Newsletter, 25th August 2024
21st Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B

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

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## Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Mary Carty (Molloy) & Charles Molloy
**Sunday 11.00am S.** Martin Gaughan (Anniv)
**12.30**

**Monday 9.30am** May & Hugh Sharkey (Anniv)

**Tuesday No public Mass**

**Wednesday 7pm** Patrick New (Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** The Hunter Family

**Friday 9.30am** James Salmond (Anniv)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Tracey Pritchard (RIP)
**Sunday 11.00am S.** Annie Clinton (Anniv)
**12.30**

S – Mass live streamed online
Mass in Polish Language.
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 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

## Upcoming Events

**25th August** – Parish BBQ

**30th August** – Wedding Nicole Sweeney and Aidan Hart.

## Family Connection

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship. As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child's baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honour this commitment.

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## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Next Sunday 1st September is the World Day of Prayer for Creation.

**Parish BBQ 25th August** after 11am Mass. All welcome. Please RSVP on the list at the back of the church. Thank you. Please notice that the parish bbq this year will take place at the car park so there will be limited spaces there. If you can please use the nearest car parks at Dickson Street and community centre. Thank you.

**Funerals:** Please keep in your prayers late **Jean Size (RIP)** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday 4th September 10am at West Lothian Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**Justice & Peace Mass**
The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

**Venerable Margaret Sinclair**
The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/

**National Pilgrimage**
The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on Sunday 1 September, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

**National Youth Pilgrimage**
The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

### 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.7
Readings: p.123.

**Sunday collection**
£492.40
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

**Bonus Ball winner**
Bonus Ball No 58 Linda Eardley.

**Teachers!**
Are you interested in gaining the Catholic Teachers Certificate (CTC)? If you are eligible to teach RE in a Catholic school, the funding for the course has been extended to include teachers registered with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and Newly Qualified Teachers. Apply to Glasgow University now and receive a fully funded place. Details at www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/cpdforteachers/ and www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/religioused ucationbydistancelearning/ Queries: Roisin Coll roisin.coll@glasgow.ac.uk or Denise Porada denise.porada@glasgow.ac.uk

**Holy Year 2025**
Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

**Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (**SAAS funding available for Scottish students!)
Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS.

**Raise the Roof concert**
Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetheroofshow

**Celebrating the Gift**
A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

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**Season of Creation**
A season of creation conference takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, on Saturday 7 September from 10:00am-3:00pm. This year's theme is hope and act for creation. Register at www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah. A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

**Caritas Cup – sponsorship opportunities**
The Caritas Cup football and netball tournaments involve secondary schools across St Andrews & Edinburgh, Paisley and Motherwell. Organiser SCIAF is looking for sponsors. Please contact Adam (caritascup@outlook.com) for further information around sponsorship. All funds raised will benefit SCIAF's work in Gaza and the Holy Land.

**SPUC Petition - End the British Government's cruel two-child benefit ca.** Did you know that BPAS, one of Britain's biggest abortion providers, has identified that the Government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is "a significant factor" in many women deciding to abort their child? Research carried out by BPAS confirmed that, "Among women who were aware of the two-child limit and likely to be affected (women in receipt of Universal Credit or Tax Credits), 57% said that the policy was important in their decision-making around whether or not to continue the pregnancy. "The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap. Sign the Petition online or using the cards at the back of the church.

**Hope, healing and forgiveness** Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to deal with painful emotions. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others can experience forgiveness. The next retreat in Scotland is at the end of June. Contact Sister Andrea: sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or 07816 942 824. More at https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home

**Marriage Counselling** If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

**Way of St Andrews**
Pilgrimage in Scotland? Try the 'Little Camino', Scotland at its best. Great trails, great scenery and a great opportunity for reflection. Visit http://www.thewayofstandrews.com/

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

**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 first line.

**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.

**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."