



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of the Year

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19th January 2025

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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

Isaiah 62:1-5 The Lord forgives his unfaithful people,

Psalm Response Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the people

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 The Holy Spirit is the source of many gifts in the Church.

John 2:1-11 God's love is abundant and the life we are offered is abundant.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	May Murray
Wednesday	10am	Henry McMeechan
Thursday	10am	Tommy and Pearl Watson
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Trish Hughes
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.

SATURDAY is the Feast of The Conversion of St Paul.

Please pay for the repose of the soul of Mrs Jenny Cockburn, who has died aged 74 years, and whose funeral will be in Falkirk Crematorium on 29 January at 3.15pm.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Connie Payne, Pat Clifford, Peter Maguire, Henry McMeechan, Tommy Watson, William Murphy, Teresa Gargan, Nancy Lewis.

<p>CONFIRMATION 2025. Parents of children expecting to be confirmed in 2025 should contact Canon Paul now.</p>
<p>PARISH STATISTICS 2024: 4 Baptisms; 11 Confirmations; 10 First Communions; 2 weddings; 15 funerals.</p>
<p>PARISH ACCOUNTS Copies of the accounts for 2024 are in the porch. You will see that income exceeded expenditure by about £4000.</p>
<p>VALENTINES CONCERT: Love songs from the worlds of pop, folk and jazz will be performed by Kim Edgar in the Hall on Friday 14th February 2025 from 7 - 9 pm. Tickets £10 available from Theresa Edgar 01506 834 630 - treats included.</p>
<p>LOST KEY A Yale key, attached to an American silver half-dollar has been found in the Church grounds. Contact Deacon Douglas or Canon Paul for further details</p>
<p>CHURCH CLEANING Monday 20th January after Mass. Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti</p>
<p>STALL A few Calendars, The Archdiocese of St, Andrews & Edinburgh Directory - £3.00. If you have ordered the New Missal, it is available now priced £20 there maybe a few extra please ask at the stall if you are interested.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES back this Wednesday after Mass. All welcome.</p>
<p>LADIES CLUB Wednesday 29th January, Queen Margaret Hall at 7.30 pm, Burns night an evening of music, poems and entertainment. Teas, coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.</p>
<p>50/50 CLUB. Annual subscriptions of £30 will be collected after Masses on 19 and 26 January or see Ann Chirnside. Last year we collected £2,550, half of which was given out in prizes and half for charity. New member always very welcome.</p>
<p>SSVP COLLECTION Thank you for your donations of £120 last week.</p>
<p>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING - 10.30 am Saturday 25th January Q.M. Hall. There will be a box at the back of the church for raffle/tombola donations until Sunday 19 January. If you are able to help on the day or do home baking, please contact Angela on 07745509562 or angela.hughes@blueyonder.co.uk. The hall will be open from 9am on the day for home baking donations.</p>
<p>WAYSIDE WINTER APPEAL - MEN'S CLOTHES. Coats, Jackets, Fleeces, Jumpers, Shirts, Trousers, Joggers, Trainers, Shoes, Beanies, Gloves, Scarves. A box will be available at the back of the church or email Stephen Gallacher at Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk. The Wayside Club was established in 1932 to meet the needs of the homeless and those suffering from hardship, addiction to alcohol or gambling. It is operated by the Legion of Mary, a Catholic lay organisation and helpers from other religions and none.</p>
<p>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.astuteelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>NEWSLETTER – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</p>

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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:



RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN SCHOOLS

A Scottish Government consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on Religious Observance and Religious and Moral Education in all schools. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) has issued a guide on completing the consultation at bit.ly/reguide2025. Please complete the consultation before the consultation period ends on Sunday 26 January.

SYNODAL EVENT 2025

The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who will lead an event titled Conversations in the Spirit, to help guide us on how to lead and participate in parish Synodality. It takes place on Saturday 1 February at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 11am-3pm (optional Mass at 10am). Details and registration at bit.ly/inthespirit25

VALENTINE’S RETREAT FOR COUPLES

The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine’s mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday 15 February at St Kentigern’s Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David’s, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 2 February to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live and work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in attending this confidential healing retreat from 29 April to 4 May in Perth, please contact: margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org

LOURDES 2025

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

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