Newsletter, 4th August 2024
18th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B

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

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## Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm**
**Sunday 11.00am S.** 65th Wedding Anniversary Jean & Lawrence Curran. (Thanksgiving)
**12.30**

**Monday 9.30am**

**Tuesday No public Mass**

**Wednesday 7pm** Breege Duffy (RIP)

**Thursday 9.30am**

**Friday 9.30am** Bessie McPhee (Anniv)

**Saturday 5.15pm**
**Sunday 11.00am S.**
**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

## Family Connection

In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Funerals:**
Please keep in your prayer late **Odette Raymond-Gladstone (RIP)** Whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 6th August 11am. May she rest in peace.
Please keep in your prayer also late **Tracey Pritchard (RIP)** Whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 7th August 10am. May she rest in peace.

**Parish BBQ 25th August** after 11am Mass. All welcome. Please RSVP on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Our local Saturday 7pm Mass in Polish Language is moving** from August to Sunday Mass at 12.30pm.

**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).

### 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.114.

**Sunday collection**
£398.80
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

**Bonus Ball winner**
Bonus Ball No 37 Brian McCabe

**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."