



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd 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

*Exodus 20:1-17 God gives the Law to his people to enable them to live in harmony with God and one another.*

*Psalms Response You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25 The foolishness of God is an excess of love revealed in the crucified Christ.*

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

*John 2:13-25 - In driving the dealers out of the Temple, Jesus witness to the jealous love of his Father for His people. But in the future the new Temple of God will not be a building of stones but the person of the risen Christ.*

## PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Anne Cole
Wednesday	10am	Daniel McGuigan
Exposition	6-7pm (also opportunity for Confession)	
Thursday	10am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Mary Topping
Saturday	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
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.*

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Mary Dunleavie, John Ward, Mary Beach, John McArdle, Helen Kizcon.

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

**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.

**DANGEROUS TREE** The large bifurcated sycamore tree between the hall and the boundary wall with the Lowport School has now been taken down. We found that the base trunk had already begun to split, which would have meant that the half of the tree nearest the hall would have fallen on the hall eventually.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses. "The money you donate is used to support much-needed projects for people in need across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – Archbishop Leo Cushley.

**50/50 CLUB.** The first draw of the year will be done this Sunday, 3 March after 9.15am Mass in the hall. There are 85 subscribers this year. Thank you for your support, which has raised £1,275 for charity.

**LADIES CLUB** Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 pm AGM with a Beetle Drive to follow. Tea, coffee and a free raffle.

**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 and Easter Cards available.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** on after Mass. All welcome.

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**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.

On Sunday 10th March at 3pm, the next Occasionally@St.Michael's recital, given by Arcara Recorder Ensemble. All are welcome to come along and enjoy this free recital; any donations offered are directed towards the upkeep of the organ in St. Michael's Church of Scotland.

**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 :



### **CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE**

The latest issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded from [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk) [from 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 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>

### **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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