



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7th DECEMBER 2025

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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 11:1-10 This is one of the great Messianic prophecies. The "root of Jesse" refers to a descendant of King David, who will be the Messiah. Jesse was the father of King David.

Psalms In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Romans 15:4-9 God's plan is that the Jews should lead all peoples to God.

Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Nuala Lonie
Wednesday	10am	Francie Meenan
Thursday	10am	Joseph Pham
Friday	10am	Maureen McGarty
Saturday	10am	Joan Moran
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.

MONDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, WEDNESDAY, 6-7pm THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION DURING EXPOSITION.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Hardy-McKee (Torphichen), who died suddenly on 28 November aged 54 and whose funeral will be at some time in January.

Anniversaries: Alec Bartley, Catherine Cook, Francie Meenan, Kevin Porter, Margaret Meenan, Joan Ghent, Robert Ronalson, Kathleen McCrystal.

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 or **PAY AT THE DOOR.**

SSVP Collection last Sunday was £134.77p Thank You.

READERS

7th Dec. 9.15am 1st Raymond Hendry 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Cathy Vickers Morton 2nd Jim Carlin.
14th Dec. 9.15am 1st Mary Workman 2nd Kirstie Constable 11am 1st Angela Hughes 2nd Derek Green

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

50/50 draw for December will take place today, 7 December in the hall after 9.15am Mass.

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** Please remember to bring your Secret Santa gift to the value of around £5.

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

Vacancy St. Marty's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Facilities Manager. A full job description is available at stmaryscathedral.co.uk. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@stmaryscathedral.co.uk by Wednesday 10 December 2025. Salary £30-£32k

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

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

Catholic Families for Life The latest Catholic Families for Life Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is now available at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

ADVENT EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE Continues this Monday at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflection from Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (March for Life UK). Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Rorate Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral The candlelit Rorate Masses continue at 7.00pm on Thursday 11 and 18 December, and Monday 22nd December.

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 to info@stellamarismail.org