



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

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16th NOVEMBER 2025

Week 46

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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

Malachi 3:19-20 *The Day of the Lord came when Jesus came. It will come again when he is revealed at the end of time. Evil will be exposed and the faithful will be healed.*

Psalms *The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness..*

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 *Some Thessalonians, in expectation of the Lord's imminent coming, had given up work and sat round all day. St. Paul reminds them that the way to prepare for the Lord's coming is to get on with what we are supposed to be doing.*

Luke 21: 5-19 *Catastrophic happenings are not to be seen too quickly as signs that the world is ending. The fact that a world disappearing – as the ancient world disappeared – is not the end of the world.*

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Angela Butler
Wednesday	10am	Isabella Watson
Thursday	10am	James Young
Friday	10am	Special Intention
Saturday	10am	William McGlinn
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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY FOR THE POOR, WHICH WILL GO TO ST. CATHERINE MERCY CENTRE, LAURISTON, EDINBURGH. AMOUNTED TO £528.82p

THIS SUNDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK. SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 23 NOV. FOR THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

Anniversaries: William Byrne, Thomas McGaughan, Iris Walker, Agnes Ward, Ian Russell, Maud McCartney, Robert Martin, Buntly Clelland, James Clelland, Mary Borst.

OCTOBER ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,840. Expenses £7,437 Exceptional cost of £4,529 for property insurance premium.

READERS

16th Nov. 9.15am 1st Jim Campbell 2nd Mary Workman 11am 1st Patricia Russell 2nd Cathy Vickers Morton

23rd Nov. 9.15am 1st Kirstie Constable 2nd Mike Moran 11am 1st Stephen Gallacher 2nd Margaret Robertson.

STALL Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES not available.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 25th Nov. 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

FIRST CONFESSION will be on **7 March 2026 10.30am** Meeting for parents in the hall on **Wednesday 19th November 6pm.**

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** 2 nights, Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December into Sunday returning after morning Mass at the Abbey. **ACCOMMODATION** Modern, comfortable accommodation. **PRICE** £45 on each of the 2 nights inclusive of breakfast. We will cook our own dinner. **CONTACT** Give you spiritual life a boost and join us – email Stevie Gallacher using **Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk** to indicate your interest and obtain further details.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The SSVP garden project cultivates the raised beds on the disused tennis courts in the church grounds in order to provide vegetables to the West Lothian Foodbank. Along with our project partners e.g. Grow Wild Organics, Linlithgow allotments, St. Joseph's Primary, Linlithgow Primary Nursery and individual donors, we also collect and deliver excess produce to the Foodbank Depot at Bathgate. The project involves parishioners and members of the general Linlithgow community in these activities. This year we have provided **988.1Kgs** of fresh Veg which is **2,352** meal equivalents.

A huge **thank you** to all involved, including those who contribute to our end of Mass collections, so that along with the regular tinned food and household items donated by the SSVP (currently worth £490 this year) represents a huge achievement and testimony to the parish's generosity.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported the **Parish MacMillan** coffee morning in any way. The magnificent sum of £2433.70 was raised to support this good cause and MacMillan are delighted.

LADIES CLUB On **Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm** Sally Douglas from First Steps will be speaking about the work of this charity. All welcome

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Linlithgow Golf Club is on **Wednesday 10th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm** All monies due to be paid by 26th November.

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. SCOO8540

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Support and Property Administrator The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a permanent full-time Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at bit.ly/archjobdetails. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

MONDAY: How to use AI to speak up for the vulnerable This beginner level webinar will show you how to use AI tools to find key pro-life points and express them naturally in your own tone of voice – helping you write to politicians with clarity and confidence. Monday 17 November 7.45pm on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/prolifeai

Diploma in Catechetics – register now Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7.30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Be quick places limited to 100. Cost £220. Registration and details at bit.ly/diploma2026

ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE Every Monday in Advent at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is short reflection from a guest speaker Deacon David Harper (1 Dec. Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-spruce (8 Dec. March for Life UK), Fr. Jamie McMorris (15 Dec. St. Margaret's Edinburgh) and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec.) All are warmly invited to take part. Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Victory: A day to explore the gift of confession. Join the Archdiocese on Saturday 23 November 10am-3.45pm at St. Patrick's, 30 Low Craigends, Kilsyth, G65 0PF. Includes talks, testimony, and an opportunity for Confession. Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/return2025

Red Wednesday at Cathedral Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 November at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to pray for Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. William More from Aid to the Church in Need will speak at the Mass.

Mass for Young Adults Archbishop Cushley invited Young Adults across the Archdiocese for Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November at 7.00pm in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

Catholic Conversations for Women All women are welcome to this event on Saturday 29 November, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St. Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd. Edinburgh EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion. Holy Hour with Adoration & Vespers from 5.10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 338

Dignity Not Detention Solidarity Gathering Join Justice & Peace Scotland to call for *Dignity Not Detention* and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. It takes place at Dungavel IRC, Strathaven, ML10 6RF on Sunday 30 November at 1.00pm

Prisoners' Week 2025 Prisoners Week runs from 16 to 23 November and a launch service takes place at 3.00pm on Sunday 16 November at Letham St. Mark's, Rannoch Road, Letham PH1 2HH. More at prisonersweek.org.uk

Crichton Lecture 2025 Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music at Westminster, will be speaking on *Music in the Benedictine Tradition* in this year's Crichton Lecture from the Society of St. Gregory. Saturday 22 November at 11.00am online. Free. All welcome. More at ssg.org.uk