



Parish of Our Lady & St. Bridget's, West Calder
Sunday 18th July 2021 – 16 Sunday Year B

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| TIME | MASS INTENTIONS | Liturgical Calendar |
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| Saturday HMP 5.15pm | People of the parish Cornelius & Henrietta Toner with Family | |
| Sunday 10am S | Special intention | 16 Sunday OT |
| Monday 9.30am | AIDG | |
| Tuesday No Public Mass | Michael & Catherine Doonan (Anniv) | |
| Wednesday 7pm | John Toner (RIP, Bathgate) | |
| Thursday 9.30am | Bridie McFarlane (RIP) | St. Mary Magdalene |
| Friday 9.30am | Bridget McFarlane (RIP) | St. Bridget of Sweeden |
| Saturday HMP 5.15pm | People of the parish Peter McGarty (Anniv) | |
| Sunday 10am S | Bill Cassaly (Anniv) | 17 Sunday OT |

S – Mass live streamed online

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.

Please be aware that 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.

Bookings & Covid update. From Monday 19 July:

As more space will now be available in the church as a trial at our church in West Calder we will remove the need for advance booking asking parishioners to keep now the new 1M distance from people not from your family/household/ bubble.

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

- Face coverings must still be worn inside church, unless exempt.
- Names and telephone numbers of those attending church must still be taken at entrance
- Sanitiser should still be used.

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.

Bonus ball winner – no. 51 Mary McMillan.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 25 July is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, in which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes. All are encouraged to make a visit or call an elderly person living alone in the community, naturally observing relevant Covid guidelines.

Singing in the church & Hymn books – We are delighted that we can include now in our worship hymns and sing again. Hymn books can be used by parishioners with condition that every parishioner will use one and the same hymn book and bring it to the church for services. Feel free to pick up one from the back of the church and take home with you after the service.

Las Sunday collection –

£376.80 – (Not included: Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments) Peter's Pence – £142.80

Upcoming Events:

25 July – First World day for Grandparents and elderly

1 August – Baptism: Fearn Cairns

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

Pope establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Recalling the upcoming feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the Messiah – Pope Francis said, “the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly.” The voice of the elderly “is precious,” he said, “because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.”

The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

The elderly must not be forgotten

The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on” what the elderly have received.

He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because “as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream,” while “young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage

The Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage is on from 9-16 July. The week-long online event includes talks and reflections, a virtual walking tour, rosary Stations of the Cross and more. You can watch it all on YouTube at bit.ly/ArchLourdes2021 Check out the full programme at www.edinburgh-lourdes.com. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

New priests

Congratulations to Fr Martin Eckersley and Fr Bobby Taylor who were both recently ordained as priests of our Archdiocese. Please keep both men in your prayers as they begin their ministry.

[NB. Martin Eckersley will be ordained on Saturday 10 July at 3pm]

Sea Sunday2021

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a special collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

New Dawn Scotland virtual Conference – See parish website for program and more details.

Nonviolence - Responding to the Cry of the Earth - Pax Christi is hosting a Zoom event titled Nonviolence, Responding to the Cry of the Earth. It takes place at 7pm on Monday 5 July and features a variety of speakers. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/NonviolenceJuly>

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 up keeping of our clergy.

COP 26

Scotland’s Bishops have announced their intention to set up a 'Care of Creation Office' ahead of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow later this year. COP26 is the twenty sixth conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It is to take place at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November 2021. It has been widely reported that Pope Francis is expected to attend, though this has not yet been confirmed. A briefing for Faith Communities can be found at bit.ly/COP26briefing

Freedom to Pray - City of Edinburgh Council is petitioning COSLA, the Scottish local authorities’ organisation, in favour of ‘buffer zones’ at all Scottish abortion facilities. It means peaceful pro-life vigils, a lifeline to vulnerable women considering abortion, are under threat. To protect the freedom to pray you can sign the SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) online petition: <https://citizengo.org/en-gb/201800-protect-freedom-pray-scotland>

Prayer booklet - Catholics are being encouraged to get their hands on a little prayer booklet specially produced by the Archdiocese for the Year of St Joseph. Prayer books are available to pick up from 'black parcel drop box' at the front of parish house. Free of charge.

Archdiocesan directory for 2021 available at the back of the church £3.

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

