



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

Exodus 17:8-13 As long as Moses persisted in prayer. Israel had the advantage.

Psalms Response Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 As a pastor, an essential part of Timothy's resources is knowledge of Scripture.

Luke 18:1-8 If an unjust judge can give in to persistent pleas, how much more so will God answer prayers. Perhaps in this story, the unjust judge represents us and God is seeking justice from us.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Madge Gillespie
Wednesday	10.00am	Maureen Boyle
Thursday	10.00am	Murray/Henry family deceased
Friday	10.00am	Special Intention
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 Masses.

**THIS SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIO-SCOTLAND.
NEXT SUNDAY IS CENSUS SUNDAY IN SCOTLAND WHEN A COUNT OF THOSE ATTENDING MASS IS TAKEN UP.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Butler, who died on 14 October aged 61 years, and whose funeral will be here on 29 October 10.30am
Anniversaries: Peter Cabrelli, Tom McDaid, Bryan Kelly, Peter Boyle, Elsie McAulay, Charlie Porter, Bridget Keogh.

SEPTEMBER ACCOUNTS. Offertory income £5,192. Expenses £31,737, including £19,461 for diocesan assessments, £5,176 for electricity (SSE didn't collect DDs for 12 months) and £1,152 for church painting. This month there was a loss of £25,322.

READERS

19th Oct. 9.15am 1st Karri Byrne 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Tricia Macaulay 2nd Sarah Ryan
26th Oct. 9.15am 1st Mary Workman 2nd Simon Constable 11am 1st Margaret Robertson 2nd Tricia Macaulay.

STALL has a variety of Cards and Gifts. Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars Diaries. We also have Christmas Cards from SSVP and The Carmelite Order Gaelic Christmas Cards and Gifts.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES After Mass. All Welcome.

SSVP The collection last Sunday was £68.07p Thank You.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 29th Oct. there is a Funeral Mass at 10.30am if you can let me know what you would be doing. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

FIRST CONFESSION will be on 7 March 2026 10.30am Parents of children NOT at St. Joseph's, who are expecting to make their first Confession in 2026 and First Communion in 2027 should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION will be on 4 June, 2026 7pm Parents of children NOT at St. Joseph's, who are expecting to be confirmed next year, should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT to Nunraw Abbey DATES Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December into Sunday returning after morning Mass at the Abbey £45 on each of the 2 nights inclusive of breakfast. We will cook our own dinner. Contact Stevie Gallacher Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk to indicate your interest and obtain further details.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Please come along on Saturday 8th November 10.00 – 12.00 to support this good cause. Home baking very much needed (please mark anything that contains nuts) and can be handed into the hall from 9.00 on Saturday 8th November. Donations for Raffle & Tombola also gratefully received (box at back of the church). Tickets on sale after Mass £5 per adult and £1 per school age child.

LADIES CLUB On Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm, Glen Miller from 'Cycling without Age' will tell us about the work of the organisation providing Trishaw rides for any age dealing with mobility challenges, loneliness or isolation especially among elderly members of our community. All Welcome.

KNITTING FOR UKRAINE Thank you for the donations of wool and knitting for Ukraine. There is more wool now available at the back of the church. Leaflets advising on items needed are also there. The focus is on knitted, crochet and sewing items for babies and children and old people but there is also a list of other items that can be donated. Information about the charity can be found at newforestforukraine.org. If you can help please leave items in the box or contact me to arrange a pick-up Patricia Russell 07980017669/prrussell@blueyonder.co.uk

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

Vacancy The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is for a period of one year for maternity cover. Full job description at bit.ly/archadmin1. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Friday 24 October 2025.

Dana and Friends: 'Stories of Faith, Hope and Love' Join acclaimed Irish singer Dana for an evening of music and testimony at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh. She will be joined by two other women whose Catholic faith has shaped their lives, former BBC Journalist Martina Purdy, and former barrister Elaine Kelly. The evening is free and will begin at 6.30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary, followed by music from Dana and testimony at 7.30pm. Reserve your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/Dana-and-Friends-17Oct25>

Special Collection Next Sunday there will be a special collection for World Day of Prayer for the Missions (Mission Sunday). The theme this year is *Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*, and Bolivia is the focus country for projects being supported by Missio Scotland. Archbishop Cushley, Bishop President for Missio Scotland, asks us to pray for the missions and to give what you can, saying: "We should support Missio because it is doing what the Lord asks us to do – the Lord sends out his apostles and disciples and that means you and me by extension. There is part of all of us that ought to have a missionary spirit, that ought to have a missionary heart." Donations can be made online at missioscotland.com/donate.

The Calix Society The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics who meet to grow in their relationship with God through prayer and meditation (Alcoholics Anonymous' 11th Step). It welcomes anyone who wishes to join in prayer and fellowship. Meetings are on Tuesdays 7.00-8.00pm, starting 21 October at St. Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1TQ. For more information visit www.calixsociety.org

Catholic Conversations for Women Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those who are desirous of faith-focused discussion are welcome to this event on Saturday, 25 October, 3.45pm-4.45pm in the St. Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd. EH4 3DS). All welcome to join for Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm in the convent with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. To register, email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380

Venerable Margaret Sinclair event Commemorate the centenary of the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair on Saturday 22 November 2025 by meeting at her former grave in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh at 9.00am to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a walk to her tomb at St. Patrick's in the Cowgate. Benediction at 12.15pm followed by Holy Mass at 12.30pm. A centenary Mass will be offered at the Sacred Heart Altar, in St. Patrick's on Monday 24 November at 5.45pm

TALK FOR YOUNG ADULTS St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh welcomes Bishop Brian McGee (Argyll & The Isles) on Tuesday 21 October for a talk titled 'The Global Family' Cathedral Buildings, 63 York Place, EH1 3JD at 7.30pm. Each session concludes with Night Prayer and the chance to socialise at a nearby pub. All those aged 18-40 welcome.

Concert The University of Santo Tomas Singers, from Manila in the Philippines, perform at St. Teresa of Lisieux Church, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, at 4.00pm on Sunday 2 November 2025. Free entry (donations welcome).

National Family Conference The inaugural National Family Conference takes place on Saturday 25th October 2025, from 10.00am to 5.00pm at St. Bride's Hall, Coursington Road, Motherwell. Featuring keynote speaker Christ Stefanick (live from the USA), the event celebrates marriage and family life with talks, prayer, and community. Register with Vemarriage@staned.org.uk, indicating your parish.

Safeguarding event The National Safeguarding Conference takes place at the University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre on Saturday 8 November at 10.00am. For more details and to register visit <http://bit.ly/41ZwirY>

Interfaith event The Edinburgh Interfaith Key Note Lecture & AGM 2025 takes place in Edinburgh City Chambers, EH1 1YJ, on Tuesday 28 October at 5.30pm. The key note speaker is Adrian Cristea and the topic is 'Seeds of Peace & Hope' Register at bit.ly/46tSk1A

Newman Association talk A talk titled *May Spirituality help in mental ill-health?* With Anthony Kramers, drawing on experiences of spiritual care in L'Arche communities and in healthcare, Monday 10 November, 7.15pm-8.30pm at Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ. All welcome. Suggested donation £5.