



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe.**

**CYCLE B**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Week 48**

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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**

**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	Fr Gordon Brown
Wednesday	10am	Sinead McAlinney
Thursday	10am	Mgr Alistair Lawson
Friday	10am	Fr Billy Donnelly
Saturday	10am	Valerie Davis
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.***

**This Sunday is EDUCATION SUNDAY and there will be a special collection this Sunday for the Scottish Catholic Education Commission.**

<b>SATURDAY</b> is the Solemnity of St Andrew
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kitty McGill, who died on 14 November aged 86 years and whose funeral will be here on 10 December, and for Monsignor Alistair Lawson, who has also died.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK</b> Josie Aitken, Paul John Keane, Agnes Joyce, David Burns
<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.
<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> .
<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.
<b>PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER:</b> 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.
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Monday 2nd December after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.
<b>STALL</b> Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries, Gift Bags, Cribs available. Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5.00
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> after Mass. All welcome.
<b>LADIES CLUB</b> 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.
<b>ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY</b> 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.
<b>SSVP CHRISTMAS CONCERT:</b> Join us for a festive sing-a-long in the QM Hall from 2pm - 4pm on 7th December to support our Christmas Tree Appeal. Entertainment by Folksters Elaine&Izzy and also the St. Joseph's School Choir with tea/coffee/BYOB and home baking provided. Tickets are available after Masses from SSVP members and any home baking donations gratefully accepted!
<b>ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE</b> is on Sunday, 1st December at 6.30pm in St Michael's Kirk Hall. It is being led by St John's Church. All very welcome.
<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
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, <a href="mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk">DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</a>

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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:



### **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](http://bit.ly/diploma2025)

### **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](http://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 on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](http://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)

### **NATIVITY BLESSING**

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at Mound Place, Edinburgh, at 3:00pm on Sunday 1 December.

### **EXPLORE**

The Archdiocese is running EXPLORE for young women interested in finding out more about the religious life and exploring God's will. Includes talks, discussion, prayer and socialising. It takes place on the last Sunday of the month at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN: 26 Jan, 23 Feb, 30 Mar, 25 May. Includes a retreat: 4-7 April. To register, email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

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