



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Maureen Buchanan (RIP)
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S Rose-Anne Fleming (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am John Hampson (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Rosaline Darby

Wednesday 7pm Donors Intention

Thursday 9.30am Donors Intention

Friday 9.30am Janet Cowan (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Catherine Kay (Anniv)
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S. Annie Clinton (Birthday)

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 – 6pm every Wednesday.

Rosary – 15min before every first Saturday/Sunday Mass.

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

Children's Newsletters available 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

Upcoming Events

4-29 October Synod on
Synodality, Rome.

8th October – Baptism Cora
Dawn Ann Sharkey

15th October – Archbishop's Visit
& Award's ceremony.

18th October – Fabric & Finance
Comity.

23rd October – Parish Pastoral
Council.

12th November - Baptism Aria
Manson.

Announcements



Mass in Polish language
from September 2023
every Saturday 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament & Confession** 6pm
every Wednesday.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

October is the month of the holy Rosary. At our church we will say the rosary together 15 minutes before every Mass. As always volunteers need to lead the prayers. List at the back of the church.

Funeral: Please keep in your prayer our late parishioner **John Hampson (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 11 October 1pm. Reception of the body into the church 5pm on Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for children and their families who enrolled last week for preparation program to the sacraments of initiation. P3 11 Children, P4-4 children, P7-6 children.

Congratulations to Cora Dawn Ann Sharkey baptized on Sunday Mass 8th October.

Archdiocesan Medals Award's ceremony is approaching fast. We are going to celebrate this day with special Mass with archbishop, medals, and reception in the community centre after the Mass. All welcome to join! Helping hands to assist with tea & coffee and donations of home baking also welcome. Please contact Margaret.

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 7th/8th October. Did you know that there is a Facebook page, Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade? Many thanks to those who brought items last time. I am still collecting old or broken items of jewellery, cameras, tablets or other electronic gadgets as well as obsolete foreign currency, banknotes or unwanted stamp collections. Did you know that these can be turned into cash for charity? I am collecting such items on behalf of Transform Trade. If you have any thing, please bring it along to the Fairtrade stall. Is there anyone willing to help with the stall on a regular or occasional basis? Many thanks Anne

Synod Prayer Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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.137.

Sunday collection

£524.12
+ approx. £311.75pw
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 46 Margaret Anne Glencorse

Synod on Synodality 4-29 October 2023 Catholic bishops, priests, and lay women and men from all over the world gather in Rome for the Synod of Bishops to discuss “synodality” — the way in which all members of the church participate in the church and its mission. It is part of an extraordinary three-year renewal process initiated by Pope Francis, with all 1.3 billion Catholics invited to contribute, culminating in two synod meetings of bishops in Rome in October 2023 and a year later in 2024. This timeline shows key moments in that process. “Synod” is derived from two Greek words *syn*, meaning together, and *hodos*, meaning road or way. It is used for a religious meeting or assembly coming together. The first formal recorded meetings of church leaders can be traced back to the mid-second century. In modern history, synod assemblies have been held once every three or four years and last for one month. In the past only bishops (and some clergy or religious brothers) have had the power to vote. At the synod in Rome, 54 out of the 365 voting delegates will, for the first time, be women.

Free2Pray

The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled ‘Free2Pray’ to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at bit.ly/free2pray

Glasgow Torchlight Procession to mark 56th Anniversary of the Abortion Act

Please join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in Glasgow on Thursday 26 October for the annual torchlight procession to commemorate 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion.

Thursday 26 October - Glasgow

6:30 pm – Rosary in George Square

7:00 pm – Begin procession to St. Andrew’s Cathedral

7:30 pm – Mass in St. Andrew’s Cathedral

If you'd like more information, do email Charlie McCluskey on charliemccluskey@spuc.org.uk, or call 0141 221 2094.

Vocations retreat

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba’s, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH9 1SN.

Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Vocations Mass

The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret’s, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

Talk series at the Cathedral

St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation has begun and concludes on 4 October. This year’s theme is *Let Justice and Peace flow*. Find out more news and event details at www.seasonofcreation.org

Teams of Our Lady

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Retreat in Daily Life

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

Safeguarding Event

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

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.

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 envelopes 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 available 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.”