



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 42: 1-4,6-7** Tonne of the servant songs of the prophet Isaiah, this is a portrait of the messiah to come.

**Psalms Response** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38** Peter recalls the major events of the life of Jesus, beginning with his anointing by the Spirit at his baptism by John the Baptist. Peter is speaking to a gentile who is the equal of any member of the chosen people.

**Matthew 3:13-17** In identifying himself with those being baptised by John, Jesus identifies himself with all human beings so that he can become like him.

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10 .00 am</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; Bridie McGuire</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Angela Biondi</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Nuala Lonie</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Joseph Pham</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Canon T. Hendry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sick of the Parish</b>

*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 SCOTTISH BISHOPS PEACE AND JUSTICE WORK was £350. 98p**

***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.***

**NOVEMBER ACCOUNTS** Offertory income £4,546. (NB.30 November collection not through bank until December). Expenses £7,930, includes £1,368 for new computer.

**Anniversaries:** James Allan, Ella McLennon, Stan Matassa, John Boyle, Hugh McKenna, Mary Ellen McCabe, Frances Farmer, Jenny Cockburn, James Swan.

#### **READERS**

11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.15am Tom/Karri Byrne 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Campbell 11am 1<sup>st</sup> Derek Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Russell  
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.

**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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at St. Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church at 6.30pm. 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** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs Workman, Mrs C. Wilson, Mrs Gormley

**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.

**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**

**Job Vacancy** The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at [bit.ly/adminarchdiocese](https://bit.ly/adminarchdiocese). To apply please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Friday 23 January 2026.

**Diploma in Catechetics** This course is run by the Archdiocese and begins on Thursday 22 January at 7.30pm on Zoom. Cost £220. Register at [bit.ly/diploma2026](https://bit.ly/diploma2026)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

**Justice & Peace** Justice & Peace Scotland's latest newsletter is now available [www.jandpscotland.org.uk](http://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.

**Catholic Conversations for Women** All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy at Alma on Saturday 31 January, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd. Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion on preparing for Lent. A Holy Hour will follow with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.