



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

1st SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

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Week 48

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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 2:1-5 God's plan is for the salvation of all nations through the Jewish people.

Psalms Response Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Romans 13:11-14 As followers of Christ it is time to come out of the darkness to walk in the light.

Matthew 24:37-44 The offer of salvation requires a decision on our part. This is urgent because time is short.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Mary Cavanagh
Wednesday	10am	Rena Hanson
Thursday	10am	Nuala Lonie RIP
Friday	9.25am	School Mass
Saturday	10am	Ramage Family
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.

COLLECTION FOR THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE LAST SUNDAY
AMOUNTED TO £426.86p

**ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE this SUNDAY HERE AT
6.30PM. WHEN WE WILL BE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF OTHER
CHURCHES IN LINLITHGOW. This will take the form of
Evening Prayer.**

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Nuala Lonie, who has died aged 82 years, and whose funeral will be here on Thursday 4 Dec., 10am, her remains being received into the church on Wednesday 5pm.

Anniversaries: Diane McWade, Julie McWade, Mary Ellen McLean, Jim Conway, Kristel Schremp, Shonach Keery, Moore McCartney.

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

SSVP Folksters Christmas Singalong Concert: Saturday 13th December 1.30pm – 3.30pm in the QM Hall. Tickets £7 to include teas/coffee and entry to a prize hamper draw. Please support this afternoon of festive fun with all proceeds donated to the SSVP Christmas Tree Appeal. Tickets available from SSVP members after Masses.

READERS

30th Nov. 9.15am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Tom/Karri Byrne 11am 1st Tricia Macaulay 2nd Stephen Gallacher
7th Dec. 9.15am 1st Raymond Hendry 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Cathy Vickers Morton 2nd Jim Carlin.

STALL Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags

NO WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES will be back in the New Year. Thank you to all who support this.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 10th December after Mass. 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 school, should contact Canon Paul for preparation.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE Tickets £1 per strip. Proceeds to SCIAF.

LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Linlithgow Golf Club is on **Wednesday 10th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm**

Mass for the Solemnity of St. Andrew The Solemnity of St. Andrew, is on Monday 1 Dec. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12.45pm. You are encouraged to venerate the Apostle's relics at the National Shrine of St. Andrew in the Cathedral. At 7.00pm there is a Holy Hour with sung Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration.

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

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

Masses for the Solemnity of St. Andrew St. Mary's Cathedral on **Monday 1 December**, to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Andrew, our National Patron, whose feast day this year is transferred from 30 November (Sunday). The Apostle's relics are preserved in the National Shrine of St. Andrew at the Cathedral. Mass will be at 10.00am, and with Archbishop Cushley at 12.45pm. Public veneration of the relics follows both Masses. At 7.00pm there is a Holy Hour with sung Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration.

Crib Collection Our annual parish crib collection will be donated to the Infant Welfare Centre in Jerusalem, run by the Greek Catholic Annunciation Society. It is a non-political Catholic Charity and your donation will include support for its nursery at this difficult time in the Holy Land.

Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris is offering a fully-funded trip to Lourdes for serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers. It takes place from 25-30 May 2026 and includes travel, accommodation and meals. Contact john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org 07986 723015

Order of Malta Ball Early Bird tickets are available for the Order of Malta Charity Ball to be held on 25 April 2026 at Prestonfield House in Edinburgh. Join Archbishop Cushley to raise funds for important projects in the Holy Land and across Scotland. More details at www.orderofmaltaball.com

EXPLORE The Archdiocese is running a series of monthly EXPLORE meetings for young women interested in finding out more about the religious life and exploring God's will. Includes talks, discussion, prayer and socialising. It takes place on the last Sunday of the month at St. Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh EH9 1SN on 25 Jan, 22 Feb 29 Mar. 26 April and 10 May. To register, email Sr. Mirjam Hugens FSO religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

ADVENT EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday: Nativity Blessing & Carol Concert Archbishop Cushley joins religious leaders from across the city of Edinburgh for this annual event at Assembly Hall Courtyard on Mound Place, Edinburgh, before a Blessing of the Nativity Scene on The Mound backed by music from the Salvation Army Band, Sunday 30 November 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday: SCIAF Advent Carol Service An Advent Carol Service, in partnership with SCIAF, takes place at Sacred Heart Church, 38 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh on the First Sunday of Advent (30 November) at 4.00pm. Readings and carols sung by the Edinburgh Jesuit Church Schola Cantorum.

1/8/15/22 DEC ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE Begins this 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 McMorrin (15 Dec. St. Margaret's Edinburgh) and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec.) Register at bit.ly/rosary25

4/11/18 DEC Rorate Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral The beautiful Rorate Masses begin the first week of Advent. The Mass is lit only by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. 7.00pm on Thursday 4 December (Celebrated by Archbishop Cushley); 7.00pm on Thursday 11 and 18 December; 7.00pm on Monday 22 December.

6/7 DEC: Advent Retreat Saturday 6 December 10.00am – 7.00pm & Sunday 8 December 3.00pm-5.30pm St. Margaret Mary's Church, Boswall Parkway, Granton, Edinburgh H5 2JQ. Led by Fr. Bart Parys, SVD. All welcome, including families and individual worshippers. Registration is essential. Visit retreat.light-lifescotland.org.uk

6 DEC: Advent Walking Retreat Saturday 6 Dec. offering the chance to walk, talk and meditate on the coming of Christmas. The walk starts in Culross in Fife (birthplace of St. Mungo) and finishes at the National Shrine of St. Margaret, Dunfermline. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration with Benediction followed by 5.30pm Mass. To register for this free event and for times place email Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com

7 DEC. Christmas Carol Service Organised by the Archdiocesan Lourdes Committee. St. Margaret's Church, Davidson's Main, Edinburgh EH4 5AD. Sunday 7 December at 3.00pm

17 DEC: Stella Maris Carol Service Join Archbishop Cushley for an evening of carols, readings and celebration, followed by refreshments, Wednesday 17 December: 7pm Carol Service , 8pm Reception, St. Mary's Star of the Sea, 108 Constitution Street, Leith EDINBURGH EH6 6AW. Please RSVP by Friday 5 December to info@stellamarismail.org or call 020 7901 1931