



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

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Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 66: 18-21 The prophet looks forward to a time of universal salvation.

Psalm Response Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News.

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Jthe Lord corrects and trains the ones he has chosen.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 Entering the kingdom of God involves struggle.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Janice Morrison
Wednesday	10.00am	Chris Arkaah
Thursday	10.00am	Jim Casey
Friday	10.00am	Joseph Pham
Saturday	10.00am	Maeve Logan
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: Eddie Green, Jack Healy.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION FOR THE SCHOOL RETREAT AT
ST. KENTIGERN'S REALISED £800.**

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

READERS ROTA

24th August 9.15am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Mary Workman 11.00am 1st Jenny Bann 2nd Danny Boyle

31st August 9.15 am 1st Mike Moran 2nd Simon Constable 11.am 1st Eddie Love 2nd Margaret Robertson

STALL has a variety of Cards, Rosaries and Laminated Prayer Cards including Pope Leo X1V

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES BACK THIS WEEK AFTER MASS

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

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 2nd September 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED *North Korean defector to share his remarkable story of survival, courage, and hope, Wednesday 10th September, St. Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston, 7pm-9pm. Free event. Reserve your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV>. For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470.*

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.

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.

Holy Year Talk – Dysart Carmel A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4.30pm at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. Next one is Sunday 31 August. All Welcome.

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

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 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/>

National Youth Pilgrimage to Perth This takes place on Saturday 20 September meeting at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, at 12.30pm. A full day of activities includes historic site visits, talks and Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. If you wish to join fellow pilgrims (18+) from the Archdiocese travelling by train to Perth from Stirling, Falkirk and Edinburgh please contact Sr. Isabelle Dufaux FSO at youth.office@staned.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. Queries: stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk

Peace with Creation. The national Care of Creation Office has organised a series of Zoom sessions with the theme *Peace with Creation*, 7.00pm – 9.00pm each Thursday, beginning on 4 September. Each week features a guest speaker. Register at <https://forms.gle/JXUWYtJjjid1zeqSO9>

Fife Pilgrim Way Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims on the Fife Pilgrim Way over six stages each Saturday, beginning 20 August. Meet at 11.00am at the Fife Pilgrim Way information board, Battery Rd. North Queensferry, walking to St. Margaret's Dunfermline. A great way to mark the Jubilee Year. No registration required. Queries to Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com