



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of the Year

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Week 8

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Public Mass on Sunday is at 9:15 am and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11 am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Readings this Sunday

1 Samuel 26:7-9,12-13,22-23 David shows mercy to Saul, who has become his enemy.

Psalms Response The Lord is Compassion and Love.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 We are destined to be re-created in the image of Jesus, the new Adam.

Luke 6: 27-38 We are to love all people, including enemies, as befits the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10.30am	Haydn Carr-Pollock RIP
Wednesday	10am	Frank Barrie
Thursday	10am	Philip Keane
Friday	10am	Alec Mulholland RIP
Saturday	10am	Jackie Forsyth
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

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Peter Thompson, Lawrence Murray, Bernard Hughes, Rosemarie Healey, John Sweeney

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Haydn Carr-Pollock** who died on 7 February aged 56years, whose funeral will take place here on 24 February at 10.30am (reception of remains on 23 February at 4pm)

Alex Mulholland, who died on 4 February aged 82 years, whose funeral will be here on 28 February

(reception of remains on 27 February at 5pm); and for **Sean Martin Ward**, who died on 17 February aged 57 years, and whose funeral will be here on Thursday, 6 March at 10am.

The entrance to the church grounds will be locked on the evenings of 23 and 27 of February and 5 March to preserve space for those attending the funerals next day.

SSVP COLLECTION Thank you for your donations of £162. 91p

STALL The Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5. We have a few New Sunday Missals priced £20.00. St Patrick Day Cards available.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES on Wednesday All Welcome. Money split between Mary's Meals and SCIAF.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 3rd March after Mass. Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs Matonti.

JANUARY ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,654 and expenditure £3,948.

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 or for large groups please email youth.office@staned.org.uk

REMEMBERING SERVICE Prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards. Open to all. Sunday 2 March 5pm, St. John The Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St. Ninian's Road, Edinburgh EH12 8AL

NATIONAL LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS online each Monday evening in Lent. Begins 7.45pm. Monday 10 March. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/Stations25

RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on Saturday 8 March at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/return2025

Healing after abortion A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Friday, 21 to Sunday 23 March. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. For more details, see www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

Ecumenical event A special ecumenical event titled *The role and importance of Interreligious Dialogue in Catholic Peacebuilding*, takes place at the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge on 7/8 March. The event is the annual Symposium of the Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue. All welcome. Details and registration: <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/symposium-2025/>

Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) 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 frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

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. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

PALM SUNDAY YOUTH DAY Let your children know about our day of games and inspiring talks at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH19 1BB Saturday 12 April from 11am-3pm Includes sessions for Primary School Pupils (8+) and sessions for High School Pupils. Register at bt.ly/youth psalm.

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>

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

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