



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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 60:1-6* Returning from exile the deported Jews are on their way back from Babylon to Jerusalem, which is now lit up by the temple candles. The prophet sees beyond this to the glory of God to which all nations will come.

*Psalm Response* All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.

*Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6* The mystery of God has been revealed in Christ.

*Matthew 2: 2-12* This story occurs only in Matthew. Whether legend or fact, Christ is revealed as Messiah for all peoples.

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	McCartney/Finlayson family intentions
Wednesday	10am	Karen Wilson
Thursday	10am	Phil Burke
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Bernard McGee
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.

**The Christmas season ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK** John Cairns, John Clark, Arthur McCrystal, Peter McCrystal, Esther Buchanan, Frances Torbett, Thomas Edward Love, Denise Tierney, James R. Allan, Ella McClennan, Bernard McGee, Stan Matassa, John Boyle, David Reeve.

**CONFIRMATION 2025.** Parents of children expecting to be confirmed in 2025 should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wednesday 8th January 10.30am Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer. If anyone else can manage to come as they are wanting to do a Spring Cleaning they would be most welcome.

**STALL** will be open this Sunday. Calendars, Diaries and The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh Directory - £3.00

**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES** Will be back on 22nd January. All welcome.

**SSVP COLLECTION** Thank you for your donations of £146 last week.

**MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING** - will be held in the Hall on Saturday 25th January to raise funds for our sponsored school. There is a box at the back of the church in January for raffle/tombola donations.

**EMERALD HILL:** Please take a copy from the porch of the Emerald Hill Christmas letter, just received from Sr Gabriel. It includes an account of a successful career by a former pupil brought up since age 4 in the Children's Home. I also have a formal receipt in Euros for the £1605 sent before Christmas from our parish. Please ask me if you would like a copy. Many thanks to all who contribute. Please keep doing so! And if you aren't a supporter yet...please think about becoming one in April when I collect for the current school year. Nuala Lonie (nclonie@gmail.com, 07442 163 983).

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** 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

<https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx>

**PARISH CHOIR** We are always happy to welcome new singers. Details on parish website, or just come up to the gallery after Mass

**ROSARY FOR LIFE at 5pm on Fridays.** The Alive Prolife group say the Rosary most Fridays in the church. We communicate using WhatsApp. Please email eddielove15@gmail.com or Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk and we'll add you to our group

**NEW PARISHIONERS** - there is a registration form at the back of the church that can be filled in and handed to Canon Paul.

**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](mailto:DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk)

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