



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

Sunday 22nd November 2020 – 34 OT A Christ the King Sunday

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

TIME

21 November Saturday HMP

21 November Saturday 5.15pm

22 November Sunday 10am

23 November Monday 9.30am

24 November Tuesday 9am FUNERAL: David McMillan (RIP)

25 November Wednesday 7pm Dec. Kiernan Family

26 November Thursday 7pm Donors Intention

27 November Friday 9.30am Anthony Thom (RIP)

28 November Saturday HMP November Remembrance list

28 November Saturday 5.15pm Agnes Banner (Colleary) (Anniv)

29 November Sunday 10am Phonsie Logue (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. memb Kemp & DiManna Family

Jackie Kieran (Anniv)

November Remembrance list

Donors Intention

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Agnes Banner (Colleary) (Anniv)

Phonsie Logue (RIP)

Registration/booking for Mass is required for ALL services. Max 20 persons per service.

Reservation can be done online on our parish website or over the phone 0743 7758 225

NEW BOOKING RULES UPDATE - 19 NOV. 20

-All services will be celebrated as planned and advertised in the newsletter

-New Bookings needs to be made for all weekends & weekdays services

-Bookings will be accepted online or via phone.

-Maximum capacity of worshipers is 20 persons

-One booking (visit in the church for a service) for every two weeks per person.

-No allocated seats (everyone can pic their seats in the church before the service observing required distance).

-Donation box is located at the back of the church. Online donations via bank transfer or parish website are also available.

-All service will be streamed online.

During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we recognise Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life in our homes, schools and parishes.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, Year B.

Sanctuary lamp: Kiernan Family

Please keep in your prayers David McMillan (RIP) and his family. David's funeral will take place on Tuesday 9am. May he rest in peace.

November Remembrance list – During the month of November we will offer special prayers for November Remembrance list. Feel free to add list of your friends of family members in the basket in front of the altar.

Sacrament of Confession will be available 30 minutes before Mass on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday.

Bonus ball winner - No.45 May Gilhooly

Last Sunday collection:£334.24

Live streaming – Our church services are live streamed. Link is available on our parish website.

Christmas services 2020 - Christmas Eve 6pm, 7.30pm, Christmas Day 10.30am. In order to join the service you need to book. We added one more vigil service this year. We are still limited to up to 50 people per service. This year to give everyone the same chances during November we will collect requests to special boxes and on the First Sunday of December there will be ballots from the requests and final list of confirmed bookings made public. Up to 5 people can be booked on one request form, all of them must be from the same household/bubble, so can be seated together in one pew. Special separate booking arrangements are for readers and pass keepers and their families.

Please see our parish website for more info about ACN's #RedWednesday Campaign: Wednesday 25th November 2020.

COVID-19

Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on www.archedinburgh.org

Diploma in Catechetics

Want to know more about the Archdiocese's new Diploma in Catechetics? Join a 30min Zoom event at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 November. There's no registration, but we've got a new link as it will now be in a webinar format: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865730471> This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Alternatively, for more info email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Life of Faith talk - Zoom

The final Life of Faith talk with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM is this Monday (23 Nov) for parishioners in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery you can take part in this session. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk, telling her which date/time you want to attend.

Archbishop's Advent Talk

Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent

Parish Catechists

Are you involved in sacramental preparation of children in your parish (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation)? You are invited to attend a Zoom event to launch the Archdiocese's new sacramental workbooks and materials. It takes place on Saturday 28 November at 2pm. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at archsecretary@staned.org.uk

DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard

Take part in this Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on early medical abortion at home. You'll learn how to make the best possible response to stop unsafe DIY abortions in Scotland. Register at bit.ly/DIYabortion

Parish Catechists: Launch New Sacramental Resources

Are you involved in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) of children in your parish? You are most welcome to attend an event to launch the new sacramental workbooks and materials. The zoom event takes place on Saturday 28 November at 2pm. A link for the event will be sent to you upon registration. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk

Life of Faith talk - Zoom

Join the Life of Faith talks on Zoom, which are bringing Catholics together across the diocese. The next session is for those in the East/Midlothian & Borders deanery on Monday (16 Nov) while the following Monday (23 Nov) is for those in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery (Fife, West Lothian, Falkirk & Stirling) you can take part in either of these remaining sessions. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk, telling her which date/time you want to attend.

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November - Month of Remembrance

November is the month when, by tradition, we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives and friends. This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.

Education Sunday – appeal for teachers

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com

Scripture sharing in small groups - We are delighted to welcome you to `Zoom` into our Scripture sharing in small groups. It is not a theological discussion but simply sharing what you feel the Sunday Gospel is saying to you or just listen to the sharings. The Scripture sharing groups meet every alternate Tuesday evenings starting at 8.00 pm and lasting approximately 1 hour. Our next meeting is Tuesday 17 November. For further information and 'linkup' to small groups please contact johnlindsay@btinternet.com

At Mary's Meals we are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total Trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the World the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd

November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the Double the Love campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled to support families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you.

In God's Image

The Bishops in Scotland want to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They say: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.

Could readers please notify Frank when they get a ticket for weekend Mass so that he can arrange to have readings covered. There will not be a rota until things are back to normal." Frank's details are francisboles@icloud.com or 07526547552".

PASSKEEPERS. We urgently require Passkeepers to join the rota especially for Sunday Mass we only have Five at present which means some are on every second week if we can get a few more .to join it means we would only be on once a month. If anyone would like to join this ministry please give your name to Father Marcin or any Passkeeper

Bonus Ball. Will any previous member who has not re-started contributing to the weekly Bonus Ball and wish to continue please contact T Toner on 07801609868.

Carers Of West Lothian - Dear parishioners COVID 19 has been hard on a lot of people none more so than those who are caring for a loved one whilst juggling other responsibilities like work, children, running your the household. As the restrictions on us continue it is so important that unpaid carers get the help and support they need to carry on caring whilst at the same time looking after your own well-being. Good news is there is help at hand- just contact Carers Of West Lothian on 01506448000 or via email at office@carers-westlothian.com where a member of our team will be only too willing to listen and offer help as needed. Ann Pike (Chair)

Next month (November) the Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission will launch an online **Diploma in Catechetics**. It will be aimed especially at any of our lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but it will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and who wants to deepen in their understanding of Catholic theology. The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, whom I have appointed as Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor. It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will take the form of an oral interview via Zoom at the end of each module. It will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

Marriage Preparation

Are you getting married? The Archdiocese is running marriage preparation courses on Saturday 17 October and Saturday 14 November, 10:30am-4:30pm. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions these are likely to take place online using Zoom. For an application form please contact Irene Furlong, irene.furlong@staned.co.uk, 0131 623 8900, or download the form from the resources tab at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/>

Pastoral letter

Archbishop Leo has issued a pastoral letter updating everyone on the Covid-19 crisis. You can read it online at archedinburgh.org/news-events. The Bishops of Scotland have also issued an update letter which can be found on the same website.

Fratelli Tutti The Pope's new encyclical is available to read online now. 'Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship' can be found in the encyclicals section of the Vatican's website: vatican.va

Each year **Prison Fellowship Scotland** is privileged to support families affected by imprisonment through its Angel Tree Project providing gifts to children affected by imprisonment. Last year we were able to give more than 1300 gifts in 14 out of the 15 jails in Scotland and provide an extra bit of happiness to families who are often going through a very difficult time. Give online using our website <https://www.pfscotland.org/angel-tree> or Send a cheque to our office.

Missio

October is Mission Month, please support the work of MISSIO. Text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to give £3 or visit www.missioscotland.com/donate

Abortion consultation

The Scottish Government is carrying out a consultation regarding the extension of the abortion 'pills by post' scheme beyond the current pandemic. SPUC has created a simple guide to help you fill out the consultation so please visit spuc.org.uk and search 'Scottish DIY'. Please pray for the unborn.

Interfaith Week

Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." Today is the beginning of Scottish Interfaith week. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as our brothers and sisters. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our country. See www.interfaithscotland.org for details of online events.

Announcements - Churches can re-open for Mass from 15th July 2020

On 9th July 2020, the Scottish Government announced that Churches MAY re-open to worshippers for services with effect from 15th July 2020. Before a church can re-open, it must observe the following requirements:

- social distancing must be observed
- face-coverings must be worn by those attending (except under-5s)
- a maximum attendance of 50 people per service is being imposed for now.
- for each service, the parish must retain details of names and contact details of all attendees.



- No singing

Our church will be open as per published weekly schedule

- As you enter and leave the church please use ANTIBACTERIAL GEL to sanitise your hands.
- Please wear FACE COVERING while inside the church.
- Please take only DESIGNATED SPACE in the church keeping required distance and following the signs for movements.
- Consider supporting our church by joining our new stewards ministries.
- COLLECTION BOXES will be available during every Sunday/ weekday service to accept weekly donations. Thank you!
- Due to limited space available at our church for Mass before attending Saturday & Sunday Mass **PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE via link provided on our parish website or phone 0743 7758 225.** No need for advance booking for weekday Masses.
- At our church we can accommodate two people in one designated pew or one household. If one household of three or more is taking the pew please book two spaces in the booking system. Map of siting arrangements can be seen during the booking process.
- If you are a couple book one place and seat together.
- Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended and it's not possible to gather together all parishioners on Vigil/Sunday Mass as previously due to limited space and keeping the required distance.
- Booking for weekday and weekend Masses will be accepted on first come first served basis.
- The advice is that if Sunday Mass is already booked try to attend one of the weekday Masses.



We need your help !

We need to recruit more ministries to help us keep our church going safe and in line with government regulations. Currently we are recruiting for Passkeepers /stewards.

Who is eligible to become a volunteer?

Any Male and female parishioners.

Who is excluded from becoming a volunteer ?

- Anyone who is Listed and Barred from any paid or voluntary role with children or adults.
- Anyone who is a Registered Sex Offender
- Anyone under the age of 18.
- Anyone who has underlying health conditions which require shielding.
- Anyone who has a long-term health condition which requires the annual flu vaccination.

The recruitment process

If the person is already an active volunteer and has been safely recruited, they should complete Application Form A.

If the person is new to any volunteer role in the parish then they should complete Application Form B.

(Applications are available online and printed version in the church please deliver them to Fr Marcin. You can drop off your application at presbytery or take a picture of a filled application and send it via email)

Everyone about to start this role should read the Information for new Welcome Ministry leaflet.

Everyone about to start this role should view the online safeguarding training session link is provided.

Once the volunteers will be registered one of them will be appointed to be coordinator to help prepare the rota.

Ministries

We already managed to recruit /organize or coordinate church booking managers and readers. The following two ministers now need to be covered.

Stewards – Passkeepers

Main duties of the Welcome Ministry:

- to be a welcoming face of the parish community
- to assist people to enter the Church safely
- to guide people to restricted seating areas in the church
- to assist people to exit the Church building safely
- to check if antibacterial cleaning equipment is available and in good supply to use by parishioners.
- to assist with collection boxes when needed

Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs and pews, doorknobs, light switches, phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, keyboards, handles, desks, toilets, sinks) etc.

Cleaning will take place after every service in the church. Your help will be required as per rota.

Personal Protection Equipment and cleaning supply will be provided by the church.

Welcome back & Thank you for helping us to keep our church open, clean and safe !

Fr Marcin

Please have a look at our parish website for Fr Marcin's update regarding opening the churches.

NEW donation website has been set up by the archdiocese to support your local parish. If you would like to pay safe by card please visit our parish website and click DONATION page. This is safe & secure diocesan program.

Feel free to use also our parish Bank Accounts to support our parish 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.

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.

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.

Areas in our Archdiocese moving to Level 4

Stirling
West Lothian
East Dunbartonshire
North Lanarkshire

What does it mean?

Masses Maximum of 20 people
Weddings Maximum of 15 people
Funerals Maximum of 20 people

For how long?

Level 4 restrictions will last three weeks from
Friday 20 November - Friday 11 December.

COVID19 update



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PRO-LIFE PARISH LIFE

November 2020

Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

CONSULTATION ON DIY HOME ABORTION

Early in the COVID pandemic, Scottish Government changed the abortion regulations allowing 'DIY' home abortions without a face to face doctor's appointment. England made similar changes and now 2 women have died. Also in England, a woman at 32 weeks of pregnancy received abortion pills by post and there are now 3 police investigations linked to late 'at-home' abortions, including a murder investigation. It seems only a matter of time before this happens in Scotland

Yes, despite the clear dangers, Scottish Government has launched a consultation to try and make 'DIY' abortion at home permanent. BPAS, the English abortion provider, is already buying social media advertisements to find 'evidence' in favour of abortions under the new, unsafe, regime.

So it's vital that many pro-life voices are part of the response. If we don't speak up, Scottish Government will make this dangerous process permanent

The good news is that the consultation has just 7 questions. But where to start and what to say? If you don't answer the questions properly your response won't count

On Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm I'm running a Zoom session to cover all the questions and the best points to make. You can fill in your response as we go so you'll be ready to submit by the end of the consultation. Could you please add the paragraph below to your parish newsletter and social media pages for Sundays 15th & 22nd November



DIY Home Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard – Scottish Government wants your opinion on dangerous 'DIY' home abortions. Join Paul Atkin from the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and learn how to make an effective response. It's vital that pro-life voices are part of this conversation. Zoom session on Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm. Advance registration here: is.gd/X64NWN

Stand with Poland

Europe has so much to thank Poland for – particularly when standing up for unborn children and their mothers. Poland has now banned abortion for disabled children protecting people with Downs syndrome and other disabilities. If you'd like to show solidarity with Poland please consider signing this petition: <https://spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Send-Message-to-Polish-Government>



GOOD NEWS THIS MONTH

Holy Innocents Mass – THANKS for your prayers. The Holy Innocents Mass is **ON AS PLANNED** – 28th December, 12 noon. We've moved it to St Columba's, Newington, just down the road from our usual location at the Gillis centre. More details next month!

prolife@staned.org.uk

EXPLORE THE FAITH

(FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR COUCH) 

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

BEGINS JANUARY 2021 | COST £100



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

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH | COMMISSION FOR CATECHETICS



Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Guidelines for the resumption of Mass

General Instructions

-  Avoid gatherings outside of church before and after Mass.
-  Keep two metres distance between other households.
-  Stewards will be placed on the door to manage the flow of people in and out.
-  Numbers will be limited based on capacity, with social distancing in mind.
-  Face coverings are compulsory (except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions).
-  You may be required to leave your contact details for Test and Protect purposes.
-  Hand sanitizer must be used as you enter and leave the church. The church will be cleaned between Masses.

Liturgical Instructions

-  Please avoid all physical contact with fellow parishioners.
-  The sign of peace will not take place.
-  Congregational singing will not take place.
-  There will be no offertory collection. Donations will be accepted in a specific place, but standing orders are encouraged.
-  No offertory procession will take place.
-  There will be no hymn books or shared materials.
-  Readers are encouraged not to touch the lectionary.
-  Parishioners may bring their own Missals.

Holy Communion

-  If a one-way system is in place, please follow it.
-  Only the priest should consume the celebrant's host.
-  Except during Holy Communion, the priest should not wear a face covering.
-  The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
-  Hands must be sanitised before and after distributing Communion.
-  Holy Communion should be received in silence in the hand. Step aside from the priest before consuming the host.
-  People should be guided by the stewards, including when leaving the church.

If you have any symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home. The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended.
Those who are SHIELDING should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government.
Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

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 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.*