



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th 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 35:1-6,10 Written at the time of the Exile the prophet reminds the people that God rebuilds his kingdom repeatedly.

Psalms Response Come, Lord, and save us.

James 5:7-10 Be Patient! There is a lot in Christian life about waiting – waiting for the Lord to come and heal us. Advent is a time of waiting.

Matthew 11: 2-11 John the Baptist now wonders whether Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus can be recognised by what he does – heals the sick, gives new life and proclaims good news to the poor.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Nuala Lonie
Wednesday	10am	Tomolillo/Pierotti family dec.
Thursday	10am	Ian Lockhart
Friday	10am	Angela Butler
Saturday	10am	Sheila McDonald
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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, WEDNESDAY, 6-7pm THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION DURING EXPOSITION. COMPLINE AT 6.55pm

CHRISTMAS MASS: CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM AND 7.30PM (PRECEDED BY CAROLS FOR 30 MINUTES)

CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Hardy-McKee (Torphicen), who died suddenly on 28 November aged 54 and whose funeral will be here on 22 December, 10.30am

Anniversaries: *Callum Stobie, Margaret Mary Watson, Ken Duffy, John Green, Agnes McWade.*

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

SSVP Collection last Sunday was £109.55p Thank You.

READERS

14th Dec.9.15am 1st Mary Workman 2nd Kirstie Constable 11am 1st Angela Hughes 2nd Derek Green
21st Dec.9.15am 1st Simon Constable 2nd Jim Lonie 11am 1st Margaret Robertson 2nd Tricia Macaulay

STALL Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries, Archdiocese Directory £3.00. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags

50/50 Draw December Prizewinners: £200 Robbie Hart, £50 Bridget McGee, £50 Jean McMeechan, £20 Vincent Green and £10 Evelyn Stell. *Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser which raised £1,320.*

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 22nd December after Mass Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

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. This is the last Sunday to purchase tickets. Proceeds to SCIAF.

CAKE AND CAROLS AT ST. JOSEPH'S St. Joseph's P.S. warmly invite parishioners to join us at the school on Friday 19th December from 11am to 12.30pm for some festive cheer, cake, and Carols, and the grand opening of our outdoor play equipment that you so generously supported.

ECUMENICAL PUB CAROL SINGING Monday 22nd December. *Meet at 6.30pm in Cross House, then we will sing in several pubs on the High Street.*

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

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 Fr. Jamie McMorris (St. Margaret's in Davidson Mains). 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

Justice & Peace Justice & Peace Scotland's latest newsletter is now available www.jandpscotland.org.uk. Read about the latest advocacy and actions on the situation in the Holy Land, at-home poverty and the disregard for human dignity in the UK's immigration detention practices.