



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

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Dear parents and guardians

I'm sure that we are all excited that children can return to school and catch up with their friends and their education. Part of that educational process in RC schools is supporting families in their faith journey by providing regular Religious Education classes, prayers, assemblies, Liturgical celebration and help with the preparation for the sacraments of Christian initiation done together with the local church community.

I'm delighted to say that despite the current challenges after the meeting with our teachers we were able to plan for this year sacramental preparation program in a way that children will not be deprived of that important aspect of Christian faith journey. The standards of the program will be exactly the same and provided in the school by our excellent teachers but some of the arrangements regarding the administration of the sacraments will be little bit different.

It will be our duty as parents, teachers and clergy to make this time and experience still truly deep, prayerful and meaningful despite some inconveniences and limitations due to the current situation.

Please remember that the parents are first educators of their children and we all work as partners to support you, but a lot depends on your engagement and example. We hope that the Gospel message received from school and church will be enthusiastically reinforced and supported at home.

Please don't forget that our churches are open, and you are all welcome back. See the parish website for current Mass schedule, announcements, newsletter and other updates.

Below you will find more details regarding the sacramental preparation program. God bless you all and good luck with preparation.

Fr Marcin Motyka

Sacramental Preparation Program 2020/21

There will be normal formal enrolment ceremony in the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For children enrolled for the year 2020/21 will take place on Monday 22nd March 2021 7pm. Depending the numbers we may allocate some time slots for two groups.

First Holy Communion

For children enrolled for the year 2019/20 the sacrament will be administered on Saturdays & Sundays of November. It will be on our regular Saturday vigil Mass 5.15pm and regular Sunday Mass 10am.

-Only two children will be allowed during one Mass to receive the First Holy Communion.

-The Family will receive one pew in the church only for 4 persons of the same household plus place for the child receiving the sacrament. Other guests if they would like to attend the Mass in the church will need to book their places using our booking system on parish website.

- The Mass will be also live streamed.

Dates:

Saturday 7th November 2020 5.15pm

Sunday 8th November 2020 10am

Saturday 14 November 2020 5.15pm

Sunday 15th November 2020 10am

Saturday 21 November 2020 5.15pm

Sunday 22 November 2020 10am

Saturday 28 November 2020 5.15pm

Sunday 29 November 2020 10am

Booking can be made by parish website

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For children enrolled for the year 2020/21

Following the tradition of the last years we are allocating for First Holy Communion last Saturday of May which is 29th of May 2021. 12pm.

However we cannot guarantee this date due to ongoing situation with Covid-19. In case of further negative development of the pandemic and restrictions in public gatherings we may be forced to change the arrangements.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of confirmation will be administrated by archbishop on Friday 30th of April 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 30 Bathgate Rd, Blackburn, Bathgate EH47 7LF. Exact time to be confirmed latter.