



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday in Advent
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1st December 2024 Week 49

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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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 *An ancient prophecy declared that David's line would be restored. This prophecy of Jeremiah confirms it.*

Psalms: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *Paul's exhortation is for all of us: "we urge you...to make more and more progress in the kind of life you are meant to live."*

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 *Cosmic disasters and all kinds of disaster are going to come. But those who live in watchfulness and prayer have nothing to fear.*

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Donnelly family deceased
Wednesday	10am	Margaret Watson
Thursday	10am	Mgr Alistair Lawson
Friday	9.24am	School Mass
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 we begin to use the new lectionary (English Standard Version).

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY for the Scottish Catholic Education Commission was £317.10

MASS AT CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve 5 pm (Vigil);
8 pm (Carols from 7.30: Mass During the Night);
Christmas Day 10 am

FUNERAL MASSES for Kitty McGill on 10 December, 10 am, and for Maud McCartney 11 December 10 am.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Julie McWade, Mary Ellen McClean, Jean Conway, Kristel Schremp, Shonach Keery, Alec Bartley

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is cancelled on Sunday 8th December due to a shortage of available volunteers. The team that runs the Children's Liturgy are always looking for more volunteers to join their small and friendly group, so please speak to one of us or email Clare.Kilkerr@Staned.org.uk if you would be able to help out. Each session needs a leader (who prepares some discussion and an activity) and a backup person (to be present for safeguarding purposes, and to set up the room). This is a very rewarding role within the Church and an important one. Please consider offering your time if you can, to ensure we can continue to consistently provide this to the children of our Parish.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 2nd December after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

STALL Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries, Gift Bags, Cribs available. Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5.00

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE Tickets available at both Masses for the next 3 weeks. Tickets are £1 per strip.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass. This will be the last until the New Year.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 11th December. Christmas lunch at Linlithgow golf club, meet at 12.30 for 1 pm at the club. Remember your gift for the Secret Santa. The club closes for Christmas on the 11th of December and re-starts on Wednesday 15th January 2025. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

FINAL 50/50 DRAW for this year will be on 8 December after 9.15 am Mass in the hall

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 (wlstjosephlincs@westlothian.org.uk or phone 01506 842578) to obtain a ticket.

SSVP CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 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!

EMERALD HILL We have supported the Children's Home in Harare, Zimbabwe, run by Dominican sisters, for over ten years. Our contact there, Sr Mary Frances Curran, was at school with Nuala Lonie. Nuala will shortly be sending what we have collected this year to the Dominican mother-house in Bavaria. It will be taken to Zimbabwe when one of the sisters from Germany is making the journey. Thanks to all who have contributed. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas please text Nuala on 07442 163 983, or e-mail nclonie@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE is on Sunday, 1st December at 6.30pm in St Michael's Kirk Hall. Refreshments served from 6.15pm. It is being led by St John's Church. All very welcome.

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 1 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. The Mass will be livestreamed on the YouTube page of the Archdiocese.

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

ADVENT ROSARY

The annual Advent Rosary begins on Zoom this Monday (2 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Bishop John Keenan. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

ZOOM SERIES ON NEW LECTIONARY

This Sunday sees the introduction of the new Lectionary at Mass. The Archdiocese is hosting a series of talks on Zoom to take a closer at the translation. 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

NATIVITY BLESSING

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB ON Saturday 28 December. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents or just come along on the day.

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