

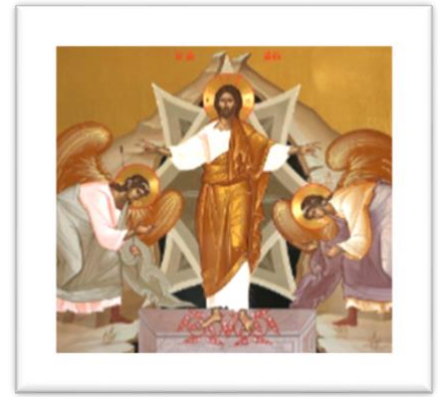
## Parish of Our Lady & St. Bridget's, West Calder

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## Upcoming Events

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Baptism Oran Patrick Prendergast

**5<sup>th</sup> May** Baptism Sylvie Jack McNaughton

**26<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communion

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Confirmation

## Mass schedule

**Saturday** 5.15pm Rose McHale  
7pm ■■■

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Anne Crombie (RIP)

**Monday 9.30am** John Boyle (Anniv)

**Tuesday No public Mass** James McGuire

**Wednesday 7pm** May Gilhooly (RIP)

**Thursday 9.30am** Lucy Anderson (RIP)

**Friday 9.30am** Funeral Mass Martin Coyne (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Philip Sharkey (RIP)  
7pm. ■■■

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Mrs Cissy & Mr Dickie Menzies.

■■■ Mass in Polish Language.

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Saturday & Sunday Mass and during Wednesday's Adoration.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm 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

## Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass.

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Philip Sharkey (RIP)

**Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Second collection will be taken for ecclesiastical Student's Fund.

**Funerals:** Please keep in your prayers late **Martin Coyne (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am. Reception of the body into the church on Thursday 5pm.

### James McMillan event

Join Sir James MacMillan, one of the world's most successful living composers and Scotland's best known Catholic musician, for a free talk at *St Mary's Cathedral*, Edinburgh, on **Tuesday 23 April** at 7:30pm. Sir James will explore how chant, as the music of Faith, has influenced the history of music. Register at <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

**Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh** SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on **Saturday 27 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

**Deeply Devoted** Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on **Saturday 27 April** 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. *Deeply Devoted* features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

**Synod** The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

**Mass for Married & Engaged couples** The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk) or by calling 0131 334 1693.

**Life In The Spirit Seminars** At Saint Andrew's Craighill Livingston. More info at the poster.

**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 first line.



## In the Community

### Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade.

### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5  
Readings: p. 262.

### Sunday collection

£754.10  
+ approx. £340.75pw  
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations.  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 55 Declan Doyle

## Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

**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.

**Leaving a legacy** Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be a for a number of reasons: by way of a thank you for support they or their family have received from the charity; as a way of making sure that the charity's good work can continue in the future; as a way to make a difference. Most charities would not survive without legacies. Our parish community has received legacies over the years and in every case the generosity of these has made a significant difference to the Parish. If you would like to make a difference, please consider a legacy to your local church when planning for the future.

**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."