



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

Sunday 24th January 2021 – 3rd Ordinary Sunday of the Year B

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TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday No public Mass	No Mass intention	
Sunday 11am S	People of the parish	3 OT B
Monday 9.30am S	John MacDonald (Anniv)	Conversion of St. Paul
Tuesday No public Mass	George Lavery - Sen (Anniv)	St. Timothy
Wednesday 9.30am S	Andrew & Gertrude MacLay (Anniv)	
Thursday No public Mass	Catherine & Joseph Murray (Anniv)	St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday 9.30am S	Eileen McCart & Elizabeth Robertson (Anniv)	
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S – Mass live streamed online

Rosary - Every Sunday 20minutes before Mass we will say Rosary. We need volunteers who would like to phone the parish landline and lead the prayers.

Sunday Liturgy:

Rosary – Flora & Tom Mullen

Readings – Frank Boles

Music – John Lavery

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, David McMillan, Irene Eardley, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels. Leo Barker, Anne MacKay, Bernard Kane.

Bonus ball winner - No.37 Brian McCabe

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This takes place from 18-25 January. Resources are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

West Lothian Foodbanks - The pandemic has never been far from our minds over the last year and it has had an affect on the lives of all of us. As we all know, those who are most vulnerable in our society are the ones who also bear the hardest burden. The 2020 figures for West Lothian Foodbank show an increasing number of people having to rely at some point through the year on the services provided.

Last year there was a 27.5% increase in the number of people who have had to use the Foodbank. The total was 8,619 people of which 5,648 were adults and 2,971 were children provided. The comparable figures for 2019 were in total 6,761 of which 4,441 were adults and 2,320 were children.

Following on from the Reverse Advent Calendar event that many churches, organisations and individuals followed, 648 people were provided with a Christmas meals, this figure includes 263 children.

Also for 2020 there was 235 people supported with Test & Protect packs which supported the two week period of self isolation. Some other 2020 figures are that it was the equivalent of 1 in 17 households in West Lothian getting support for a week and that the equivalent of 1 in 20 individuals were given a week of

support. The average number of people supported each week in 2020 was 166 people and in the first full week of 2021 242 people were supported. It is therefore with grateful thanks that all the donations of food and other items are acknowledged. I also thank you for the prayerful support that has been given to the work of the Foodbank and to the support of the clients, the volunteers and the staff. Kind regards Douglas Horn

Sacramental Talks

Rediscover the power of the Sacraments in a new online talk titled *Fire & Water*, covering confirmation and baptism. Sign up for your deanery area by emailing sranna.marie@staned.org.uk. All talks on Zoom. Fife: Mon 11 Jan 2:00pm | West Lothian: Mon 11 Jan 7:30pm | Mid/East Lothian & Borders: Mon 18 Jan 2:00pm | Edinburgh: Mon 18 Jan 7:30pm | Falkirk & Stirling Mon 25 Jan 7:30pm.

Catholic priest's Bible podcast that takes listeners through the scripture in 365 days tops Apple's charts just a week after launching – see more on the link. Highly recommended ! <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm/>

Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Ahl Al-Bait Scotland Society host this online conference to mark the signing of the document on Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Sheikh Al Azhar. Keynote speakers are Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald. Monday 01 February 2021, 5-7pm. To register, search 'Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together' on Eventbrite.

Faith in the Time of Covid

Archbishop Cushley invites you to join a series of Sunday talks from distinguished speakers who will offer their thoughts and approach to the pandemic. Each event is free and lasts 30 mins. **Bishop Philip Egan**, 5pm, 31 Jan. Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan | **Dr Mary Rice Hasson**, 5pm, 07 Feb. Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson | **Professor John Haldane**, 5pm 14 Feb. Register: bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane | **Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, 5pm, 21 Feb. Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown

Fire & Water

Rediscover the power of the Sacraments in the final online talk of the Archdiocese's *Fire & Water* series, covering confirmation and baptism. It takes place on Monday 25 Jan at 7:30pm on Zoom. Sign up by emailing sranna.marie@staned.org.uk. All welcome.

Couples' Retreat

Married and engaged couples are invited to a Valentine's retreat! It features specially prepared video reflections from Canon John Udris, Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham), to help you grow together in Faith. It takes place on Zoom and last 90 mins. 3:00pm, Saturday 13 February. Free event organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage Commission. Register now at bit.ly/CouplesRetreat2021

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life commission is organising an online Stations of the Cross that will take place each Monday evening throughout Lent on Zoom. Details to follow soon.

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Pax Christi event

An online Nuclear Ban Treaty Vigil takes place on Zoom at 7-8pm this Friday (22 January). It features Bishop William Nolan of Galloway, who is the Bishop President Justice and Peace. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsdu2trzkjE9JUq6AB2Hut3NJuZrml1Nbx>

Coronavirus updates

The latest news on the impact of Covid-19 on the Archdiocese, along with resources, can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/>. Please also see the Bishops' Conference website: www.bcos.org.uk/

Stay updated

To receive a monthly update from the Archdiocese straight to your inbox, subscribe at archedinburgh.org/news-events (scroll to bottom of page). Or email matthew.meade@staned.org.uk and put 'subscribe me' in the subject bar. The December update can be found at bit.ly/ArchDecUpdate.

Please see our parish website for more info about:

EXPLORE THE FAITH

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DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS | ONE YEAR ONLINE COURSE

Grab your laptop. Put the kettle on.
Then join people across the Archdiocese
each week to learn and share
our Catholic Faith.



EACH THURSDAY 7:30PM ON ZOOM

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For further details and to register contact Sr Anna Marie McGuan,
Diocesan Catechetical Advisor. Email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

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THE BRUNCH CLUB



During the COVID19 crisis The Brunch Club @ home can deliver a two course meal (cooked and chilled for reheating) – and maybe some extra goodies! – to elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in our community. There is no charge for this service but there will be an opportunity to donate later when it is safe to do so.

Deliveries will be made by our kind volunteer group.

If you know anyone who could benefit from this please do let them know.

All you need to do is phone once to register and let us take it from there.

Steps to register

1. Call our hotline on **07926 172029** (this number is also on Polbeth Hubs support leaflet).
Leave a message if no one answers with the following info: name, address and contact telephone
2. Someone will call you back to confirm details and then we will call each week for the following weeks order

Your chilled meal will be delivered between 11.30 and 1pm each day.

All meals will come in microwavable tubs that are re-usable so please wash them and leave them out when you get your next meal.
These will be sterilised and reused if possible.

Like you, we don't know exactly what's around the corner and things might change depending on government guidelines and demand but we are committed to doing as much as we can and will keep you posted regularly.

Thanks and be safe.

MEMORARE Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.