



# St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4<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 60:1-6** *The context here is the return to Jerusalem after the Exile. The prophet looks forward to a time when all nations will see the glory of the Lord in the holy city.*

**Psalm Response** *All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

**Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6** *The Lord no longer dwells in a holy city or privileged place but in the hearts of believers.*

**Matthew 2:1-12** *St. Th story of the wise men occurs only in Matthew. This is the most Jewish of all the Gospels and in recounting this story of pagans coming to Christ. Matthew emphasises the God of Israel is also the God of the gentiles.*

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

Monday	10 .00 am	Nuala Lonie
Wednesday	10.00 am	Angela Butler
Thursday	10.00am	McLaren Family
Friday	10.00 am	William Lavery
Saturday	10.00am	Bernard McGee
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.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE SCOTTISH BISHOPS PEACE AND JUSTICE WORK.**

**Anniversaries: Samuel Easton, Eddie Walsh, Frances Gray Tomordy, Arthur McCrystal, Frances Torbett, Thomas Edward Love, Peter McCrystal, Denise Tierney, Bernard McGee, Esther Buchanan.**

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

**READERS**

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

**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.

**SSVP** Collection last Sunday was £132.65p Thank You.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING** Tuesday 6<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.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATION** Parents of children due to make their first Holy Communion this year are invited to a meeting in the hall on Wednesday 7 January 6pm. And parents of children due to be confirmed this year are invited to a meeting in the hall at 6.30pm.

**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**