



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY

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Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am

All the readings remind us that we are closer to the saving waters of Baptism.

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 This is one of the four "Suffering Servant Songs" of Isaiah, which describes a mysterious servant of God. We hear the fourth song on Good Friday. Jesus identified himself with this Suffering Servant

Psalm Response My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

Philippians 2:6-11 St. Paul here quotes an ancient Christian hymn.

Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The shorter version will be used at the 9.15am Mass. In the days and weeks ahead, there will be a lot of readings from John's Gospel, where the opponents of Jesus are described simply at "The Jews." This sounds antisemitic to our ears. But Jesus was a Jew and never stopped being Jewish. The apostles and early disciples were Jewish. The author of John's Gospel was Jewish and known to the High Priest. What was going on was a debate within Judaism between Jews who accepted Jesus and those who did not. The real enemies of Jesus were those belonging to the priestly religious establishment in Jerusalem. "The Jews" were most likely Jewish leaders opposed to Jesus.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday	Mass 10.am	Rosie McDonagh
Tuesday	Mass 10.am	Special Intention
Wednesday	Mass 10.am	Nuala Lonie
Wednesday	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
Holy Thursday	7pm Mass of the Last Supper	Alison Hastie
	(procession to the altar of repose: Compline 9pm)	
Good Friday	Morning Prayer	10am
Good Friday	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3pm
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10am
Holy Saturday	Blessing of Food (Swieconka)	10.15 am
Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil	7.30pm Alison Hastie

Sunday 9.15am People of the Parish 11am Sick of the Parish.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.

Our Ecumenical Service for Holy Week will be Stations of the Cross, to be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 at 7pm. There will be refreshments in the hall following the service. All most welcome

READERS

29th Mar. 9.15am 1st Jim Lonie 2nd Mary Workman. 11am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Tricia Macaulay
Passion Narrator: Ann Chirside. Passion Voices: Steve & Rory Gallacher

Holy Thursday 7pm 1st Mary Workman 2nd Mike Moran

Good Friday 1st Tom Byrne 2nd Caroline Gormley Passion Narrator: Sarah Ryan Passion Voices: Steve & Rory Gallacher

Easter Vigil 7.30pm Tom Byrne, Mike Moran, Bill Reeve, Sarah Ryan, Ann Chirside.

Easter Sunday 9.15am 1s Raymond Hendry 2nd Mary Workman **11am** 1st Jim Carlin 2nd Steve Gallacher.

STALL .will be closed on Easter Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 7 April 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES WILL BE BACK ON 22nd APRIL.

SSVP The collection last week was £200.60p. Thank You.

Furthermore we were delighted to receive a £100 donation from the Ladies Club and also a huge thanks to the Finnegan Family and all who supported the St. Patrick's evening raising £732 for our conference!

THE GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2026/27 are available for collection at the back of the Church. If there are any changes to your details, eg address, tax status please let Ann know. If any other UK taxpayer would like to make their offertory donation through the Gift Aid Scheme please see Ann Chirside (07446294432)

A shortened performance (1 hour) of Handel's Messiah will take place today, 29 March at 7pm in St. Michael's Church of Scotland. More than 140 musicians and choristers from the Linlithgow community are taking part. It is being performed in honour of the late Alison Hastie, our former organist and musical director. There will be a retiral collection for one of Alison's favoured charities.

Anniversaries: John Richard Doyle, Rose Auchenclos, Mary Thomson, Owen Sweeney, Cecilia Liddell.

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.

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