



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th 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

Isaiah 58: 6-10 Having returned from the Exile, the people are told to create a community of justice and sharing

Psalms Response A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Paul did not couch his teaching in philosophical arguments but only in what he has experienced himself.

Matthew 5: 13-16 The Lord pays us a great compliment in this passage. We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. That is what we are and what we are called to be.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Joseph Pham
Wednesday	10.00am	Billy Whyte
Thursday	10.00am	Greta Reilly
Friday	10.00am	Peter and Francesca Miller
Saturday	10.00am	Daniel Burns
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 Alison Hastie, who has died aged 67 years and whose funeral will be here at a date yet to be finalised.

Anniversaries: Elma Martin, Margaret Dunne, Maureen Scott, Helen McGeary, Michael MacDonald.

READERS

8th Feb. 9.15am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Mike Moran 11am 1st Margaret Robertson 2nd Derek Green.
15th Feb. 9.15am 1st Kirstie/Simon Constable 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Angela Hughes 2nd Margaret Robertson.

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

JANUARY 2026 ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,947, Expenditure £9,820, including payment for a stair lift to the organ gallery £5,942.

FR. MICHAEL McGOVERN The gravestone in Linlithgow Old Cemetery of the late Fr. McGovern, parish priest of this parish who died in 1980, has fallen into disrepair and become potentially dangerous. It will be repaired at a cost of £1,800, which will be paid by the parish.

SSVP The collection last Sunday was £136.47p Thank You.

STALL Calendars ½ price, Catholic Herald Magazine on sale £5. Archdiocese Directory £3.00. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags also Birthday Gift Bags.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 9th February after Mass Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES on 11th and 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.

WALK/HOLY HOUR/CURRY: Friday 13 February. 2pm Local Walk begins, 5pm Holy Hour for Life, 6.15pm Curry in Dehli Winter. Contact Stevie Gallacher on Stephengallac@gmail.com for further details.

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 TO HELP WITH THE CATERING ETC.

RAFFLE HAMPER DONATED HAMPER VOUCHER FOR AFTERNOON TEA Tickets £1 per strip. Draw will take place on 25th February at Wednesday Tea/Coffees. All welcome.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 11 February 7.30pm church Hall is our annual Film Night. Coffee/teas and choc ices will be served and the usual raffle. All welcome.

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