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Monday in Lent, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (26 February), includes a reflection from Sister Roseann Reddy, Sister of the Gospel of Life. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

### **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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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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