



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**23rd Sunday of the Year**  
CYCLE B  
8th September 2024                      Week 37

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

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**Readings this Sunday**

*Isaiah 35:4-7 The Lord will renew creation*

*Response My soul give praise to the Lord*

*James 2:1-5 Faith and oppressing the poor cannot go together.*

*Mark 7:31-37 The essence of relationships is communication. In healing the man who was deaf and dumb, he opens ears to hear the good news and loosens the tongue to spread the Good News.*

**PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10am	Arthur Quinn
Wednesday	7pm	Ladies' Club
Thursday	10am	Sick person
Friday	10am	Deceased Lockhart/Keogh family
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
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.*

**SATURDAY** is The Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross  
**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK** James Greenan, Arthur Quinn, Teresa Campbell, James Reville, Andrew Cabrelli, Michael Joseph Lavin

**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 £154.

**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** The draw will take place after the 9.15am Mass.

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

**GAS SUPPLY** The archdiocese has negotiated a new gas contract for all the parishes of the archdiocese. The previous contract, which was very favourable to us, has expired. However, this will mean from 1 October we are facing a 94% increase in the price we have to pay. This does mean we will have to be more economical in the way we heat our buildings.

**2024 ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN** at Nunraw Abbey starts Friday 27th September at tea time and ends with morning Mass on Sunday 29th. The price is £150 (includes all meals). Contact Stevie Gallacher at [stephengallac@gmail.com](mailto:stephengallac@gmail.com)

**MARY'S MEALS:** In the year to June 2024 the parish has raised a total of £4132.70 for our sponsored school kitchen in Malawi. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this.

**CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE** Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

**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.

**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:



### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations Awareness Week begins this Sunday and it is a chance for us to pray for those considering the priesthood or religious life, that they may hear God’s call and respond with joyful hearts. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty, seminarians of the Archdiocese, as well as for priests across the Archdiocese who are giving their life in service of the Church. If you want to explore the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with the Archdiocesan Vocations Director Monsignor Patrick Burke on 01334 472 856 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, Director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902, (religiousvocations@staned.org.uk). More at: <https://archedinburgh.org/vocations/>

### 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 [louisep.@gmail.com](mailto:louisep.@gmail.com)

### 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/>

### HEALING WEEKEND

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) or on 07816 942 824.

### SEASON OF CREATION

A Season of Creation online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>. Event hosted by The Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

### 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/holyyearevent)

### 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

**CEILIDH BALL** The national Young Adults’ Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on Saturday 16 November at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh> Queries: Fr Robert Taylor [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

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