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Upcoming Events

2 April – Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Holy Week.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Elizabeth Bajai (Anniv)

Sunday 11am S May Gilhooley (RIP)

Monday No public Mass Emily Dunne (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Donors Intention

Wednesday No public Mass Andrew McLay(S) & Paul McLay (Birthday)

Holy Thursday 5pm Donors Intention

Good Friday 5pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Saturday 5.15pm Harry Cameron (RIP)

Sunday 10.45am S. Philip Compton (RIP)

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 2nd April

11am Palm Sunday Mass

Holy Thursday 6th April

5pm Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday 7th April

5pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday 8th April

5.15 pm The Solemn Easter Paschal Vigil.

Easter Sunday 9th April

7.00 am Ecumenical Celebration of Easter in the Auld Kirk yard, West Calder (followed by breakfast in Limefield Church Hall.)

10.45am Easter Sunday Mass

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Friday is **Good Friday** and a day of Fasting and Abstinence

Easter at your church Cards – at the back of the church. Feel free to pick up, fill it and pass this invitation cards to your friends or neighbours.

Holy Week WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH DAY?

On Palm Sunday, Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem is remembered. Catholics can participate in processions with blessed olive branches or palms. From Holy Monday to Wednesday there are no special events. **Holy Thursday** commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, in which He instituted the sacraments of the Eucharist and holy orders. During the Mass celebrated on this day, the priest practices the rite of foot washing. Mass cannot be celebrated on Good Friday nor Holy Saturday, since these are days of mourning the death of Christ. **On Good Friday** there is special liturgy of the Word Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion. **On Holy Saturday** the church is silent until later that night, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It is common that new persons are baptized into the Catholic faith on this night. Finally, the Resurrection of Christ is remembered on Easter Sunday and is celebrated at Mass that morning.

Palm Sunday

Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

This takes place on Monday 3 April at 7:45pm on Zoom. It is a chance pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at bit.ly/stations2023

RESURRECTION - An event brings together Christians from all over the central belt to celebrate the greatest event in history in an evening of music and worship on Easter Sunday. It is led by the **Origin Scotland** band, singers and orchestra, and held annually in one of the world's great concert halls, home to the Edinburgh Festival - the Usher Hall. An event that unites the Church around the great central truth of the Gospel, it declares to the world: Christ is risen. Usher Hall, Sun 09 April, 2023, 19:30:00 Venue Location: Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EA Admission: FREE Book place online. <https://www.originministry.org/bookings/>



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6,
Readings: p.176.

Sunday collection

£396.47+ (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 37 Brian McCabe.

The Edinburgh Easter Play in Princes Street Gardens on 8th April at 2 pm. This is a great opportunity to bring friends along and a great Christian witness in the heart of the city. We also have a Treasure Hunt for families, starting at 12.30, with faith-related queues and a few prizes for the lucky children in attendance. Please pre-register here <https://forms.gle/TMqvXWL1G6C1hbTY8> or visit easterplay.org for more information.

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.

Christian Meditation (in person and online)

Lent is a time to grow in prayer, and Easter a time to rejoice in the Lord. Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you on this journey. We meditate in person at 63 York Place, Edinburgh EH3 5AD, 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 and you can join from anywhere. 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>

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.

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."