



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT      CYCLE C

30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025      Week 13

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

**LIVESTREAM: 11 am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

## Readings this Sunday

*Joshua 5:9-12 The chosen people begin to enter the Promised Land.*

*Psalm Response Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Christ brings forgiveness and reconciliation, and we are entrusted with this Good News.*

*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 15:1-3, 11-32 It has been said that, if this was the only part of the New Testament that we had, it would be enough.*

## **PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	9.15am	Mary Thomson
Wednesday	10.00am	Haydn Carr
Thursday	10.00 am	Gilda Cabrelli
Friday	10.00am	Alec Mulholland
Saturday	10.00am	Una Keating
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: John Richard Doyle, Rose Auchenclos, Mary Thomson, Owen Sweeney, Margaret McKay, Cecilia Liddell, Fredrick Adrian.*

**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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** Today for Papal & Episcopal Charities. **A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY** On 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.

**FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS** Offertory Income for the month £4,608. £10,379 of interest was received from the diocese. Expenses £3,804.

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

### READERS ROTA

**30<sup>th</sup> March 9.15** 1<sup>st</sup> M. Moran 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Hendry 11.00am 1<sup>st</sup> S. Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Boyle

**6<sup>th</sup> April 9.15** 1<sup>st</sup> K. Constable 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Moran 11.00am 1<sup>st</sup> J. Carlin 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Gallacher

**STALL** The Catholic Herald Magazine priced £5. New Edition. We have one New Sunday Missal priced £20.00. Easter Cards Available.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

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

**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](mailto:pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk)/07980017669

**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** This Monday (31 March,) 7.45pm Join Fr. Greg Murphy OP, from St. Joseph's Dundee, and Catholics from across Scotland praying for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register: [bit.ly/Stations25](https://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](mailto: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.

**'Laudato Si** To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Holy Father's encyclical *Laudato Si*, a Zoom meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 3 April to share plans for the year. It is your chance to contribute ideas and suggestions on how parishes can be supported. The meeting is coordinated by the Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the *Laudato Si* Movement. Visit [bit.ly/3RltKaB](https://bit.ly/3RltKaB)

**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](mailto: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 Trus 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 \[bt.ly/youth\\\_psalms\]\(https://bt.ly/youth\_psalms\).](#)