



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

Sunday 22nd August 2021 – 21 Sunday of the Year B

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

	TIME		MASS INTENTIONS	Liturgical Calendar
Saturday	HMP 5.15pm		People of the parish Michael & Bridget Whelan (Anniv)	
Sunday	10am	S	Anne & Michael Toner (Anniv)	21 Sunday OT B
Monday	9.30am		Annetter Gafny (Anniv) & Lesa Gafny (Birthday)	
Tuesday	No Public Mass		Special intention	St. Bartholomew
Wednesday	7pm		Martin Gaughan (Anniv)	
Thursday	9.30am		John McLaughlin (Anniv)	
Friday	9.30am		Andrew McLay (49 th Anniv)	St. Monica
Saturday	HMP 5.15pm		People of the parish Mary Carty (Molloy) & Charles Molloy (Anniv)	St. Augustine
Sunday	10am	S	Adeline McCormac (Anniv)	22 Sunday OT B

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. Fr Marcin

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 for every Sunday available at the back of the church

Please be aware that Mass schedule especially for weekday Masses can be occasionally changed due to days off, funerals or other clergy commitments. Please always refer to the newsletter for up-to-date Mass times.

Sanctuary lamp: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

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, Irene Eardley, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels. Leo Barker, Anne MacKay, Bernard Kane

Bonus ball winner – No. 54 Robert Hutton

Last Sunday collection – £297.40 – (Not included: Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments)
Holy Places second collection £64.31.

Upcoming Events:

30 August 7pm – Parish Pastoral Council

12th September - Deanery Prayer Service for Vocations - Broxburn, , 2-5pm, Ss. John Cantius and Nicholas RC. (More info on a poster and parish www).

NO BOOKING REQUIRED.

As more space is now available in the church as a trial at our church in West Calder we removed the need for advance booking asking parishioners to keep now the new 1M distance from other people who are not from your own family/household/ bubble. Church Hymn books can be now freely used and left in the church.

Please note that all other procedures we have in place will remain:

- Face coverings must still be worn inside church, unless exempt.
- Sanitiser should still be used.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity: For those who have not been baptized; For those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion; For those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. Through weekly gatherings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome, and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic. Feel free to invite: Those who may be searching. Those who have never been baptized as Christians. Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic faith. Those who were baptized in the Catholic faith, but did not receive First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Fr Marcin for registration and more info.

Courses at Gillis Centre

Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for a of MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Webinar for clergy & parish finance committees

Funding for clergy retirement is the biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese. Clergy and members of parish finance committees are invited to a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31 August, hosted by the Archdiocese. The session will share the progress made, the challenges faced and options for parish based solutions. Here is the link to join on the night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884035553>

Synod

A synod of the bishops will take place in Rome in 2023. The Holy Father has asked for the synod's preparations to begin in local churches. It will begin with a period of consultation and discernment on Sunday 17 October this year. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM has been asked to be the Archdiocese's lead delegate in the national synodal process and will be assisted by Fr John Deighan (Lennoxton, Milton & Torrance). An announcement will be made soon on how that process will take shape in our Archdiocese.

National Pilgrimage

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September.

Safeguarding webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding

role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

The World Premiere (Edinburgh Festival Fringe) of Paddy the Cope (written and directed by Raymond Ross, presented by the Objektiv Collective with John McColl as Paddy and Sue Muir as the Fairy Fiddler) is at the Netherbow Theatre, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh Aug 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 30 at 7pm (matinee Aug 20 4pm).

West Lothian meets West Donegal as shale miner Patrick Gallagher (John McColl) returns to his native sod imbued with the co-operative principles he's learned in Scotland to spread social revolution in cahoots with the Fairy Fiddler of Cleendra (Sue Muir) and Father Tom Finlay SJ taking on the Gombeen merchants, Dublin Castle, the British Army and the Black and Tans in the process.

Box office: 0131 556 9579 www.scottishstorytellingcentre.com Duration: 1hr 20mins, Age range: 12 +
Show website: www.theatreobjektiv.co.uk

Event: Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective

Explore the Bard's plays in a six-week webinar series titled Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective. The sessions will look at six of his best known works, with insights on human nature from St Thomas Aquinas. Don't worry if you haven't read Shakespeare, you'll be guided along each week! The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission and it begins on Monday 6 September at 7:30pm. Register at bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar

Justice & Peace Mass

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021

Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith (not at St Columba's, Edinburgh, as previously advertised).

Event: A Call to Action

During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action' It takes place at 3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom. For more details and to register, visit: bit.ly/ACallToAction2021

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."

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 church in yours intentions please hand the requested intention to Fr Marcin or to the sacristy. Customary Mass stipend is not for offered prayers but voluntary contribution towards the up keeping of our clergy.

Please see our parish website for more information and prayer resources and links to catholic events and media.