



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th FEBRUARY 2026

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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

*Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 Following the Lord's Commandments is the way to life.
Disregarding them is the way to death.*

Psalm Response Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10 The wisdom of God cannot be contained in the philosophy of
the present age.*

*Matthew 5: 17-37 Jesus, the new Moses, goes beyond the letter of the Law to reveal its
true meaning.*

**WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from
meat. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.**

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday	10.00am	Haydn Carr
Wednesday	7.00pm	Fr. Jim Myers
Thursday	9.15am	John, Mary & Brendan Quigley
Friday	10.00am	Frank Barrie
Saturday	10.00am	Basil Salt
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.*

*The funeral Mass for the late Alison Hastie will be on Monday 23 February, 11am, her
body being received into the church on Sunday 22 February at 4pm. The family have
asked that the actual internment be private.*

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY is a Day of Prayer for those who have been abused.

Anniversaries: George McIlroy, Pearl Watson, David Nicol, Kenneth Green, Nuala Dyer, Mary Shelton, Sean Ward, James Lavin, John Kemp Cairns.

READERS

15th Feb. 9.15am 1st Kirstie/Simon Constable 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Angela Hughes 2nd Margaret Robertson.

22nd Feb. 9.15am 1st Mary Workman, 2nd Kirstie/Simon Constable 11am 1st Jenny Bann 2nd Stephen Gallacher

2025 ACCOUNTS Copies of a summary of accounts are available at the back of the church.

SSVP The collection last Sunday was £159.70p Thank You.

STALL . Archdiocese Directory £3.00. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags also Birthday Gift Bags.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 24th February at 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Gormley.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES on 25th February after Mass. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday 14th March for St. Patrick's Irish music night 7-9.30pm. Please join us for an evening of music and craic, singers and performers welcome to take the stage. BYOB, all proceeds to SSVP. Tickets on sale from mid-February.

MARY'S MEALS Coffee Morning – Many thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning. We raised a fantastic total of £1497.75 which will go towards our sponsored school in Malawi.

Please keep a note in your diary Canon Paul celebrates his 80th Birthday, on Saturday 28th 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 Hall. The last Sunday for giving names is 15th February.

THERE IS A BOX FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS AT THE STALL ON SUNDAY OR DURING THE WEEK YOU CAN GIVE TO ANN OR CATHERINE TO HELP WITH THE CATERING ETC.

RAFFLE HAMPER DONATED HAMPER VOUCHER FOR AFTERNOON TEA Tickets £1 per strip. Draw will take place next Sunday 22nd February after first Mass.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 25th Feb. at 7.30pm Guest visitors are L&J Anderson, a talk on Chinese New Year celebrations, Firehorse year. Please wear something bright (red) colours and blingy jewellery, also bring 2 big oranges each! Tea/Coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood 27-29 March, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. Contact Louise before 13 March at 07786687633 or beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com

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

Catechists for Special Needs SPRED (Special Religious Development) groups need more catechists! Your role will be share the Lord with adults with special needs at fortnightly term-time meetings. Catechists are trained by the Archdiocese and meet fortnightly for preparatory sessions. Interested? Contact Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk to serve.

SPRED: Sacramental Prep& Faith Formation for Children and Adults with Special Needs. Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk

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

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.

Remembering Service A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St. Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL

Stations of the Cross The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent. The first one is on Monday 23 February at 7.45om and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Leo. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

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