



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**Palm Sunday**  
CYCLE B  
24th March 2024                      Week 12

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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**

*Isaiah 50:4-7 This is one of the four "Suffering Servant Songs" of Isaiah, which describes a mysterious servant of God. We hear the fourth song on Good Friday. Jesus identified himself with this Suffering Servant*

*Psalm Response My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

*Philippians 2:6-11 St Paul here quotes an ancient Christian hymn.*

*Mark 15:1-39 This is the shorter version of the Passion according to Mark.*

**PUBLIC MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10am	John Topping
Tuesday	10am	Rose McGlinn
Wednesday	10am	Derek Edgar
Wednesday	7pm	Stations of the Cross with the other churches
Thursday	7pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by procession to the altar of repose
Thursday	9pm	Compline in the hall
Friday	10am	Morning Prayer
Friday	3pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	10.20	Blessing of Food (Swieconka)
Saturday	8pm	The Easter Vigil
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 blessing of palms.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** with the other churches in Linlithgow, Wednesday, 7pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Brennan (Slamannan), who died on 16 March aged 96 and whose funeral will be here on Friday, 5 April, 10 am. Thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium 11.30

**CANDLE/FIRE SAFETY** Please note that children should not light votive lights; nor should they stand too close to those lights. They should always be supervised by an adult in those areas.

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:** Charlene Wallace, Mark Austin, Ellen Porter, Robert Old, James McMeechan, Derek Adgar, Mary Carstairs Connelly

**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.

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** At a recent Archdiocese Trustees meeting it was decided that, in all future project applications over £9,000, parishes will be asked to fund-raise around 15% of the total cost of the application rather than rely entirely on parish cash resources. This fund-raising request will affect parish project applications from now on. No distinction is made between essential maintenance and projects.

**FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £4,616. Expenditure £3,049. exceptional amounts-they will come through in March.

**SCIAF BOXES** should be handed in by 14th April

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024/25** are ready for collection in the porch. Please let Ann Chirnside know if there are changes in your circumstances, eg change of address, no longer a tax payer. If anyone else who is a UK taxpayer would like to donate through Gift Aid please see Ann. We can claim 25p from HMRC for every £1 gifted.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Tuesday 9th April 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

**STALL** will be closed on Easter Sunday. re-opens on 7th April.

**FLOWER GROUP** Anyone available to help with Church Flowers for Easter please meet on Saturday 30th March at 10.30 am in the church. Hetty Redwood

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN** at Nunraw Abbey Friday, September 27th - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. £150 inclusive of both nights and meals. £15 deposit. Contact Stevie Gallacher at [Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk)

**BIG LENT WALK FOR CAFOD.** The pupils of our Catholic Secondary, Sinclair Academy are walking the equivalent of the distance from here to MALAWI during Lent. Please consider making a donation at <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sinclair-academy-big-lent-walk>.

**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 :



### **HOLY WEEK WEBINAR**

Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary’s Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ’s Passion. Register at [bit.ly/passionevent2024](https://bit.ly/passionevent2024)

**HOLY WEEK, STATIONS OF THE CROSS**, with Archbishop Cushley. 7.45pm, Monday, 25th March. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

### **CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass takes place at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on Tuesday 26 March. Archbishop Cushley will consecrate/bleed the holy oils that will be given to parishes and priests from across the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises to serve God & His people.

### **CONVERSION PRACTICES**

The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposal to end ‘conversion practices’ in Scotland. The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns violent, abusive, coercive practices. The proposals, however, risk criminalising the mainstream pastoral work of churches and parental guidance given lovingly and in good faith. Respond to the consultation using the guidance at <https://bit.ly/guidancescot>. The closing date for responses is Tuesday 2 April.

### **MASS WITH AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert’s, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome.

### **FUNDING TO STUDY THEOLOGY**

The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary’s University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

### **PRO-LIFE CHAIN, EDINBURGH**

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on Saturday 27 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE WARNING**

What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar ‘Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada’ on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at [www.carenotkilling.scot](http://www.carenotkilling.scot)

### **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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