



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

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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

**Isaiah 5:1-9.** *The Book of Isaiah contains three different prophets. This one dates from the Exile and urges the people to be faithful to God as they await salvation.*

**Psalm:** *What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

**Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11** *St Paul's prayer here is for all of us: "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment..."*

**Luke 21: 3:1-6** *John the Baptist begins his ministry of preparing the way for the coming of the Lord.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Francie Meenan
Tuesday	10am	Kathleen McGill RIP
Wednesday	10am	Maud McCartney RIP
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	10am	Ian Lockhart
Saturday	10am	Teresa Condon
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.*

## MASS AT CHRISTMAS:

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

<b>MONDAY</b> is The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
<b>FUNERAL MASSES</b> for Kitty McGill on 10 December, 10 am, and for Maud McCartney 11 December 10 am.
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK</b> Alec Bartley, Francie Meenan, Margaret Meenan, Kevin Porter, Joan Ghent, Robert Ronaldson, Kathleen McCrystal
<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>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> 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.
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Tuesday 17th December 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs, Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.
<b>STALL</b> Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries, Gift Bags, Cribs available. Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5.00
<b>CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE</b> Tickets available at both Masses for the next 2 weeks. Tickets are £1 per strip. Proceeds to SCIAF.
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> will be back in the New Year.
<b>LADIES CLUB</b> 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.
<b>FINAL 50/50 DRAW</b> for this year will be on 8 December after 9.15 am Mass in the hall
<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 (wlstjosephlinps@westlothian.org.uk or phone 01506 842578) to obtain a ticket.
<b>SSVP COLLECTION</b> Thank you for your donations of £135 last week.
<b>SSVP DONATION:</b> Sunday 17th November was World Day of the Poor and our box collection proceeds of £175.49 from that day have been donated to Beit Afram Home for the Elderly in the Christian Palestinian village of Taybeh. Thank you for the continued support.
<b>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING</b> - will be held in the Queen Margaret Hall on Saturday 25th January to raise funds for our sponsored school. There will be a box at the back of the church in January for raffle/tombola donations.
<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, <b>DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</b>

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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:



### **MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR**

Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va) for more details about this special year.

**EXPLORE THE NEW LECTIONARY** Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm this Wednesday (11 Dec) on Zoom as he continues his series exploring the new Lectionary. Register at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](http://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent). Catch up on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh.

**ADVENT ROSARY** The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (9 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Fr Peter Shankland (St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk). Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/adventrosary](http://bit.ly/adventrosary)

### **THE DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS IS FILLING - REGISTER NOW**

Live your faith more integrally in 2025 through the Diploma in Catechetics. The course explores the fundamentals of Catholicism in an engaging manner. Beginning in January, it consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Non-Catholics welcome. Learn more and register at [bit.ly/diploma2025](http://bit.ly/diploma2025)

### **LOURDES CAROL SERVICE**

The annual Carol service organised by the Lourdes Hospitalité Committee takes place on Sunday 15 December 2024 at 3pm in St Margaret's Church, Davidsons Mains, Edinburgh. All welcome.

### **HELP AFTER ABORTION**

Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) helps anyone struggling after an abortion with counselling and supportive help. All services are provided confidentially, compassionately, without judgement and free of charge. Call the UK Helpline: 0345 603 8501, 7pm-10pm daily & 9am-5pm Mon-Fri or email [info@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@archtrust.org.uk)

### **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](http://bit.ly/prolifeevents) or just come along on the day.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND UPDATES**

See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&P network in the latest newsletter, available at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). Includes info as to how you can become involved and play your part.