



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**CYCLE B**

**3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**Week 45**

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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**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6: The first and most basic commandment of the Law is to love God.

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

Hebrews 7:23-28: Jesus is the supreme High Priest interceding for all human beings.

Mark 12:28-34: The first and greatest of all the commandments is to love God and neighbour.

## **PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10 am	Deceased of Henry/Murray families.
Wednesday	10 am	Tom McDade RIP
Thursday	10 am	Deceased of the Antony Family
Friday	10 am	Special Intention
Saturday	11 am	SVDP Mass (Archbishop)
Sunday	9.15 am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	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.

## **ANNUAL CENSUS TAKES PLACE IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND THIS SUNDAY.**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Millar (Uphall) who died on 20 October aged 83 years and whose funeral will be in West Lothian Crematorium on 4 November at 1pm and Tommy McDade, who died on 19 October aged 85 years, whose funeral will be here on Wednesday 6 November at 10am.

<p><b>HOLY LAND APPEAL.</b> Next Sunday there will be a special appeal for the Holy Land Appeal, The money is sent to SCIAF who work with local organisations in the country.</p>
<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK:</b> Nan McKenna, Margaret Pyke, William Dunleavy, Grace Boyle, Tom McCormack, May Jamieson, Peter Pow, Veronica Cabrelli.</p>
<p><b>PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER:</b> Offertory income £4,976 Expenditure £3,931.</p>
<p><b>CHURCH HALL</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> 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 <a href="https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx">https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>SSVP</b> Archdiocesan Mass: Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate this year's annual SSVP Mass in our parish on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am. Following the service there will be a buffet with tea/coffee in the Q.M. Hall Thank you for your donations of £120.55p last week.</p>
<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Tuesday 5 November at 9.30am Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.</p>
<p><b>STALL</b> A Selection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries, Cribs.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> not available this week. Back on 13<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
<p><b>LADIES GROUP</b> Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Q.M. Hall, topic the "Linlithgow Munitonettes WW1 and WW2, guest speaker Kathryn Welsh. Tea/Coffee and a free raffle. All Welcome.</p>
<p><b>KNITTING FOR UKRAINE</b> Thank you again to all those knitting stump socks. We have had confirmation that the first box from Linlithgow has gone to Ukraine and two more boxes will be sent next week. The box for dropping off socks and any spare wool will continue to be available at the back of the church. Any questions please contact Patricia Russell 07980 017669 <a href="mailto:pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk">/pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>MARY'S MEALS– Foreign and out of date currency response.</b> Very many thanks to all who contributed so generously. The first batch has now been awarded with the wonderful sum of £185.17. This sum is credited to our school in Malawi. The second batch is due to be sent very soon. Jars in church porch available for anyone who wishes to fill with loose change.</p>
<p><b>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND MIDDLE EAST</b> 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</p>
<p><b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, <b><a href="mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk">DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</a></b></p>

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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:



**HOLY YEAR EVENT** The Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November. Includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at [bit.ly/holyyearevent](https://bit.ly/holyyearevent)

**FIGURALCHOR KÖLN** A choir from Cologne will give a free concert at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, Thursday 17 October at 7:00pm as part of its Scotland Tour 2024. Music by Bach, Bruckner, Rheinberger, Pärt and Giello. All welcome.

**BUY YOUR NEW MISSAL** From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their *translation* into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk), [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org), and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

**CHOOSE JESUS FOR YOUR CHILD** There are still spots available in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* programme in East Calder, Livingston and Rosyth. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* teaches children to pray, wonder, and work, all while growing their relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. Contact [brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk](mailto:brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk) for more details.

**PSALMS AND THE NEW LECTIONARY** From Advent 2024, a new translation of the psalms used in the liturgy at Mass will be introduced. Join Fr Adrian Porter SJ to explore the ancient literature of the psalms, their translation and use in Christian worship. This FREE workshop is for readers, cantors and anyone with an interest in the psalms. It takes place from 2:30-5:00pm on Saturday 26 October at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Register at [bit.ly/psalmsevent](https://bit.ly/psalmsevent)

**ZOOM SERIES ON NEW LECTIONARY** The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](https://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)

**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.

**ROMERO LECTURE 2024** 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 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. The event is to celebrate the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador.

**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, 11:00am to 3:00pm, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at [bit.ly/youthdaymargaret](https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret)

**CEILIDH BALL** The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball is 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 [bit.ly/edinburghceilidh](https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh) Queries: Fr Robert Taylor [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

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