



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

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Public Mass this Sunday is at 9.15 and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8. Moses reveals the laws of God to the people, and, despite his saying that nothing should be added to them, that is precisely what happened for centuries! This brings us to the point of the Gospel

Response The just will live in the presence of the Lord

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Putting faith into practice is caring for the needy and not taking our values from secular society.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Jesus denounces those who would value man-made rules more than the commands of God to love God and neighbour.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	William Smith
Wednesday	10am	Rita Campbell
Thursday	10am	Michael Connolly
Friday	9.30am	St Joseph's School
Saturday	10am	Mary Keane
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
	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 on the first Friday of the month is in the school during term time.

TODAY is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK David McCormick, Nancie MacDermot, Austen Sowerby, Deborah Ann McMeechan, Hugh Pow, Winifred Reape, Mary Borst, Nora Harvie

ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY. This year our patronal feast falls on 29 September which is a Sunday. Normally, when a saint's day falls on a Sunday it is cancelled for that year in favour of the usual Sunday celebration. This is because Sunday is the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord and there no greater feast day than that. However, where the feast is classed as a Solemnity it may be celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast of the St Michael is a Solemnity within the parish; so we can celebrate it this year on a Sunday.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION Parents of children in this parish expecting to make their first Confession in 2025 and First Communion in 2026 should contact the Parish priest as soon as possible.

SSVP COLLECTION last week was £84.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 9th September after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

STALL We are now taking names for pre-order for the new Sunday Missal that comes the First Sunday of Advent.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass in the hall. All Welcome.

HAMPER RAFFLES This is the last Sunday you can buy your tickets/ £1 per strip. Money is being split between Mary's Meals and SSVP.

50/50 DRAW for September will be on Sunday, 8 September in the hall after 9.15am Mass.

HEALTH AND SAFETY All church volunteers are encouraged to follow online those Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found: staned.astuteelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx. It may seem odd for a no smoking notice to be put up in the porch. However, we have been told that it is a legal requirement that all public buildings must display this notice. Churches are not exempt.

WEST LOTHIAN FOODBANK - The West Lothian Foodbank will hold a Coffee Morning on September 14th 10 -12 PM in our Church Hall. Admission is FREE but donations will be welcomed. The theme will be the Trussell Trust's "Guarantee the Essentials" Campaign. All are welcome !

LADIES CLUB – The New Season

The new season starts on Wednesday 11th Sept at 7pm for mass and then to Queen Margaret Hall for cream tea, chats, and a catchup with new and old friends. The club meet twice a month and we have a varied programme for the season. Why not join us for tea and information.

CHRISTIAN AID There will be a sale of children's books for Christian Aid in St Peter's Episcopal Church on Saturday 7 September from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Any donations of children's books (only) for the sale would be welcome. To arrange for them to be collected, please contact Alastair or Carola Small by email to aandcsmall@tiscali.co.uk or by phone, 01506 656425.

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:



JUSTICE & PEACE MASS

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba’s, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE Weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood, 4-6 October, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For more details contact Louisa on 07926 571004 or email louise.p@gmail.com

SEASON OF CREATION

This Sunday (1 September) is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A Season of Creation conference takes place at St Margaret’s, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1ES, on Saturday 7 September from 10:00am-3:00pm. Register at www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah. A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>. Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland’s Care of Creation Office.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick’s Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on Sunday 1 September, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope’s representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

HOLY YEAR 2025

Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting ‘Pilgrimage of Hope’ which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

APPLY NOW FOR THE MA IN APPLIED CATHOLIC THEOLOGY 2024/25 (SAAS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SCOTTISH STUDENTS!)

Secure your place to study for this year’s MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary’s University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year’s programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

RAISE THE ROOF CONCERT

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert in St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

CELEBRATING THE GIFT

A Scripture Reflection Day titled ‘Celebrating the Gift’ takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

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