



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday of the Year
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17th November 2024 Week 47

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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

Daniel 12: 1-13 *It is in the context of persecution, of distress, of the end of the world, that faith in the resurrection is affirmed.*

Psalm Response *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 *In the struggle against evil, the way has been won by Christ's victory on the cross; but battles still go on.*

Mark 11: 24-32 *When he entered human history, Jesus began the last times during which the whole of creation will be renewed and ready to receive him when he comes again.*

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Stephanie Free
Wednesday	10am	Special Intention
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	10am	Golden Wedding
Saturday	10am	William McGlinn
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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION Last Sunday for the SCIAF Holy Land Appeal was £478.61

SPECIAL COLLECTION Next Sunday for The Scottish Catholic Education Commission.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kitty McGill, who died on 14 November aged 85 years.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Iris Walker, Agnes Ward, Ian Russell, Robert Martin, Bunty Clelland, Jimmy Clelland, Mary Borst

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>.

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.

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER: Offertory income £4,611 plus £2,000 tax reclaim. Expenses £10,727, includes £3,918 insurance premium and £2,217 for plumbing and joinery repairs in the house.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 20th November after Mass Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

STALL A selection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, and cribs. The Catholic Herald Magazine is now available priced £5.00

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES not available on Wednesday 20th November, will be back on the 27th. All welcome.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 27th November at 7.30 pm church Hall. Please bring along a glass jar and lid for "Snow Globes" with Janet Sheppard. Tea, coffee and a free raffle. All are welcome to come along.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY Presents: "Simply the Nativity"
Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm and 6.30pm at St. Joseph's Primary School.
Tickets are FREE. Please contact the school office
(wlstjosephlin-ps@westlothian.org.uk or phone 01506 842578) to obtain a ticket.

KNITTING FOR UKRAINE We now have confirmation that the stump socks knitted by people in Linlithgow and neighbouring towns have arrived in Ukraine. A couple of photos have been sent of the delivery and are at the back of the church or see <https://stmichaels-rc.org.uk/stump-socks>. If you have any questions about this project contact Patricia Russell pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk 07980 017669

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:



VISIT OF LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1st December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS

Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

World Day for the Poor is on Sunday 17 November and Archbishop Cushley has nominated the Beit Afram Elderly Home in Palestine as the recipient of the Archdiocese's annual appeal. Your donation will help ensure that elderly Christians living amidst the violence of war and in need of care are not abandoned and that their costs to live with dignity are covered. To donate please visit bit.ly/dayforpoor2025, [or scan the QR code]. Find out more about the care home at www.lpj.org/en

SONGS OF THE POOR

Songs of the Poor and other stories of El Salvador is a book written by the late Tommy Greenan, a priest of the Archdiocese, and is available from various online retailers. As we mark World Day of the Poor today (Sunday 17 November), it is an inspiring and moving read of a young priest living and working among the poorest of the poor in a country torn apart by civil war.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

On 29 November, the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs as the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end-of life-care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP & MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

ADVENT ROSARY

The annual Archdiocesan Rosary takes place each Monday at 7:45pm through Advent, beginning on 2 December, Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

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 McMorris 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

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