



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8th MARCH 2026

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Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am

Readings this Sunday

Exodus 17:3-7 *The Journey through the desert is an important stage in salvation history. The Lord provides water from the rock for the thirsty people. The water will become a symbol of faith.*

Psalm *O that today you would listen to his voice Harden not your hearts.*

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 *Faith is based on love – the love that God pours into our hearts – and hope is based on faith. Faith establishes our relationship with God.*

John 4: 5-42 *The story illustrates how faith comes in stages. It is awoken by some meeting or event. Then it becomes a personal encounter with the Saviour, who in the end is recognised as such. The result is the transformation of the human person.*

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Andrew McGhee RIP
Wednesday	10-00am	Mary Topping
Thursday	10.00am	Nuala Lonie
Friday	10.00 am	Rosie McDonagh
Saturday	10.00am	Nicky Lamara
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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY 5.30 – 7PM During this time there will be the opportunity to go to Confession, Compline (Night Prayer of the Church) at 6.50pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, SATURDAY 9.30am

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR PAPAL AND EPISCOPAL CHARITIES (MOSTLY SCIAF)

Please pray for the soul of Andrew McGhee, who has died aged 83 and whose funeral will be here on 9 March, 10.00am and of Mrs. Terry White, a former member of the parish who has died and whose funeral will be in Edinburgh at St Mark's, Oxfgangs, on Tuesday 10 March, 10am.

Anniversaries: Helen Kizcun, Peter Lamont, Irene Scott, Gerald Griffin, Robert McWade, Robert McNulty.

READERS

8th Mar. 9.15am 1st Mary Workman 2nd Raymond Hendry 11am 1st Tricia Macaulay 2nd Jim Carlin
15th Mar. 9.15am 1st Raymond Hendry 2nd Mike Moran 11 am 1st Patricia Russell 2nd Danny Boyle

2025 ACCOUNTS Copies of a summary of accounts are available in the porch.

STALL . St. Patrick's Day Cards and Easter Cards available. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 11 March after Mass. Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES available 11th and 25th March After Mass. All Welcome.

St. Patrick's Music night 14th March, 7-10pm Tickets will be on sale at both Sunday Masses from this Sunday to 8th March, £10 for adults, free U18. Or pay at the door Come join us for a night of Irish music and dancing. BYOB and raffle. Cash only. All proceeds to SSVP

ASSISTED SUICIDE FINAL VOTE This is your last chance to stop assisted suicide in Scotland. Please help us to protect vulnerable people. Email your MSPs today – visit carenotkilling.scot and enter your postcode.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm Our guest is J. O'Dwyer from the Foodbank Garden Project. Tea/Coffee and a free raffle. All Welcome.

50/50 CLUB The first draw will be **TODAY AFTER 9.15am Mass in the Hall.**

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

Many thanks for a wonderful day last Saturday and all your good wishes, gifts and cards. Does wonders for the morale! – Canon Paul

