



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

**3rd Sunday in Advent**  
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15th December 2024 Week 51

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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**

**Zephaniah 3: 14-18** *God will dwell in the midst of his people – a young victorious warrior dancing with joy.*

**Psalms Response** *Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

**Philippians 4: 4-7** *God's will for us is that we should be happy.*

**Luke 3: 10-18** *Love is founded on justice.*

**PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10am	Deceased of Bastable family
Wednesday	10am	Deceased of Pierotti/Tomolillo families
Thursday	10am	Moore McCartney RIP
Friday	10am	Kitty McGill
Saturday	10am	Canon John Urquhart
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

**FUNERAL MASSES** Moore McCartney on 19 December, 10am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Diane McWade who has died aged 67 as a result of a fall. Funeral on 31 December 10am.

<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK</b> Margaret Mary Watson, Ken Duffy, John Green, Agnes McWade, Tilly Lavin, Annie Reynolds, Freddy Comeford, Fr James Ferrari</p>
<p><b>PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER:</b> Offertory income £4,426. Expenses £24,652, which includes £19,826 Archdiocesan assessment, £1,026 for work on boundary wall and £880 kitchen decorating.</p>
<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Tuesday 17th December 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs, Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.</p>
<p><b>STALL</b> Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, Gift Bags, Cribs available. The Archdiocese of St. Andrews &amp; Edinburgh Directories on sale £3.00</p>
<p><b>CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE</b> This is the last Sunday to get your tickets. £1 per strip. Proceeds to SCIAF.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> will be back in the New Year.</p>
<p><b>50/50 CLUB</b> December winner are: Maureen Ramage £175, Winnie Colligan £50, Paul Watts £50, Cathy Donnelly £25, Evelyn Stell £15 and Susan McLean £15. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. £1,275 was raised this year. Subscriptions of £30 for the year will be collected in January. New members always welcome.</p>
<p><b>SSVP COLLECTION</b> Thank you for your donations of £211 last week.</p>
<p><b>SSVP CHRISTMAS CONCERT:</b> Many thanks to all who attended this festive sing-a-long and made it a huge success especially those who provided delicious home baking, St Joseph's choir and the Folksters. We raised £450.65 which will help us provide support to 21 families this Christmas. <b>THANK-YOU</b></p>
<p><b>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING</b> - will be held in the 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.</p>
<p><b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> All church volunteers are encouraged to follow online those online Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found  <a href="https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx">https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>ROSARY FOR LIFE at 5pm on Fridays.</b> The Alive Prolife group say the Rosary most Fridays in the church. We communicate using WhatsApp. Please email <a href="mailto:eddielove15@gmail.com">eddielove15@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk">Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk</a> and we'll add you to our group</p>
<p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b> - there is a registration form at the back of the church that can be filled in and handed to Canon Paul.</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>

**NEWSLETTER** – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, [DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk](mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk)

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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.

### **LOURDES 2025**

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>

### **MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE**

The Catholic Families for Life Newsletter is available to read online. Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

**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 (16 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Sr Mary Joseph who is based in Aberdeen Diocese. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/adventrosary](http://bit.ly/adventrosary)

### **DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS**

The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course 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). 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.

### **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.

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