



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of the Year

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9th February 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 6: 1-8 *This is the prophet's account of his call, in which he proclaims his unworthiness – a common cop out for those called to do something. He is told he will be made good enough.*

Psalm Response *In the presence of the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *St. Paul describes how the faith was passed on to him. It is by God's grace that he is an apostle.*

Luke 5:1-11 *"Put out into deep water" – this is what the Church must always be doing and what Pope Francis has been doing since he became Pope. Deep water is where the great catch of souls is to be found!*

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Haydn Carr Pollock
Wednesday	10am	Cecilia Dowling
Thursday	10am	Jenny Cockburn
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	Pearl and Tommy Watson
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 Una Keating, who died on 2 February aged 77 years, whose funeral will be here on 21 February; for Alex Mulholland, who died on 4 February aged 82 years, and whose funeral will be here on 28 February; and for Haydn Carr-Pollock, who died on 7 February aged 56 years.

PASTURES NEW The Archbishop has asked Deacon Douglas to be based at Winchburgh and Broxburn, where the demands are much greater than here (two parishes, two primary schools, one secondary school and the hospital) and where Douglas will have a greater range for his skills. Many thanks to Douglas for his service here, where we will still see him occasionally.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Elma Martin, Margaret Dunne, Maureen Scott, Helen McGeary, Jeannie Pow, Michael Clarkson, Michael MacDonald, Anne Mary McCulloch

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 Wednesday 19th February after Mass Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer

STALL The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh Directory on sale priced £3.00

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 9th February 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.

SSVP COLLECTION Thank you for your donations of £137 last week.

SSVP SETON SANDS CARAVAN: This year a one week holiday at the caravan park is available on the following dates: commencing 10th May; 24th May; 7th June; 21st June; 16th August; 30th August; 13th September. Anyone interested or perhaps knows someone who may be interested then please contact a SSVP member for further details.

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.

KNITTING AND CROCHET FOR UKRAINE

Thank you again to all those who have knitted stump socks. Stump socks are still needed but there is now a new drive to provide additional items suitable to the hot summers in Ukraine. This is particularly for babies and toddlers, and old people. The organising charity have also extended their list to include items other than knitted or crochet clothing. I have left copies of the list at the back of the church. Please have a look. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Russell 07980 017669/pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk

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@stanned.org.uk

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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:



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 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>

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

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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