

# 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** Margaret Toner (Anniv)

**Sunday 11am S** Gertrude McLay (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Monday 9.30am** Elizabeth Cosgrove Scott (Anniv)

**Tuesday No public Mass** George Lavery (Anniv)

**Wednesday 7pm** George Lavery (Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** Rena Toner (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am Funeral service:** Catherine Hastie (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Rena Toner (Anniv)

**Sunday 11am S.** Joe & Cath Murray

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](mailto:cmt35@hotmail.co.uk)  
for more details. Many thanks.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Elizabeth Cosgrove Scott (Anniv)

**Today is Sunday of the Word of God.**

### Funerals:

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

- **Catherine Hastie (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am.

- **John Stuart McFarlane (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 1 February 9am. Reception of the body into the church 6pm on Tuesday.

**May they rest in peace.**

### A Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is underway and ends on 25 January. This year's theme is praying for unity amidst injustice. *God of justice, empower us to be agents of your grace and mercy. Bless us with the courage to relinquish our power. Bless us with the humility to stand with the oppressed. Bless us with the integrity to love our neighbours as we ourselves would seek to be loved.*

### 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](https://bit.ly/extraordinaryministers)

### 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](https://bit.ly/valentineretreat)

### 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.

### Remembering Service

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the



## 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.127.

### Sunday collection

£505.49 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).  
Justice & Peace collection: £206.62. Thank you !

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 53 Anne Tumilowicz

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.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine**

Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparchy in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on Friday, 24 February, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.

### **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 your 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."