

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

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## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Services

24 Dec. Christmas Eve

6pm Carol Service

6.30pm Mass of Christmas Eve.

25 Dec. 11am Mass of Christmas  
Day

### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Mary Hughes (RIP)

**Sunday 11am S** Frank Cosgrove (Birthday Mass)

**Monday No public Mass** Annie Clinton (Birthday)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Jean O'Hagan (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** John Higgins (Anniv)

**Thursday No public Mass** Cathy Grindley (Anniv)

**Friday No public Mass** John Toner (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** John Healy (RIP)

**Sunday 11am S.** Anne & Denis Kiernan & Family Deceased.

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 – 6.30pm 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

## Important Announcement

### Advent Rorate Mass

Every Wednesday of Advent  
7pm with Special guests.

### Bus to Church from Addiewell from December.

First pick up  
will be in Addiewell at 10.20  
2 pick ups in Loganlea at  
Post office and Miners  
welfare, final pick up at  
second bus stop in  
Addiebrowhill. (Polbeth if  
needed please inform Fr M).

**Catholic Directory** of The  
Archdiocese 2023 Available  
at the back of the church £3.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

### Sanctuary Lamps: Frank Cosgrove

Congratulations to **Katherine Elizabeth McCormack & Gavin Thomas Prendergast** who were married on Saturday at our Church. May God bless them.

**Many Thanks** to Fr Sebastian and Fr William for covering our weekend Masses.

### Advent Rorate Mass at our Church

14 Dec – Msgr Chambers. Vicar General, Bathgate Parish priest  
21 Dec - Rev Kay Gilchrist. Church of Scotland, Jackson Church Airdrie.

**No Wednesday's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent** due to time needed to prepare Rorate Mass. **Additional time for confession** served by invited clergy will be after Msgr Chambers Mass on 14 December. Fr Marcin is available as usual before Saturday and Sunday Mass and on request.

**The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus)** is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. We have been encouraging the observation of this tradition in parishes for a number of years. If you are preparing nativity scene at home school place or work and wish to bless the image of the Baby Jesus, please bring it next Sunday to the church.

### Advent Rosary for Life

Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from a priest of the Archdiocese each week. Each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents) (Zoom event).

### Catholic Education

Make sure Catholic voices are heard in the national discussion on the future of education in Scotland! Submit your response to the Scottish Government's 10-question survey by 5 Dec at [bit.ly/scotedsurvey](http://bit.ly/scotedsurvey)

### Bookshop

St Paul's Bookshop is open at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. It has a wide range of Christian books as well as gift items. Find your perfect stocking filler there! Opening hours are 10:00am to 5:30pm, including weekends (closed Mondays).



## In the Community

### Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane.

### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6, Readings: p.88.

### Sunday collection

£433 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments). Thank you !

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 55 Declan Doyle

There are 3 spare numbers available for anyone interested it cost £1 per week.

Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics course** from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023 and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at [bit.ly/archdiploma2023](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions? Email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

### **The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year**

The Ascension Team is inviting our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Bible together using Fr. Mike Schmitz's popular Catholic podcast, "The Bible in a Year," beginning January 1st. With this podcast, we won't just read the Bible in 365 days... this podcast helps Catholics understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in our lives today! You can find this podcast on any podcast app, on YouTube, or just by clicking this link! [www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish) **Follow the link for more info or visit parish website...**

### **Entering Advent**

Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorin, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, Monday 28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register now at [bit.ly/enteradvent](http://bit.ly/enteradvent)

### **Advent talks**

Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 5, 12, and 19 December. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](http://bit.ly/adventtalks22)

### **Light from Light: choral music for Advent by candlelight**

This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. They will sing at the following churches: St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Wednesday 7 December; St Patrick's in Kilsyth on Saturday 10 December; St Margaret's in Dunfermline on Friday 16 December. All concerts 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at [bit.ly/3T7wRRY](http://bit.ly/3T7wRRY)

### **Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

### **Female vocations**

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**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.

### **Christian Meditation**

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>  
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

**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."