



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE C

23rd March 2025 Week 12

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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

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Another stage in the history of salvation and one of the most notable passages in the Old Testament in which the sacred name of God is revealed to Moses – a name which indicates presence – God who is there.

Psalm Response The Lord is compassion and Love.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 St. Paul recalls the exodus, in which some of the Hebrews deserted God and died as a result. Christians, who have been baptised and followed Christ in the new exodus from death to life, must always be aware of the temptation of falling away.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ, You are the Word of God. Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you O Christ, You are the Word of God.

Luke 13: 1-9 The journey to life involves ongoing repentance – ongoing transformation by the grace of God. And God is patient with us like the man caring for the barren fig tree.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Fr. John Callaghan
Wednesday	10.00am	Rose Ann McGlenn
Thursday	10.00 am	Gilda Cabrelli RIP
Friday	10.00am	Derek Edgar
Saturday	10.00am	Cecilia Dowling
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

Please pray for Gilda Veronica Cabrelli, who died on 4 March aged 57 years, and whose funeral will be here on 27 March at 10am. Remains received into the church on Wednesday at 5pm.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK: Charlene Wallace, Mark Austin, Ellen Porter, Robert Old, James McMeechan, Derek Edgar, Mary Carstairs Donnelly, Agnes McGuire.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAY 6PM
ENDING WITH COMPLINE AT 6.50PM BOOKS FOR COMPLINE ON THE TABLE AT THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SATURDAY 9.30 am DURING LENT

LENTEN ALMS goes to the Archdiocese and then distributed to various charitable organisations supported by the Archdiocese. On the Sunday of Lent the Alms box will be at the exit from the church after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Latest resources for each Sunday can be found in the resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechections/>

READERS ROTA

23rd March 9.15 1st J. Lonie 2nd J. Campbell. 11.00am 1st P. Russell 2nd A. Hughes.

30th March 9.15 1st M. Moran 2nd R. Hendry 11.00am 1st S. Gallacher 2nd D. Boyle

STALL The Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5. New Edition. We have a few New Sunday Missals priced £20.00. Mother's Day Cards. Easter Cards Available.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass. Money split between Mary's Meals and SCIAF

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 2nd April after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE ON SATURDAY 29 MARCH 10.30am THIS WILL RESEMBLE THE FIRST CONFESSION SERVICE AND WILL BE ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS ADULTS.

MONSTRANCE Our Monstrance, which is over a hundred years old, has been sent away for repair and refurbishment. Meanwhile, we have a temporary replacement.

SSVP THANK YOU Last Saturday the St. Patrick's night celebration was a huge success. The SSVP are extremely grateful to the Finnegan family for, once again, organising the event, also to the parishioners who came along to enjoy the evening and, moreover, for their generosity in helping raise an incredible **£1606** for our conference! **THANK YOU.**

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. **AGM** followed by a **Cheese and Wine Evening.** We hope for a good turnout of members to give their support to the club for the next year

KNITTING FOR UKRAINE Thank you again to those who have knitted the latest batch of stump socks which I have passed on to be sent to the charity which arranges transport to Ukraine. There is now a good supply of stump socks and the charity has asked if people still willing to knit could change to knitting items for babies and children. I have left copies of the leaflet which lists the various items at the back of the Church. Please leave knitted items at the back of the church in the box or let me know if you would like me to pick them up. If you have any questions please contact Patricia Russell pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk/07980017669

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY On Sunday 30 March there will be a special collection at all parishes for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. Last year £38,000 was raised from this collection, £28,500 went to SCIAF and £9,500 went to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. With your kind donations Care Fund grants went to Bethany Care Trust (Homeless support), Ukraine Project (rehabilitation centre in Ukraine), Across (Pilgrimages for people with severe disabilities) and FAFCE (Promoting Family Life at the UN, EU and Council of Europe). We pray for all those involved in charities which help those in need in the Archdiocese and across the world, including the good work of SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity.

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.astutelearning.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**

St Michael's is a Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Charity No. SC008540

Notices from the Archdiocese

Holy Year Talks(image for Facebook Attached)

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next one is on Sunday 30 March at 4.30pm when Canon James Tracey discusses *Reconciliation – Forgiveness*. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. All Welcome.

Stations of the Cross Monday 24 March, 7.45pm with a reflection from John Deighan, CEO of SPUC. Join John and Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

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Young Adults' Holy Week event

The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday 12 April at St. Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH 9 1BB from 11.30am – 3.00pm. There will be talks from speakers including Fr. David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Recollect, pray and celebrate your Catholic faith. Register by emailing frobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Annual Mass The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2 April at St. Margaret's, East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB. Fr. Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.

'Courage to be Catholic' national conference.

This conference, hosted by Aid to the Church in Need, takes place on Saturday 29 March at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9.30am – 4.00pm. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

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

Lourdes 2025 The Archdiocesan pilgrimage flight for the summer Lourdes pilgrimage is fully booked but there is still the possibility to take part. Tangney Tours is reviewing options for pilgrim to join the pilgrimage. Please call **01732 886666** and let them know if you'd like to go.

SCHOLA CANTOUM The Schola Cantorum of St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral has recoded new audio tracks – the first professional recordings of the choir since 2020. Listen online for free at <http://tinyurl.com/scholalisten> and you can make an optional donation towards helping the choir sing at the Scots College Ordinations in Rome in May, when the singers will represent St. Mary's Cathedral and the Archdiocese.

Columba Trust: The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic Faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year **30 June 2025**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at <https://columbatrust.org.uk>

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7.15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please join us for this special occasion when we celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.

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 \[bt.ly/youth_psalms\]\(https://bt.ly/youth_psalms\).](#)