



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 CYCLE A

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**Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am**

**LIVESTREAM: 11am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

## **Readings this Sunday**

**Isaiah 49:3,5-6** One of the "Suffering Servant Songs" of the prophet Isaiah, describing a Messiah who would accomplish God's will through suffering.

**Psalms Response** Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3** Paul Begins his letter by claiming his authority as an apostle "appointed by God."

**John 1: 29-34** In recognising Jesus as the lamb of God, John sees Jesus as the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah.

## **PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Monday	10 .00 am	John David Reeve
Wednesday	10.00 am	Thomas Watson
Thursday	10.00am	Henry McMeechan
Friday	10.00 am	Rosie McDonagh RIP
Saturday	10.00am	Margaret Spence
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.*

***Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosie McDonagh, who died on 5 February aged 77 years and whose funeral will be here on 23 January at 10am her body being received into the Church on 22 January at 5pm.***

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Hodge, James Joseph Prior, Connie Payne, Pat Clifford, Peter Maguire, Henry McMeechan, Thomas Watson.

## **READERS**

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.15am Mary Workman 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Hendry 11am 1<sup>st</sup> Tricia Macaulay 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Love.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.15am 1<sup>st</sup> Raymond Hendry 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Workman 11am 1<sup>st</sup> Angela Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Vickers Morton

**MARY'S MEALS.** We have raised a total of £4,746.79p this year for our sponsored school in Malawi. The next event will be a coffee morning in the church hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a box at the back of the church for donations of raffle/tombola prizes from the beginning of January.

**DECEMBER ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £7,362 Expenditure £5,005.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be held **THIS Sunday** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at St. Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the Service. All Welcome.

**STALL** Diaries, Calendars, Catholic Herald Magazine on sale £5. Archdiocese Directory £3.00. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags also Birthday Gift Bags.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 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**

**LADIES CLUB** resumes after Christmas Break on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. There is a Mass at 7pm followed by the meeting. The guest for the evening is Beekeeper Paul Amatiler. Tea/coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.

**50/50 CLUB** Subscriptions of £30 for 2026 will be collected after Masses today and the next two Sundays in the hall. Half of the money collected goes to Charity and half is used for prizes. New members very welcome.

**Please keep a note in your diary Canon Paul celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Come and join us in the celebrations in the hall at 12 noon. To help with the catering numbers please get a ticket from Ann or Catherine if you are going to join us in the Q.M. Hall.**

**RAFFLE HAMPER PLUS** Tickets will be on sale from today.

**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**

