

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

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Upcoming Events

27th November

1st Sunday of Advent

4th December

Baptism: Zofia Barbara Konopka

10th December

Wedding: Katherine Elizabeth
McCormack & Gavin Thomas
Prendergast.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm November Remembrance list

Sunday 10am S Paul McLay (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Jackie Kiernan (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Jay Brehaney (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Mr & Mrs McFadden

Thursday 9.30am Cathie McManus (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Jean O'Hagan (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Agness Banner (Colleary) Anniv

Sunday 10am S November Remembrance list

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.

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 available at the back of the church

Weekly Parish Newsletter – Online. Free Printed version at the back
of the church (Sign up required)

The church is open daily from morning till 6pm.

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Important Announcement

New Sunday Mass time

from December 2022

Our Sunday Mass will be
changed to 11am.

Advent Rorate Mass

Every Wednesday of Advent
7pm with Special guests.

Bus to Church from Addiewell from December.

First pick up
will be in Addiewell at 10.20
2 pick ups in Loganlea at
Post office and Miners
welfare, final pick up at
second bus stop in
Addiebrownhill. (Polbeth if
needed please inform Fr M).

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Catholic Education Week: 16-30 November

A second collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service next Sunday (20 November). Please support its excellent work assisting Catholic Schools across Scotland. For more information visit www.sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week/

Advent Rorate Mass at our Church

30 Nov – Rev Chris Galbraith. Church of Scotland, Chaplain to Addiewell Prison

7 Dec – Fr William McQuillan. Fauldhouse Parish priest

14 Dec – Msgr Chambers. Vicar General, Bathgate Parish priest

21 Dec - Rev Kay Gilchrist. Church of Scotland, Jackson Church Airdrie.

St Mary's Primary Christmas Fair

Our Christmas fair will take place in the school on 3rd December 10am-12noon. Please come along to help support our school and enjoy a range of stalls, prizes and Christmas cheer. We would also be grateful for any donations of groceries, gifts, bottles, toys, vouchers, home baking. There is a box at the back of the church for these.

Mary's meals. We will be selling **Christmas cards** in aid of Mary's Meals at the back of the church this week-end. And we have the exciting news of our 'Double the Love' campaign which means that all donations that we receive before Jan 31st will be doubled by a group of generous donors up to 1.5 million pounds! You might wish to set a place at our virtual Christmas table for a donation of £15.90 and set up a child in need with a meal for a whole year. You can find out more at <https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>

Youth Safeguarding Forum

The new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is developing a forum for young Catholic adults. If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and would be interested in joining this forum, or would like to know more, please contact Helena Rameckers by emailing training@scssa.org.uk or phoning 07394 862 279 by Friday, 9 December.

The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year

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In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Jean O'Hagan, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6, Readings: p.167.

Sunday collection

£.446.05 +(approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments). Thank you !

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 58 Linda Eardley

There are 3 spare numbers available for anyone interested it cost £1 per week.

The Ascension Team is inviting our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Bible together using Fr. Mike Schmitz's popular Catholic podcast, "The Bible in a Year," beginning January 1st. With this podcast, we won't just read the Bible in 365 days... this podcast helps Catholics understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in our lives today!

You can find this podcast on any podcast app, on YouTube, or just by clicking this link!

www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish Follow the link for more info or visit parish website...

Entering Advent

Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorrin, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, Monday 28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register now at bit.ly/enteradvent

Advent talks

Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 5, 12, and 19 December. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: bit.ly/adventtalks22

Light from Light: choral music for Advent by candlelight

This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. They will sing at the following churches: St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Wednesday 7 December; St Patrick's in Kilsyth on Saturday 10 December; St Margaret's in Dunfermline on Friday 16 December. All concerts 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at bit.ly/3T7wRRY

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Vacancy – administrator

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is full time (Mon-Fri) and the annual wage is £21,000 per annum. Full details at bit.ly/archadminjob To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Monday 7 November.

Note about Hospitals - We have Catholic Chaplains assigned, but they can only act when the patient declares as a Roman Catholic and asks the Catholic Chaplain to be notified. So, communication on this matter when someone is admitted to hospital is essential. Please inform the Hospital staff that you are Catholic and you would like to see a Catholic chaplain. If you are to receive major surgery, it is recommended that you receive the Sacrament of Anointing prior to admission. If anyone has become housebound and would like Communion at home or would like to ask for the Sacrament for the sick, please contact Fr Marcin.

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 churches in yours intentions please use special brown envelopes and please hand it to Fr

Marcin or the sacristy. Customary Mass stipend is not for offered prayers but voluntary contribution towards up keeping of our clergy.

Christian Meditation

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

"The Catholic App" is your smart Catholic companion that helps you find churches, Mass, Confession, and news **in all churches in Scotland and London**. Download the app for iPhone/iPad or Android by searching for "The Catholic App, Musemantik" in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Car parking – Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further available spot and not blocking other lines.

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."