

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

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Upcoming Events

18-25 January – Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity.

25 January – Clergy Denary
meeting at our parish.

30 January – Parish Pastoral
Council.

4 February- Day for Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion
(Gillis Centre)

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Karen McKay (RIP)

Sunday 11am S Jozef Przybylski (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am The Hunter Family

Tuesday No public Mass Peter Donnachie (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm Alice McMahon (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Helen & Pat Haggerty

Friday 9.30am Margaret Toner (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Margaret Toner (Anniv)

Sunday 11am S. Gertrude McLay (10th Anniv)

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

Next Children's Liturgy is on
Sunday 5th February.

Church Cleaners Wanted

Do you have around 45mins
to spare every 6 weeks? One
of our cleaning teams is short
of members and we are
looking for more volunteers
to join them. All ages
welcome. Our
current volunteers consist of
teenagers up to the ever
young in their 70s. Please
contact Catherine
on cmt35@hotmail.co.uk
for more details. Many thanks.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Funerals:

-Please keep in your prayer **Edward Przybylski (RIP)** who recently died. Funeral arrangements tbc.

- **Catherine Hasty (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 27th January 9.30am. May they rest in peace.

Parish Statistics:

	2002	2012	2022
Baptisms:	19.	9.	11.
Weddings:	4.	6.	2.
Funerals:	17.	No Rec.	16.

Average Sat/Sun services attendance numbers:
430. 290. 185

The highest weekend attendance 2022: 24-25/12/22 – 309.

The lowest Weekend attendance 2022: 13-14/08/22 – 113.

Average weekend attendance 2022: 165-185.

Statistic's summary: During the last 20 years we have lost more than half of the regular attendee of our church. The numbers decreased from 430 persons in 2002 to 185 in 2022. Numbers of baptism and Weddings also decreased significantly. Number of funerals seems to be at the same level of 17 per year.

Finance	2021.	2022.
Offertory Collections	£35,368.00	£40,410.00
Other Income	£59,651.00	£68,335.00
Expenditure	£78,362.00	£69,740.00
Total Surplus / Loss	£ -18,711.00	£ -1,405.00
Surplus / Loss Percentage	-31.37%	-2.06%
Bank	£73,199.53	£74,604.31

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on Sunday 12 February 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. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18-25 January. This year's theme is praying for unity amidst injustice. Resources and info at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer



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.125.

Sunday collection

£630.10 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments). Justice & Peace collection: £206.62. Thank you !

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 21 Anne Grieve

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a day of reflection and prayer from 11am-3pm on Saturday 4 February. It takes place at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Light lunch provided, free parking onsite. Register now at bit.ly/extraordinaryministers

Mass in French / Messe en Français

Mass will be offered in French on Tuesday 24 January at 6.15pm at St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh (entrance via George Square Lane). French university students will lead music and refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

Remembering Service

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on Sunday 19 February, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Valentine's Retreat 2023

This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

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

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.”