



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**24th Sunday of the Year**  
CYCLE B  
15th September 2024 Week 38

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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	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Chaco Kuriakose
Thursday	10am	Moira Connolly
Friday	10am	Sick person
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.*

**MONDAY** is The Feast of St Ninian.  
**FRIDAY** is The Memorial of St Andrew and Paul Chong-Ha-Sang, and 11 companions, Korean martyrs of the 19th century

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK** Agnes McArdle, Moira Dougan, Edward McGuire, Laurence De Stefano, David Paton.

**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.

**CHURCH HALL.** There are many requests from various bodies to hire our hall. No doubt the ample parking space is an added attraction. In order that the parish gets a look-in, Wednesdays are reserved for parish use and outside bodies and individuals cannot be accommodated on that day.

**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.

**AUGUST ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £4,397. Gift Aid tax reclaim £9,513. Expenditure £2,589.

**SSVP COLLECTION** last week was £124.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Tuesday 24th September 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

**STALL** Has a selection of books pay by donation. Proceeds goes to SCIAF. Help needed at the 11am Mass if you can help please leave your name and we can add you to the rota.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** in the Committee Room after Mass. All welcome.

**HAMPER RAFFLES** Francis Hogg and Ann Matonti won the hampers. We raised £200 which was split between Mary's Meals and SSVP.

**WINNERS OF SEPTEMBER 50/50 DRAW** are: £175- Jerry O'Dwyer, £50-Anne-Marie Clement, £50-Douglas Robertson, £25-Angela Moran and £15-Bridie Henry.

**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---SPECIAL---**A new initiative has been launched. Please take one of the special envelopes from Church porch and donate ANY foreign or out of date currency--coins or notes. The Left Over Currency initiative supply the postage and envelopes and also add a generous 5% charitable donation to all currency collected. Return sealed envelopes to Cath McAulay, Angela Hughes or Ita Watts by end of September please.

**PARISH MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**, in the church hall on Saturday 5th October, 10:00-12:00. Home baking very much needed (please mark anything that contains nuts) and can be handed into the hall from 9:00 on Saturday. Donations for Raffle & Tombola also gratefully received (box at back of the church).

**SSVP FISH TEA.** To celebrate 75 years of our conference our Fish Tea will be held on Thursday 26th September at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are available in the porch after Masses from a SSVP member.

**KNITTING FOR UKRAINE** Thanks to all those who have knitted stump socks for Ukrainian amputees over the past few weeks. They have now gone off to the Charity in England which sends them to the Ukrainian hospital. This is an ongoing project so if you would like to continue knitting, or if you would like to start doing so, that would be greatly appreciated. The box for dropping off the socks is in the porch and I have left more copies of the pattern on the table. I am happy to collect the socks from you if that is more convenient. Contact Patricia Russell 07980 017669 or [pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk)

**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:



### **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](mailto:louise.p@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/>

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Visit the Write to Them website at <https://writetothem.com>

### **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)

### **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)

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering children's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is beginning in Fife, Livingston, Edinburgh, and the Glasgow area. Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder. Contact [brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk](mailto:brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk) for more information on locations and details.

### **SAVE THE DATE – YOUTH DAY**

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p3-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Details to follow soon.

### **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)