



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

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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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This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). Mass begins with the blessing of candles.

Readings this Sunday

Malachi 1:1-4 The Lord will enter his Temple and will purify his people.

Psalm: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

Hebrews: 2:14-18: Through being completely human, Jesus leads human beings to God.

Luke 2:22-40: The Lord enters his Temple as a child in the arms of his parents.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Irene Kennedy
Wednesday	10am	Billy Whyte
Thursday	10am	Peter and Francesca Miller
Friday	9.25m	School Mass
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.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK James Keogh, Ann Teresa Howie, Tony Harry, John McMeechan, Gertrude Doonan, Anna Adrian

CONFIRMATION 2025. Parents of children expecting to be confirmed in 2025 should contact Canon Paul now.
PARISH STATISTICS 2024: 4 Baptisms; 11 Confirmations; 10 First Communions; 2 weddings; 15 funerals.
PARISH ACCOUNTS Copies of the accounts for 2024 are in the porch. You will see that income exceeded expenditure by about £4000.
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.
CHURCH CLEANING Group 2 Tuesday 4 th Feb 9.30 a.m. Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.
STALL The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh Directory on sale £3.00. Calendars half price. There are 2 New Missals for sale £20.00.
WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass. Donations being split between Mary's Meals and SCIAF.
50/50 CLUB. Annual subscriptions of £30 will be collected after Mass on 2 nd and 9 th February or see Ann Chirside. Last year we collected £2,550, half of which was given out in prizes and half for charity. New members always very welcome.
SSVP COLLECTION Thank you for your donations of £107 last week.
MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day, donated prizes, baked or came along to support our Mary's Meals coffee morning. We raised £1207 which will go towards feeding children in our sponsored school in Malawi.
ST PATRICK'S FAMILY NIGHT 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.
ST PHILOMENA'S There will be a novena of First Fridays at St Philomena's in Winchburgh, starting 7 th Feb. Mass at 7pm, Confessions from 6:30pm, with readings from <i>Dilexit Nos</i> (Pope Francis's recent Letter on the Sacred Heart). As a reminder, the conditions for the Novena are: On nine consecutive first Fridays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Mass • Receive Holy Communion in a state of grace, with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus • Go to Confession 8 days before or after the first Friday The greatest promise attached to it is that we will be given the grace of final repentance.
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
WAYSIDE WINTER CLOTHES APPEAL The Wayside Club have written to Canon Paul to thank you for your generous response to their clothes appeal.
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

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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:



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ACN Scottish Catholic Conference, ‘Courage to Be Catholic’!
Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm Tickets can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> and ACN has launched an early bird offer until Monday 10 February offering tickets priced at £25 Concession and £30 general admission. Thereafter, £30 Concession and £35 general admission and tea/coffee and lunch will be included for all attendees. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) have launched tickets for one of the biggest events for Catholics in Scotland in 2025 – Courage to be Catholic Conference – which will feature dynamic speakers including a bishop from the Holy Land, a bishop from Nigeria and the head of Divine Renovation UK. ACN’s focus, for the first conference of its kind in Scotland, is to foster a spirit of collaboration amongst different Church organisations, agencies and charities, as well as encouraging the laity to live their faith boldly in today’s world and support one another in their faith journey as the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year of Hope. go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

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

WORLD DAY FOR MARRIAGE World Day for Marriage is on 9 February and we pray particularly for all married couples, that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from the diocesan marriage counsellor (marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

‘HOPE ETERNAL’ A concert of beautiful choral music by the Schola Cantorum On Monday 17 February at 7:30pm St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral’s celebrated Schola Cantorum will perform a hope-filled concert of choral music at Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh. All are welcome, and all proceeds will help to support the choir’s singing at Scots College Ordinations in Rome in May 2025. Tickets are £10 / £8 concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door: <https://tinyurl.com/hopeschola>

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 frrobert.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

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>.

ASSISTED PILGRIMS FOR LOURDES Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking Assisted Pilgrims to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

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

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