



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday of the Year

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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

Wisdom 2:12, 117-20 The background to this reading is the persecution of Jews by pagan Greeks in Alexandria in the 1st century B.C.

Response The Lord upholds my life

James 3:16-4:3 Conflicts have their origins in the internal conflicts of individuals.

Mark 9:30-37 In the Kingdom of God the greatest are those who serve.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Gerard Gallacher
Thursday	10am	Thanksgiving
Friday	10am	St Vincent De Paul
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 Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina.

FRIDAY is that of St Vincent De Paul

Please pray for the family of Charlie Sharkey, formerly a member of this parish and now of Broxburn. Charlie died peacefully on 12 September, surrounded by his family, just before his 18th birthday. Charlie was much loved and will be much missed by all those who cared for him so devotedly for all of his life. His funeral will be on Saturday 28th September, 9:30am at St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church Broxburn.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Chris Brannan (Aberdeen), former parish priest of Banchory, who died last weekend.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Mary Moriarty, Annie Gordon, Thomas Harnby, Neil Hanlon, Mary Ferguson, Muriel Anderson. Teresa Maria Ward, Pietro Cabrelli

ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY. This year our patronal feast falls on 29 September which is next Sunday. St Michael shares the feast with the other two archangels, Gabriel and Raphael. 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.

PARKING is getting to be a problem for those going to Mass on Mondays and Fridays. However, since Mass over by 10.30, and most of the cars – many of whom have no right to be here - will be there beyond that, feel free to double park if you are going to Mass.

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 Thank you for your donations of £157 last week.

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

STALL has a selection of books that can be paid for by donation. Proceeds go to SCIAF. We are still taking names for pre-orders of the New Sunday Missal. Help is needed at the 11 am Mass if you can help please leave your name and we can add you to the rota.

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

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

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.

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.

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).

PEACE ONE DAY September 21st is the UN International Day of Peace, or World Peace Day. Peace is needed more than ever now, with conflicts all around the globe. This year, the prayer day will be on Monday 23 September, when St Peter's Church will be open for prayer from 10.00am - 2pm. There will be information and ideas for prayer available in the church. Come for as long or short a time as you are able. Alternatively, you can pray at home and prayer ideas and resources will be posted on the Linlithgow Churches website at www.linlithgowchurches.org.uk/prayer-ideas

NEWSLETTER – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, 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

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 Assisted Suicide threatens the most vulnerable members of society. Learn about the potential dangers of the proposed bill to introduce it in Scotland and how to inform others about it. This event features former politician Dennis Canavan and Dr Richard Lenton, Consultant in Geriatric Medicine. It takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 2 October at Our Lady & St Ninian’s, 52 Quakerfield, Bannockburn, FK7 8HZ. Register at <https://bit.ly/assistedsuicidescot>

EUTHANASIA: A WARNING FROM CANADA Learn how Assisted Suicide has failed in Canada, and what you can do to stop it in Scotland with Alex Schadenberg, a Canadian Catholic and a world expert on the dangers of euthanasia. This event takes place at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: bit.ly/warningfromcanada

YOUNG ADULT TALK SERIES The Young Adults’ Group at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a talk series over the next three months on ‘The Language of the Church’. The next talk is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 September with Fr Colm Martin (Motherwell Diocese). Talks take place in the Church House at 63 York Place, EH1 3JD. Concludes with night prayer and refreshments. Confessions available. All talks listed at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

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

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 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

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