

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

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Upcoming Events

27th August, Parish BBQ
3rd September, children's Liturgy Resumes after Summer Holiday.
1st October – Enrolment Mass for Sacramental preparation.
15th October – Archbishop's Visit & Award's ceremony.
18th October – Fabric & Finance Comity.
23rd October – Parish Pastoral Council.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Ryan Kelly (Birthday)

Sunday 11.00am S Adeline McCormac (25thAnniv)

Monday 9.30am Jim Steel (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Bridie Fleider (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm James Salmond (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Michael Gaughan (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Funeral Mass: Mary Sharkey (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Donors Intention (AL)

Sunday 11.00am S. William Patrick Curran (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

Announcements



Mass in Polish language

from September 2023
every Saturday 7pm.

Msza św. w języku Polskim
od września 2023 w każdą
sobotę o godzinie 19.00.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Funerals: Please keep in your prayer our parishioner **Mary (May) Sharkey (RIP)** Funeral Mass on Friday 1st September 9.30am. Reception of the body Thursday 31st August 5pm. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory.

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 2nd/3rd September. Do you have any out of date or broken tablets, MP3 player, phone or other small gadgetry? These can be turned into donations to Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange). Other items such as obsolete coins and notes, broken jewellery, unwanted stamp collections are also accepted. Please bring to Anne at the stall. There is a private Facebook page - Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299756461580973/> that is regularly updated with news items about Fairtrade.

Children's Liturgy

We are delighted to announce that the Children's Liturgy will resume on the first Sunday of every month from Sunday 3rd September at the 11am mass. We look forward to seeing the children again. If anyone would like to volunteer to join the Children's Liturgy Team please speak to Father Marcin or email Catherine on cmt35@hotmail.co.uk

Carfin Pilgrimage The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place on Sunday 3 September. Join Archbishop Cushley and Bishops from across Scotland to pray for peace, particularly in the Ukraine.

Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice and Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's Church, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Monday 4 September. Please register at bit.ly/caritasmass2023 so organisers can estimate numbers for catering.

Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on Sunday 17 September at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30-1.50pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2:00pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3:00pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3:30pm break for refreshments and sale of candles & holy items; 4:30pm Holy Mass.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p.120

Sunday collection

£484.69.
+ approx. £311.75pw
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

African Missions and Holy Places : £329.10

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 15 Niamh Doyle.

Talk series at the Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Theresa's, East Calder (EH53 0ES) will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the three to six-year-old children of our deanery beginning in this September on Friday afternoons. This is a child-centred way of allowing young child to engage with the Bible and the Catholic faith. The catechists who work with the children will participate in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium. Please join us in praying for the those who are called to this ministry. To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Theresa's or if you have children of an age to benefit from and participate in this new initiative please contact: frkevindouglas@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 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."