



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18th OCTOBER 2026

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Public Masses Sunday 9.15am and 11.00am

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 *The pagan King Cyrus of Babylon is about to become the unwitting instrument of God in restoring the people of Israel to Jerusalem.*

Psalms *Give the Lord glory and power"*

1st Thessalonians 1:1-5 *This is the earliest written text in the New Testament dating ca AD 45 and gives us a unique insight into the faith of the first Christians.*

Matthew 22:15-21 *God is Lord of all creation. There is nowhere where the Lord is not Lord. Taxes belong to Caesar; but Caesar still belongs to God.*

THIS SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY WHEN THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIO-SCOTLAND.

This Sunday the prayers of the Mass will be taken from the Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples, with Eucharistic Prayer 1 for Masses for Special Occasions.

NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE AN ATTENDANCE CENSUS OF ALL THOSE ATTENDING MASS IN SCOT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	10.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	10.00am	Those suffering from war.
Friday	10.00am	Peace in the world.
Saturday	10.00am	Special Intention
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 reserved for private intentions.

Anniversaries: Peter Cabrelli, Tom McDaid, Catherine Gray, Bryan Kelly, Peter Boyle.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS There are a total of twelve Eucharistic Prayers. **Eucharistic Prayer 1** (also known as the Roman Canon) has been in use since at least the 6th century and tends to be used on big feasts, feasts of the apostles and early Roman martyrs. **Eucharistic Prayer 2**, inspired by the 5th century version of St. Hippolytus, is commonly used on weekdays. **Eucharistic Prayer 3** is commonly used on Sundays. **Eucharistic Prayer 4** is used for group Masses and Mass on weekdays. There are two **Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation** which are sometimes used in Lent; three **Eucharistic Prayers for Special Occasions** and three **Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with children** -that is when there are more children than adults present.

READERS 18th Oct. 9.15am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Kirsty/Simon Constable 11am 1st Eddie Love 2nd Stevie Gallacher. 25th Oct. 9.15am 1st Raymond Hendry 2nd Mike Moran 11am 1st Jonathan Moyes 2nd Linden Bi8cket.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION First Confession takes place on 7 March 2027, 10.30am and First Communion for children who have made their First Confession takes place on 22 May 2027, 10am. Parents of children, not at St. Joseph's School, who are expecting to make their first Confession in 2027, should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 26th October after Mass .Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti. **Please note change of date.**

September Expenses Offertory Income £5,619 , Expenses £2,791..

SSVP Last Sunday collection was £134.55p. Thank You.

STALL Has a selection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendar and Diaries.

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES Not available this week.

LADIES CLUB Next meeting on Wednesday 28th Oct. at 7.30pm in the, Hall. The speaker is Peppa McLean from Horse Riding for the Disabled R.D. ASSOC. Tea/Coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING please come along on Saturday 31st October 10.00 – 12.00 to support this good cause. Home baking very much needed (please mark anything that contains nuts) and can be handed into the hall from 9.00 on Saturday 31st October. Donations for Raffle & Tombola also gratefully received (box at back of the church). Tickets on sale after Mass. £5 per adult and £1 per school age child. **Please bring cash.**

WEST LOTHIAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP The next meeting of the Young Adults Group will take place on Monday 26 October, 7.30pm, in St. Mary's Church Hall, Bathgate. This will be a talk by Fr. Galbraith on: 'The Soul: the uniqueness of human beings'. It will be followed by night prayer of the Church in the side chapel. It is open to all Catholics around the age of 18-30. For any more information, contact office.stmarysbathgate@staned.org.uk

Children's Liturgy Latest resources for each Sunday can be found in the resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>

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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