



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of the Year

CYCLE C

26th January 2025

Week 4

Canon Paul Kelly  
St Michael's Catholic Church,  
Blackness Rd., Linlithgow, EH49 7JA  
Tel: 01506 842145 Email: [frpaul.kelly@staned.org.uk](mailto:frpaul.kelly@staned.org.uk)  
SVPD 07596225937 / [ssvplgow@gmail.com](mailto:ssvplgow@gmail.com)

**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)

+

## Readings this Sunday

***Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10** As the word of God summoned and founded the first assembly in the desert, so the word summons the people again at the time of the restoration after the Exile.*

***Psalms Response** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

***1 Corinthians 12: 12-30** St. Paul develops his vision of the Church as the Body of Christ.*

***Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21** The passage combines the beginning of Luke's Gospel with the beginning of the account of Jesus' ministry.*

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Margaret Spence
Wednesday	10am	Neil Bradshaw
Thursday	10am	Ann Mulheron
Friday	10am	Ian Lockhart
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
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.*

Please pray 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.

<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> we celebrate the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
<b>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK</b> Florence McElroy, Catherine O'Donnell, Neil Bradshaw
<b>CONFIRMATION 2025.</b> Parents of children expecting to be confirmed in 2025 should contact Canon Paul now.
<b>PARISH STATISTICS 2024:</b> 4 Baptisms; 11 Confirmations; 10 First Communions; 2 weddings; 15 funerals.
<b>PARISH ACCOUNTS</b> Copies of the accounts for 2024 are in the porch. You will see that income exceeded expenditure by about £4000.
<b>VALENTINES CONCERT:</b> 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.
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Group 2 Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30 a.m. Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.
<b>STALL</b> The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh Directory on sale £3.00. A Few Calendars at half price. We are expecting more New Sunday Missals.
<b>WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES</b> after Mass. All Welcome.
<b>LADIES CLUB</b> 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.
<b>50/50 CLUB.</b> Annual subscriptions of £30 will be collected after Mass on 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 members always very welcome.
<b>SSVP COLLECTION</b> Thank you for your donations of £168 last week.
<b>ST PATRICK'S FAMILY NIGHT</b> Save the date: Back for its 3rd year, St Patrick's Family Night, Saturday 15th March, 7pm - 10pm in the hall. Traditional music and raffle, BYOB. Tickets at the door, after both masses on 2nd and 9th March or contact Catherine Finnegan on 07708929026. £10 per adult, U18 free. All proceeds to SSVP. Join us for some craic, bring an instrument or your singing voice and join in the session to celebrate St Patrick's Day.
<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>
<b>LOST KEY</b> 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
<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

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

*St. Michael's is a parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrew & Edinburgh*

*A Charity registered in Scotland Number SCO08540*

*Parish website [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk) Archdiocese website [www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com](http://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 is calling for parishioners to respond and reflect the viewpoint of the Church. Please complete the consultation by today's deadline (26 January) using the help guide with suggested responses at [bit.ly/reguide2025](http://bit.ly/reguide2025).

### 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](http://bit.ly/inthespirit25)

### 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

### HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) which takes place 28 July to 4 August 2025. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father. Limited single rooms available. Email [fr robert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:fr robert.taylor@staned.org.uk) by Sunday 2 February.

### RISE IN FAITH, LIVE IN HOPE

The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at [bit.ly/archyouth](http://bit.ly/archyouth)

### WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

If you are involved with Children's Liturgy in your parish, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on Saturday 22 February from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass. Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsJ5kL>.

### AFTERNOON 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](http://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.

### 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](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25)

*St. Michael's is a parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrew & Edinburgh  
A Charity registered in Scotland Number SCO08540  
Parish website [www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk)*