



Parish of Our Lady & St. Bridget's, West Calder

Sunday 15th August 2021 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, a Charity registered in Scotland – number SC00854

TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	Liturgical Calendar
Saturday HMP 5.15pm	People of the parish Hanna & Paddy Size (Anniv)	
Sunday 10am	S Margaret & Francis Cosgrove (Anniv)	Assumption of the BVM
Monday 9.30am	Funeral: James Quinn	
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday 7pm	Special intention	
Thursday 9.30am	Margaret Brogan (RIP)	
Friday 9.30am	Alistair Fraser (RIP)	St. Bernard
Saturday HMP 5.15pm	People of the parish Michael & Bridget Whelan (Anniv)	St. Pius X
Sunday 10am	S Anne & Michael Toner (Anniv)	21 Sunday OT B

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass. Fr Marcin

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6.30pm every Wednesday.

Rosary – 15min before every first Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Chaplet to the Divine Mercy – 15min before Wednesday Mass.

Children's Newsletters for every Sunday available at the back of the church

Please be aware that Mass schedule especially for weekday Masses can be occasionally changed due to days off, funerals or other clergy commitments. Please always refer to the newsletter for up-to-date Mass times.

Today is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Second collection (additional box) will be taken for Holy Places.

Sanctuary lamp: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Please pray for the sick: Willie Gaughan, Elsie Burns, John Toner, Irene McFadden Jackie Flannagan, John & Elizabeth Cairney, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney. Jean O'Hagan. Martin Coyne, Irene Eardley, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels. Leo Barker, Anne MacKay, Bernard Kane

Please pray for recently deceased: James Quinn whose funeral Mass will be on Monday 9.30am and Robertina Burns whose family service at the graveyard will take place on Thursday. May they rest in peace.

Bonus ball winner – No 40 Flora Mullen

Last Sunday collection – £478.90 – (Not included: Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments)

Upcoming Events:

30 August 7pm – Parish Pastoral Council

NO BOOKING REQUIRED.

As more space is now available in the church as a trial at our church in West Calder we removed the need for advance booking asking parishioners to keep now the new 1M distance from other people who are not from your own family/household/ bubble. Church Hymn books can be now freely used and left in the church.

Please note that all other procedures we have in place will remain:

- Face coverings must still be worn inside church, unless exempt.
- Sanitiser should still be used.

Courses at Gillis Centre

Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for a of MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Webinar for clergy & parish finance committees

Funding for clergy retirement is the biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese. Clergy and members of parish finance committees are invited to a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31 August, hosted by the Archdiocese. The session will share the progress made, the challenges faced and options for parish based solutions. Here is the link to join on the night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884035553>

Synod

A synod of the bishops will take place in Rome in 2023. The Holy Father has asked for the synod's preparations to begin in local churches. It will begin with a period of consultation and discernment on Sunday 17 October this year. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM has been asked to be the Archdiocese's lead delegate in the national synodal process and will be assisted by Fr John Deighan (Lennoxton, Milton & Torrance). An announcement will be made soon on how that process will take shape in our Archdiocese.

St Mary's Cathedral choral album available online

After the successful launch of the 'With Angels and Archangels' CD last September, this debut album of the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh is now available on iTunes, Apple Music, Amazon Music and Spotify. Search the name of the album in the respective online service or follow the link at www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk

Safeguarding webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN).

The World Premiere (Edinburgh Festival Fringe) of Paddy the Cope (written and directed by Raymond Ross, presented by the Objektiv Collective with John McColl as Paddy and Sue Muir as the Fairy Fiddler) is at the Netherbow Theatre, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh Aug 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 30 at 7pm (matinee Aug 20 4pm).

West Lothian meets West Donegal as shale miner Patrick Gallagher (John McColl) returns to his native sod imbued with the co-operative principles he's learned in Scotland to spread social revolution in cahoots with the Fairy Fiddler of Cleendra (Sue Muir) and Father Tom Finlay SJ taking on the Gombeen merchants, Dublin Castle, the British Army and the Black and Tans in the process.

Box office: 0131 556 9579 www.scottishstorytellingcentre.com Duration: 1hr 20mins, Age range: 12 +
Show website: www.theatreobjektiv.co.uk

Getting married?

You should be in touch with your parish priest at least six months before getting married of making any preparations. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement for those wishing to get married in the Catholic Church. Your parish priest will give you guidance on how to do the preparation and which course to use. As one of the options, there is a course run by the Archdiocese which seeks to lead couples to a greater understanding of God's plan for marriage and his call to live this beautiful vocation. Course details and dates can be found at bit.ly/ArchMarriagePrep2021-22

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Child Protection Policy Statement: "The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and wellbeing of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults."

Mass offering - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at the heart of the Catholic Faith. It is a very special way of remembering a loved one, celebrating an anniversary, making a petition or an act of thanksgiving or sharing in the feasts and seasons of the Church year. If you wish the Mass to be offered in our church in yours intentions please hand the requested intention to Fr Marcin or to the sacristy. Customary Mass stipend is not for offered prayers but voluntary contribution towards the up keeping of our clergy.

Please see our parish website for more information and prayer resources and links to catholic events and media.