Newsletter, 29th January 2023
4th Sunday of the Ordinary Time, Year A.

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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Rena Toner (Anniv)

Sunday 11am S Joe & Cath Murray

Monday 9.30am Edward Przybylski (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Catherine Haisty (RIP)

Wednesday 9am Funeral Mass: John Stuart McFarlane (RIP)
7pm Special intention (SF)
Thursday 9.30am John & Catherine McLinden (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am St. Mary's Primary School -Patrick Haggerty (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Danny Findlay (RIP)

Sunday 11am S. Danny McCauley (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 availably 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

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

Upcoming Events

30 January – Parish Pastoral Council.
4 February- Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Gillis Centre)

Important Announcement

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.

Church music
We are looking for volunteers who would like to support music ministry. Especially lead hymns. Please speak with Dr John Lavery or Fr Marcin

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Funerals:
- **John Stuart McFarlane (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 1 February 9am. Reception of the body into the church 6pm on Tuesday.
- **Michael Gaughan (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 10th February 9.30am.
- **Edward Przybylski (RIP)** who funeral will take place on Tuesday 14th February 10am.

May they rest in peace.

Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley
Friends, this Thursday (2 Feb) is World Day of Consecrated Life. A total of 26 religious orders are based in our archdiocese, with religious brothers and sisters from Scotland and across the world serving our communities in Jesus' name. Let's pray for them and celebrate their work. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire women and men to respond generously to God's call to a priestly or religious vocation.

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

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

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.

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.130.

Sunday collection
£412.84 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

Bonus Ball winner
Bonus Ball No.8 David Glencorse.

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 4th/5th February. Some items are past or near their best before date and will be reduced in price.

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine
Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparch 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

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 envelops 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 availably 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."