



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

Week 33

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**Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am**

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

## **Readings this Sunday**

*Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10* The prophet suffers because people do not like his message.

*Psalms Response* Lord, make haste to help me

*Hebrews 12: 1-4* Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our faith

**Gospel:** *Luke 12:49-53* The message of Jesus is creative, challenging and divisive.

**SUNDAY MASS AT 9.15 AND 11 RESUMES TODAY**

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

Monday	9.15am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	Mary Henry and family deceased
Thursday	10.00am	Jim Casey
Friday	10.00am	Joseph Pham
Saturday	10.00am	Special Intention
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Sick of the Parish

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

***Anniversaries: Maurice Batten, Annie Cook, Nicholas Watson***

**THIS SUNDAY RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE SCHOOL RETREAT AT  
ST. KENTIGERN'S**

**CHOIR practices resume Tuesday 26 August at 7pm in the Church. New members welcome, especially Sopranos.**

*An elderly parishioner, living up in Deanburn, is enquiring about the possibility of a lift to Sunday Mass. If you can help, contact Canon Paul*

## **READERS ROTA**

17<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Byrne 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirstie Constable 11.00 1<sup>st</sup> Angela Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> Stevie Gallacher  
24<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am 1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Gormley 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Workman 11.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bann 2<sup>nd</sup> Danny Boyle

**SSVP** Collection last Sunday was £137.10p Thank You.

Additionally, thank-you to the Casey family for the collection of £400.29p at the Funeral Mass last week which has been kindly donated to our conference.

**STALL** has a variety of cards and other gifts. The stall will be available at both Masses.  
**WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES CLOSED WILL BE BACK 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** weekend for those bereaved through divorce, separation or widowhood, 26-28 Sept. Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. Contact Maggie on 01329 751677 or email [beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com)

**CHURCH CLEANING** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August after Mass. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lonie, Mrs McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

**THE DIVINE OFFICE** This is the official Prayer of the Church, also known as *The Liturgy of the Hours*, since parts of allocated to different times of the day. It consists of psalms, Scripture and other readings, hymns and prayers. The psalms would have been the prayers of Jesus in his life on earth; and now, the Church joins with Jesus as her head in prayer to the Father. The Divine Office is prayed by clergy and religious, and lay people are also encouraged to join in this Prayer of the Church. In this parish, we try to do this at Easter and during Saturday morning Mass.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** that the Gospel reading at Mass always begins with the words, "At that time", even though these words are not there in the Gospel original? This constitutes a link with the old Tridentine Roman Latin, Missal, which also incorporated the Mass readings, and where the Gospel also began with "In illo tempore." By drawing attention to "that" time, the words also implicitly point to "this" time, where the same Lord continues to speak to us.

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

**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***

**Carlo Acutis relics.** The relics of Carlo Acutis visit the Archdiocese from 13-15 September 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church! Schedule: Sat. 13 Sept. 6pm Vigil Mass (Cathedral open until 8.00pm for veneration), Sun. 14 Sept – Midday Mass; Mon. 15 Sept. 12-45pm Mass for Schools.

**Altar Servers' Day** The Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers is on Saturday 13 September 2025, 11.00am – 3.00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. This year we will be in the presence of a saint – the relics of Carlo Acutis will be there! This is a day of faith, formation and fun, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register with Fr. Paul Kelly.

**Season of Creation Conference** The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to its National Season of Creation Conference on Saturday 6 September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10.00am – 3.00pm. Special guest is Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Registration and details at [www.bcos.org.uk/scc25](http://www.bcos.org.uk/scc25)

**Catholic Conversations for Women** Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those desirous of faith-focused discussion all warmly welcome to this event. It takes place at St. Andrew's Parish rooms, 77 Belford Rd, EH14 3DS, on Saturday 30 August, 3.45pm-4.45pm. Optional Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380

**National Pilgrimage to Whithorn** The National Pilgrimage to Whithorn in honour of St. Ninian will take place on Sunday 31 August. Mass at St. Ninian's Cave will be celebration at 4.00pm by Bishop Frank Dougan. Event information is in the news section at <https://rcdg.org.uk/>

**Venerable Margaret Sinclair** The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21 September from 12.30 – 6.00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. Holy Hour 3.00 -4.00pm. Reflection 4.30pm. Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.

**National Pilgrimage to Carfin.** The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 7 September at 3.00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for Catholics in Scotland to come together to celebrate.

**Study Catholic Theology in Edinburgh** Registration is now open for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St. Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh. Details at [bit.ly/catholictheology](http://bit.ly/catholictheology). Queries: [stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk)