

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

Sunday 19th April – II Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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TIME

18 April Saturday
19 April Sunday
20 April Monday
21 April Tuesday
22 April Wednesday
23 April Thursday
24 April Friday
25 April Saturday
26 April Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Healy (RIP)
Divine Mercy Sunday - People of the Parish
Owen Barkey (RIP)
Margaret Healy (RIP)
Philip Muldoon (RIP)
Special Intention (For Mary Hughes who is sick)
Sean Boyle (Anniv)
Mary Przybylska (Anniv)
People of the Parish



This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter The Divine Mercy Sunday.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much we are loved by our God of perfect mercy. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Turn your eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

Funerals

Please keep in your prayers our recently deceased parishioners and their families. **Margaret Healy (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 10am and **Philip Muldoon (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 1pm.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

*May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Easter Message from Fr Marcin

Dear brothers and sister in Christ.

We live in a wonderful but deeply wounded and wounding world that is at times uncaring, unforgiving, cruel, and devoid of second chances.

Easter offers the assurance that the many difficulties and challenges that threaten to overwhelm us will be overcome.

Despite the desertion of his disciples, the cruelty of the soldiers and the despair of the women, Jesus offered them, as he offers us, new life, forgiveness and hope for the future.

We can find healing and hope in Him who came that we might have life in all its fullness.

The risen Christ, in His profound love, makes possible for all of us to have second chances, new beginnings, new life.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away. Are our hearts like a tomb awaiting new life? Is anything holding us back from renewal of spirit? Is there any hint of addiction, any dark secret never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets. But as pope Francis says, We are called to be people of joyful hope, not prophets of doom.

Through the resurrection of Jesus, we can be assured that life is stronger than death, that our sins can be forgiven, and that light is stronger the darkness, any darkness.

Jesus says to frightened disciples, "Do not be afraid." To us he says, "Do not be afraid." Whatever it is that causes you to fear, whether you are worried about your family, friends, economical situation, health, or perhaps death of someone close to you or even your own death.....

Jesus the risen Christ will be with you and will go ahead of you and continue to be with you. He offers you today again joy and peace, forgiveness and hope. Most of all he offers you himself. You need not fear. He has overcome the world!

I wish you all the risen Lord will breathe into our own lives' true life.

Have a happy Easter and hopefully see you soon.

God bless you all

Yours

Fr Marcin

BONUS BALL—The bonus ball fund raising for Father Aloys in Kenya will be postponed from last week (22/3/20) until Sundaymass resumes. We would ask that those in the scheme continue to put your pound away each week and we will collect them when mass resumes, we could perhaps hold two or more prizes of £100 when things are back to normal.Thank you all. T Toner

Feel free to use our parish Bank Accounts to still support our parish up keeping via direct debit, standing orders or direct money transfers. We rely on generosity of our parishioners. Thank you. We can't handle money at the moment so please for time being use money transfer to parish account or hold on with your donations till we will be back to more normal life.

RBS Account name: Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh – Our Lady & St Bridget s Church West Calder
Sort code: 83-28-03
Account: 00245404

Mass intentions still can be accepted over email or post.

First Holy Communion will be postponed till autumn.

Community response to COVID-19

Polbeth Hub have planned a range of community support services (food parcels and meals, support line, check-ins) and will be dropping a flier around the village on Thursday

- The Brunch Club (CDT and WCCEA) plans to produce chilled meals and use a network of volunteers/staff to deliver them to those at risk and elderly local people at the discounted seniors rate of £2 for a main course/£3 for soup and main.
- The Food Bank has introduced an emergency protocol parcel pick-up and may offer delivery.
- Harburn Residents have set up a mutual support group which is already collecting prescriptions and checking in on folk.

-GP Surgery has change the appointment system. All routine appointments suspended. Please see poster or social media for more info.

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, Joe Smedley, Irene Eardley, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels.



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 every Friday
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.

**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.**



~~Our Lady & St. Bridget's church is open daily from 9am - 6pm~~

Confessions

~~Wednesday 6-6.50pm, Saturday 4.30-5.00pm, Sunday 9.30-9.50~~

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

~~Wednesday 6-7pm~~

Rosary: Before Mass every first Sunday of the month

Chaplet to the Divine Mercy

~~Wednesdays before evening Mass~~

Sick & housebound

~~Every first week of the month and on request~~

Children's Liturgy

~~Last Sunday of every month~~

Tea & Coffee after Mass 1st Sunday of the month in the Community Centre

~~Called to give-Collection~~

Bonus Ball No.

Parish newsletter is available also on our website and via 'The catholic app' for smartphones.