



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

Sunday 25th October 2020 – 30 Sunday of the Year A

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

TIME

24 October Saturday HMP	People of the parish
24 October Saturday 5.15pm	Richard Curran (Anniv)
25 October Sunday 10am	Tommy Mullen (Anniv)
26 October Monday 9.30am	Bernadette McDonald (Anniv)
27 October Tuesday No public Mass	Thomas Lafferty (RIP)
28 October Wednesday 7pm	Andrew MacLay (Anniv)
29 October Thursday 7pm	Bella Cameron (Anniv)
30 October Friday 9.30am	Catherine Murphy (Anniv)
31 October Saturday HMP	People of the parish
31 October Saturday 5.15pm	Catherine Peel (Anniv)
1 November Sunday 10am	All Saints Day - Robert Peel (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS

Registration/booking for Mass is required for Saturday & Sunday Mass.

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

Weekday's Masses don't need reservation but as you enter the church please put your name and contact details on a special list. Thank you.

Next Sunday 1st November is Solemnity of All Saints.

Tuesday 2nd November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

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

Bonus ball winner - No. 8 David Glencorse.

Last Sunday collection: £288.20

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

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.



October is the month of the Holy Rosary – 15 minutes before every Sunday and weekday Mass we will say rosary. List for those wanting to help and lead the prayer is at the back of the church.

Safeguarding Webinar If you have a safeguarding role in the Church, please consider registering for a Zoom webinar hosted by the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding on Saturday 14 November from 11am-1:30pm. The webinar will focus on safeguarding and online risks in the pandemic. To register email: registration@scsafeguarding.org.uk

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.

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.

National Rosary Rally

This takes place in our diocese at 1pm on Saturday 31 October. Pray the Rosary online with others on the Archdiocese's Facebook, YouTube or website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

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

Catechesis event

The Archdiocese is running an exciting new series of catechesis events for adults, led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. The first takes place on Zoom at 2pm and 7pm this Monday (26 October) for parishioners in the Fife deanery. To register, choose a time and email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

Event for Grandparents

If you're a grandparent please register for 'Grandparents: Our Mission'. This Zoom event is led by Catherine Wiley of the Catholic Grandparents Association. She will present a vision of grandparents' ministry which includes sharing the faith with grandchildren and building a sense of mission in today's Church. It takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020. Register at bit.ly/GrandparentsEvent.

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.

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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.

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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.

LOCKDOWN LOWDOWN



The Scottish Government's route map document gives details of a four phase move out of the current state of lockdown. **How does this affect our churches?**

PHASE 1

No public gatherings except for meetings of two households, outdoors and with physical distancing.

(EXPECTED TO BEGIN 28 MAY)

PHASE 2

Places of worship open for private prayer under physical distancing rules and hygiene safeguards.

Marriages and other types of ceremonies to take place with minimal number of attendees.

(CHURCHES RE-OPEN)

PHASE 3

Places of worship open to extended groups subject to physical distancing/hygiene safeguards.

Relaxation of restrictions to attend funerals and marriages beyond close family.

PHASE 4

Mass gatherings resume in line with public health advice.

All ceremonies can take place, with improved hygiene and other precautions.

Source: Covid-19 Route Map, page 44 under 'Gatherings and Occasions'
Phase dates not confirmed and subject to circumstances and data changes.

OUR BISHOPS

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) has set up a group for phased reopening of our churches

COVID-19 WORKING GROUP

Infection Control

Will create an Infection Control Protocol to govern the phased reopening of churches,

Liturgical Norms

Will create new liturgical advice to govern the celebration of Mass and other sacraments

OUR DIOCESE

We will follow the the health and safety protocols issued by BCOS in line with Government guidance



PREPARING NOW

We are busy preparing support for our parishes ahead of restrictions being lifted.



INFORMED CLERGY

Archbishop Cushley is keeping our priests updated with guidance from BCOS ahead of Phase 2.



HELP YOUR PARISH

Your parish priest will need volunteers to assist when churches reopen. Please support him!



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.*