

St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

34th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
CHRIST THE KING.

22nd NOVEMBER 2026 **CYCLE A**

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Public Masses Sunday 9.15am and 11.00am

Readings this Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 *The prophet gives hope to the people in Exile in Babylon – the Lord promises to gather his people to himself and will be their shepherd.*

Psalm Response *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 *Those who follow Christ follow him through death to life.*

Matthew 25: 31-46 Putting our faith into practice is feeding the hungry and caring for those in need.

Special Collection last Sunday was £472.13. These collections throughout the diocese will be sent to the Bethany Christian Trust.

Catholic Education Week begins this week. This Sunday there will be a special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Commission. A representative from Sinclair Academy will speak on Catholic education at the end of the 11am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	**10.00am**	**Special Intention**
Wednesday	**10.00am**	**David Vincent**
Thursday	**10.00am**	**Kath Levy**
Friday	**10.00am**	**Sick Person**
Saturday	**10.00am**	**Special Intention**
Sunday	**9.15am**	**People of the 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: Mary Borst, Julie Aitken, Paul John Keane, Agnes Joyce.

READERS 22nd Nov. 9.15am 1st Karrie Byrne 2nd Jim Lonie 11am 1st Maureen Ramage 2nd Derek Green 29th Nov 9.15am 1st Raymond Hendry 2nd Jim Campbell 11am 1st Linden Bicket 2nd Maureen Ramage

Christmas Carol Concert: Friday 4 December 7pm, St. Michael's RC Church. Come and enjoy festive singing in aid of Linlithgow Day Care Centre. Performances by St. Joseph's Primary school, Linlithgow Rugby Club Male Vice Choir and a group from Linlithgow Ladies choir. Tickets will be on sale after both Masses on Sunday 29th November or pay at the door. £5 per adult, children free.

CHURCH CLEANING Monday 30th Nov. after Mass Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matonti.

Linlithgow Churches Together Advent Carol Service will be held on 29th November at 6.30pm in St. Michael's Church of Scotland Hall Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

October Expenses of the Parish Offertory income £4,952. Expenses £7,669, includes £4,702 insurance Premium and £657 altar supplies.

LADIES CLUB Wednesday 25th Nov. Hall at 7.30pm The guest speaker is Alistair Ridland from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Teas/Coffee and a free raffle. All welcome.

STALL Has a selection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Diaries. We also have **Gaelic Christmas Cards.**
WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES after Mass.

GARDEN PROJECT AND FOODBANK The garden project grows fresh fruit and vegetables. It also collects spare garden produce from local schools and Linlithgow allotments - all delivered to local charities with about 90% going to the West Lothian Foodbank depot at Bathgate. Other charities include those providing food for the homeless in Edinburgh. We recently gave produce to Iranian asylum seekers. This year we delivered 683.5 kilos to charity - the equivalent of 1,627 meals to people in crisis.
Pre Christmas please consider donating food to the Foodbank. Look out for the ways to do this in your local supermarkets or go online for detail where you can also participate in the famous' Foodbank reverse advent calendar' @www.West Lothian.foodbank.org.uk
Finally, if you enjoy singing carols, then there is a "Christmas Carol Fundraiser" on Sunday 6th December @ Ladywell Baptist Church 6pm. Details https//tinyurl.com/wifb-carols

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

"After the First Reading follows the Responsorial Psalm, which is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word. The Responsorial Psalm should correspond to each reading and should usually be taken from the Lectionary. It is preferable for the Responsorial Psalm to be sung, at least as far as the people's response is concerned. Hence the psalmist, or cantor of the Psalm, sing the Psalm verses at the ambo or another suitable place, while the whole congregation sits and listens, normally taking part by means of the response, except when the Psalm is sung straight through, that is, without a response."
(*General Instruction on the Roman Missal, issued by the Holy See, 3rd Edition 2022)*

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.