



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY CYCLE C

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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

*Isaiah 50: 4-7 The third son of the Suffering Servant, who is the faithful servant of God.*

*Psalm Response My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*

*Philippians 2: 6-11 An ancient hymn quoted by St. Paul.*

*Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ, You are the Word of God. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and have him the name which above all other names. Glory to you O Christ, You are the Word of God.*

*Luke 22:14-23:56 Luke's account of the Passion stresses the human greatness, the non-violence, the generous spirit and the forgiveness and filial abandonment of the Son of God.*

## **PALMS ARE BLESSED BEFORE BOTH MASSES**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST. NINIAN'S CRAIGMAILEN, THIS SUNDAY AT 6.30pm**

**CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL TUESDAY 7PM**

**ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEDNESDAY HERE AT 7PM**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Una Keating</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Maria Green</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Gerry Henry</b>

*Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses.*

*Anniversaries: Mary Anne Prior, Gerry Henry.*

**THE TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by process to the altar of repose in the hall. Compline at 9pm**

<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Polish blessing of food.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

<b>9.15am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sick of the Parish.</b>

### **READERS ROTA**

**PALM SUNDAY 9.15am** 1<sup>st</sup> Raymond Hendry 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Moran short reading of the Passion by Canon Paul  
**11.00am** 1<sup>st</sup> Jennie Bann 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Gormley Narrator (Passion) Sarah Ryan Other voices (Passion) Eddie Love and Stevie Gallacher.

**HOLY THURSDAY 7pm Mass** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Angela Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Workman.

**GOOD FRIDAY 3pm** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sarah Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Lonie Narrator (Passion) Ann Chirside Other voices (Passion) Stevie Gallacher and Eddie Love.

**EASTER VIGIL** 1<sup>st</sup> Paudric Osborne (Genesis 1:26-31) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Chirside (Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18) 3<sup>rd</sup> Psalmist (Exodus 14:15-115:1) Epistle: Patricia Macaulay (Romans 6:3-11)

**EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am** 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Moran 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Hendry **11am** 1<sup>st</sup> Stevie Gallacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Love.

**SSVP COLLECTION** Thank you for your donations £129.14p. **Stall** closed Easter Sunday.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Mrs. Lonie, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti

**LADIES CLUB Wednesday 23 April at 7.30pm in St. Margaret's Hall.** – Interchurch Evening. Our guest is Eileen Lawders with Ukelele music. Tea/coffee and a free raffle. Donations of Home Baking appreciated. All welcome for a musical evening.

**LADIES CLUB SUMMER OUTING** will be on Tuesday, 27 May 2025. We are going for a jaunt on the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway, then going for afternoon tea at the Richmond Park Hotel need to be in Bo'ness by 2pm Cost is £30. Any ladies wanting to come along please contact Ann on 07446294432

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

**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***

**Celebration of Fr. Tommy Greenan.** The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm (**Please note corrected date**) Speakers will share their memories of Fr. Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

**Chrism Mass** The Mass of Chrism in the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week (15 April) at St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7.00pm. At this Solemn Mass Archbishop Cushley will bless the Oils to be used in parish celebrations of the Sacraments for the year ahead, while priests renew the promises made at ordination. All are welcome as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

**Parent Forum** The next Archdiocesan Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 23 April at 7 p.m. This meeting **will now be online**, and all Parent Council Chairpersons and Parish Representatives are invited. If you haven't received an invite or confirmed your attendance, please email [melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk](mailto:melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk)

**Assisted Suicide** The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please visit [carenotkilling.uk/petition](http://carenotkilling.uk/petition) to sign the petition and email your MP in a few simple clicks.

**Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh** SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 16 April at 11 am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10.am in Sacred Heart Church on Laurieston Street. Register at [bit.ly/proliferosary25](http://bit.ly/proliferosary25)

**Stations of the Cross** Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Bishop Frank Dougan of the Diocese of Galloway. This Monday (14 April) at 7.45pm Register: [bit.ly/stations25](http://bit.ly/stations25)

**Fundraising Concert** A performance of Pergolesi Stabat Mater by Genevieve Evans and Emma Hocking takes place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7.30pm on Monday 14 April. Entry is free with retiring donations to support the Schola Cantorum's singing in Rome in May 2025

**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 \[bt.ly/youth psalm\]\(http://bt.ly/youth psalm\).](#)