## Newsletter, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A.

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

4 West End, West Calder, EH55 8EF. Tel: 01506 871240. Parish Priest: Fr Marcin Motyka SAC STD e-mail: office.stmaryswestcalder@staned.org.uk www.westcaldercatholicchurch.org

#### Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Francis Boles (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S Maureen McNeill

Monday 9.30am Gerard Salmond (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Jim Steel (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Bessie McPhee (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Jim Steel (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Etta Farell (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Eileen Bergkinds (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. Jackie Flannigan (RIP)

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 availably 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

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



# **Upcoming Events**

13<sup>th</sup> August, Baptism: Grace Kathleen Campbell

27<sup>th</sup> August, Parish BBQ

### Announcements

-Welcome to the new residents of our neighbourhood and all visitors. We are delighted to see you. Pick up the welcome leaflet to get us know better.

#### -Pope Francis Quotes:

"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."

Page 1 of 3

# News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Festival Mass** Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

#### **Festival Music Event**

Join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 14 August at 7:30pm for a unique performance of Paul Mealor's sacred choral music along with an interview with the man himself. It's a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world's most performed living composers. Tickets £16 (under 16s £5) available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite, or on the door.

**Carfin Pilgrimage** The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place on Sunday 3 September. Join Archbishop Cushley and Bishops from across Scotland to pray for peace, particularly in the Ukraine.

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Theresa's, East Calder (EH53 0ES) will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the three to sixyear-old children of our deanery beginning in this September on Friday afternoons. This is a child-centred way of allowing young child to engage with the Bible and the Catholic faith. The catechists who work with the children will participate in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium.Please join us in praying for the those who are called to this ministry.To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Theresa's or if you have children of an age to benefit from and participate in this new initiative please contact: <u>frkevindouglas@staned.org.uk</u>

**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.



#### In the Community

#### Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade.

#### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5 Readings: p.173.

## Sunday collection

£543.70 + approx. £311.75pw (£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments £59 pw Online Donations; £181.75 pw Direct Debits)

#### **Bonus Ball winner**

Bonus Ball No.16 Mary Kane

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

Page 2 of 3

**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 envelops 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.

**Car parking –** Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further availably 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."

Page 3 of 3