



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20th SEPTEMBER 2026

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Public Masses Sunday 9.15am and 11.00am

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 55:6-9 God is always ready to forgive.

Psalms Response The Lord is close to all who call him.

Philippians 1:20-24 St. Paul is already looking forward to eternal life.

Matthew 20:1-16 We are reminded of the text of Isaiah in the first reading that God's ways are now our ways. God loves all people equally and that love is always a gift, not something earned or an entitlement.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	10.00am	James Murphy
Wednesday	7.00pm	Ladies Club
Thursday	10.00am	Fr. Dan Hart
Friday	10.00am	Mary Watson
Saturday	10.00am	Kath Levy
Sunday	9.15am	Parish
	11.00am	Sick of the Parish.

Mass on Sunday is always for the parish and the sick of the parish. Weekdays are for private intentions.

Anniversaries: Mary Moriarty, Annie Gordon, Thomas Harnby, Neil Hanlon.

READERS

20th Sept. 9.15am 1st Jim Campbell 2nd Raymond Hendry 11am 1st Stevie Gallacher 2nd Derek Green
27th Sept. 9.15am 1st Jim Lonie 2nd Tom Byrne 11am 1st Patricia Russell 2nd Angela Hughes

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 22nd Sept 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Gormley. As you can see we are short of cleaners if you can help **male or female** please put your name and what day you prefer on the sheet at the back of the Church.

August Expenses Offertory Income £5,092, Expenses £3,241.

St Michael's is a Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Charity No. SC008540

SSVP Collection last Sunday raised £114.15p Thank You.

STALL Has a selection of cards for all occasions, Sunday Missal, Rosary Beads and Crucifixes. We have children's books for Mass and for the Rosary.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES We will be back 30th Sept. after Mass. All welcome.

THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL On **Thursday 24 September 6.30pm** in the **St. Margaret Hall**. Dr. Geoffrey Stell, a distinguished architectural historian, will give a talk on how the church and the original St. Joseph's School were built. Dr. Stell has carried out a great deal of research on this subject. **All welcome.**

On Saturday 26th Conducted tour of St. Michael's R.C. Church, by Geoffrey Stell.

Assemble outside the church at 2.30pm tour finishes about 4.00pm

LADIES CLUB– New Season 2026/27 New season starts on **Wednesday 23rd Sept. at 7pm** for Mass and then to the hall for a Bijou evening. Why not join us for the evening, meeting with friends. The club meets twice a month, and we have a varied programme for the season. Copies of the programme will be available.

CHURCH CHOIR: ~The choir has now resumed practices on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the church. Following Cathy Vickers Morton's return to America, we are hoping to recruit at least one new soprano for the choir. The full choir sings on the last Sunday of every month with some additional services at Easter and on other special occasions. If you might be interest, there is a leaflet about the choir at the back of the church or get in touch with Patricia Russell 07980 017669 pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk Or speak to Canon Paul or any choir member after Mass.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Fairtrade fortnight runs from **September 21st to October 4th** and will focus on championing fair pay, supporting producers against climate change impacts, and securing sustainable futures for global farmers and workers. Our parish is an active member of the Linlithgow Fair Trade partnership. A list of local suppliers/products is available in the church porch and on the parish website along with stickers, badges and other materials that can be used to publicise the cause. Please look out for the Fair-Trade marquee and consider including Fair Trade items in your weekly, family shop. You can find out more on **Fairtrade.net**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE will hold a weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood on 16th - 18th October, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. Contact Maggie on 07786687631 or email 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.