



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

27th 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

Genesis 2:18-24 Marriage between man and woman is part of God's creation from the beginning.

Psalm Response May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Hebrews 2:9-11 In order that human beings be truly saved from everlasting death, and really become sons and daughters of God, it was necessary that Christ take on the human condition in all its completeness and so experience death.

Mark 10: 2-16 We have to be careful about interpreting this passage legalistically. Remember that in Jewish Law men could divorce wives but wives could not divorce their husbands – though they could in Roman Law and Mark's Gospel, which mentions this, was probably written at Rome. In ruling out divorce, the Lord is basically asserting the equality of men and women in marriage. The position taken by Jesus goes beyond law to the ideal of marriage and the revelation of God's love, which had been lost by those who regarded marriage simply as a legal contract. Married couples are an image of God's love and bring God's love into the world; and there is no divorce because we cannot be divorced from the love of God. That's the point.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Sharkey family
Wednesday	10am	Fr Chris Brannan
Thursday	10am	Isobel Miller
Friday	9.30am	School
Saturday	10am	Alex Beveridge
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.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK

William Paul, Darran Polland, Cathy Higgins.

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY All church volunteers are encouraged to follow those online Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found at <https://staned.astutelearning.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.

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 Thank you for your donations of £68 last week.

SSVP FISH TEA. The 75th anniversary celebration was a wonderful occasion with delicious fish suppers delivered by Benny T's, a hard-working team of volunteers helping on the night and great entertainment from the Linlithgow Folksters. Once again we are extremely grateful for the parishioners supporting this event and their extraordinary generosity in raising £821.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 9th October after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

STALL We are still taking names during October they have to be in by beginning of November. The Catholic Herald Magazine is starting in October price £4.50p Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars, Diaries available.

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

FILM NIGHT: AN ECUMENICAL EVENT

The Alive and the Beating Heart Pro-life Groups invite you to come see "Unplanned" a true story of a manager of a clinic who saw the truth of abortion. WHERE? Our church hall.

DATE? Thursday 10/10/24 WHEN? Doors open 6.45. Film starts 7pm

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL is seeking photographs and memories from Donegal people who worked in Scotland between 1940 and 1990 for an upcoming exhibition. Participants are encouraged to share stories, images, documents or objects that reflect the working lives of Donegal people in Scotland. Drop-in events will be held in Glasgow at the Scottish Football Museum, Hampden Park on Thursday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in the Library Area, Glasgow City Chambers, Glasgow on Thursday, October 3 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. An event will also take place in Edinburgh at the Irish Consulate on Friday, October 4, from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. For more information contact: donegalscotland@donegalcoco.ie <<mailto:donegalscotland@donegalcoco.ie>> or + 353 74 916 3824. The exhibition will be launched in spring 2025.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND MIDDLE EAST 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:



DOCTORS’ OPPOSITION TO ASSISTED SUICIDE

A total of 82% of doctors responding to the Scottish Parliament Health Committee’s detailed call for views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide have stated that they are ‘strongly opposed’ to the plans. Please let your MSPs know about this. More information on how to do this at: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/>

ALL SOULS’ DAY

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls’ Day, Saturday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

Starting on Sunday 1 December, an updated Lectionary will be used in all parishes. This means the readings at Mass will employ a slightly different translation of the Sacred Scriptures (the ESV-CE). The new Sunday Missal is available from various sites, including www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org and <https://www.hachette.co.uk/>

ROMERO LECTURE 2024

Celebrating the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic community in the UK will deliver this year’s lecture on 'Romero and Ukraine: Resilience in the Face of Injustice'. Friday 18 October at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. All welcome. In partnership with SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland, Pax Christi, and the Romero Trust.

YOUTH DAY – WONDER WOMAN ST MARGARET!

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

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

THE ALMA MATER FUND

The Alma Mater Fund provides financial support to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative, the Alma Mater Fund can also direct students to further sources of support and advice. Call, Text or WhatsApp: 07849 088244 or socials: @almamaterfund

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on 1 - 3 November. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else’s abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at sisterandrea@rachelvineyard.org.uk. For more details, see www.rachelvineyard.org.uk

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