



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

Sunday 5th September 2021 – 23 Sunday of the Year B

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	TIME		MASS INTENTIONS	Liturgical Calendar
Saturday	HMP 5.15pm		People of the parish Jim Quinn (RIP)	
Sunday	10am	S	Dec. membs. Duggan Family	23 Sunday OT B
Monday	9.30am		Mary McMullen (RIP)	
Tuesday	No Public Mass		Gerald Salmond (Anniv)	
Wednesday	7pm		Helen Clinton (Anniv)	Nativity of Our Lady
Thursday	9.30am		Martin James Gaughan (Anniv)	
Friday	9.30am		Bernard Curran (Anniv)	
Saturday	HMP 5.15pm		People of the parish Mary Philbin (anniv)	
Sunday	10am	S	Bernard Curran (Anniv)	24 Sunday OT B

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.

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

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

**LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER (26TH Sept) MASS WILL BE MOVED TO 9AM
(Mass time is changed only for that Sunday)**

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.

Sanctuary lamp: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Next Sunday is the beginning of Vocation Awareness Week. Special collection will be taken for Age and Infirm Clergy Fund.

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, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels, Leo Barker, Anne MacKay, Bernard Kane.

Please pray for **Irene Eardley (RIP)** who passed away on Friday morning. May she rest in pace and raise in Glory. Funeral arrangements tbc.

Bonus ball winner – No. 57. Catherine Mary Thomas.

Last Sunday collection – £596.50 – (+ approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments)

Upcoming Events:

5 September – National Pilgrimage to Carfin

12th September - Deanery Prayer Service for Vocations - Broxburn, , 2-5pm, Ss. John Cantius and Nicholas RC. (More info on a poster and parish www).

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity: For those who have not been baptized; For those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion; For those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. Through weekly gatherings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome, and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic. Feel free to invite: Those who may be searching. Those who have never been baptized as Christians. Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic faith. Those who were baptized in the Catholic faith, but did not receive First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Fr Marcin for registration and more info. First meeting 6th October after Wednesday's evening Mass. Open to all parishioners.

Sacramental preparation program for children dates:

Rite of Enrolment – Sunday 3rd of October 2021 at 10am Sunday Mass.

First Confession – Saturday 5th March 2022 (after vigil Mass) - First week of Lent

Rehearsal before Holy Communion – Monday 16th May 2022 after morning Mass

First Holy Communion – Saturday 28th of May 2022 at 12pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Friday 3rd June 2022 at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes RC, Blackburn.

Printed copy of the parish newsletter – if you don't have access to the internet to access full version of the extremely popular and in demand parish newsletter please contact Pass keepers, sacristans, or Fr Marcin to put you on the list for printed copies. Only limited number of newsletters will be printed on request.

Current church arrangements – After discussion with PPC members last Monday and taking also under consideration of other church guidelines for time being:

- Sunday offertory collection will be taken as we enter or leave the church in the special box.
- There is no handshaking
- No fountain for the Holy water at the entrance
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist we resume their ministry
- One Sunday Mass will be continue to be streamed online
- Hand sanitising, masks and track & trace details are still required.
- No booking required for joining the services.

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 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

National Pilgrimage

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland cordially invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September (confessions from priests and bishops available from 2pm).

Event: Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective

Explore the Bard's plays in a six-week webinar series titled *Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective*. The sessions will look at six of his best known works, with insights on human nature from St Thomas Aquinas. Don't worry if you haven't read Shakespeare, you'll be guided along each week! The event is organised by

the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission and it begins on Monday 6 September at 7:30pm. Register at bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar

SEASON OF CREATION: Justice & Peace Mass

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021

SEASON OF CREATION: Event - A Call to Action

During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action' It takes place at 3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom. For more details and to register, visit: bit.ly/ACallToAction2021

Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith.

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 its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu In God's Image V2 can be found at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding

Coffee Saints

A new café has opened at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh! It's called Coffee Saints and is a partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project, a charity which supports Edinburgh's most vulnerable citizens. All profits go to the charity. If you're in the city, pop in and support a great new initiative.

National event

An online event titled Interreligious Dialogue in the time of Pope Francis takes place at 11:00am-2:30pm on Saturday 18 September. Register at: bit.ly/InterreligiousEvent This event is organised by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Committee for Interreligious Dialogue.

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 your 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.