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Upcoming Events

1st December – First Sunday of Advent.

1st December – Children's Liturgy

17th December 10am – W.Loathian Council Carol Service at W.Kirk of Calder.

21st December - Decoration (10am) and cleaning (6.15pm) of the church for Christmas Season.

24th December - Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carol service

7pm Christmas Eve Mass

9pm Christmas Eve Mass –
(In Polish Language ■■■)

25th December - Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Mass

11.30am Christmas Day Mass –
(In Polish Language ■■■)

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Dennis Langton (3rd Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S William Cameron (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Gerard McManus (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm David McGill (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Cathy Grindlay (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am St. Mary's PS Polbeth - Janet Boyle (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Mgr Alistair Lawson (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S. Catherine & Michael Doonan

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.

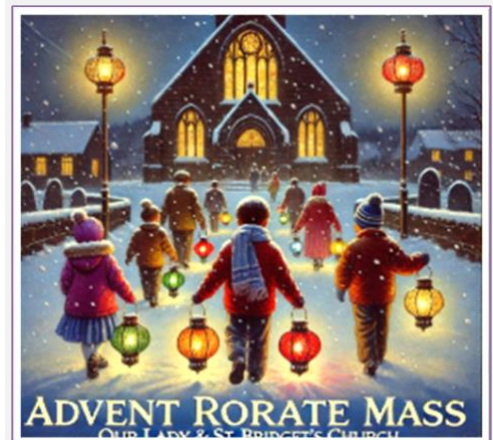
Chaplet to the Divine Mercy – 15min before Wednesday Mass.

Children's Newsletters 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



News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Janet Boyle (Anniv)

Liturgical calendar: Tuesday St. Francis Xavier; Friday – St. Nicholas; Saturday – St. Ambrose.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent Liturgical Year C.

School Mass - Friday 9.30am will be celebrated at St. Mary's PS Polbeth. All welcome.

St. Andrew's Parish Night A huge THANK YOU to everyone who planned, organised, and took part in making our Parish Family and Social Night an incredible success! Your efforts and enthusiasm brought our parish community together. What a night to remember!

Invitation to Rorate Mass 2024 - We warmly invite you to this year's **Rorate Mass**, a deeply spiritual celebration honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is at the heart of the Advent season. This Advent, we are blessed to have **special guests** leading us in our spiritual journey through these three Wednesdays, guiding us in prayer and reflection as we prepare for Christmas:

- **4th December:** Fr. Michael John Galbraith (Parish Priest, St. Mary's RC, Bathgate)
- **11th December:** Fr. Andrzej Harden (Parish Priest, St. Aidan's RC, Aviemore)
- **18th December:** Rev. Jonanda Groenewald (Church of Scotland Minister, Polbeth Harwood & West Kirk of Calder)

The **Rorate Mass** takes place in near darkness, illuminated by the gentle glow of candles, creating a prayerful atmosphere. It is a moment to pause, reflect, and open our hearts to the hope and joy of Christ's coming. Clergy will be available from 6pm for confession.

We encourage everyone to bring lamps or candles to contribute to the sacred liturgy. **Children are especially invited** to bring lanterns or lamps to lead the clergy in a solemn entrance procession.

During the Liturgy of the Word, children will have the opportunity to participate in a special **Children's Liturgy** in the side chapel, lovingly guided by our teachers.

Advent Healing Service - New Dawn Scotland : Led by Fr. Gladson Dabre OSA on Friday 6th. December at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 67 Abdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ, starting at 7 pm. "Come and experience the healing power of Jesus". Further details please take a look at the poster on the porch noticeboard.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: p.82
Preface: p.65, 1A.

Sunday collection

£569.50
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 6 Margaret Meek

Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1st December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Zoom series on new Lectionary

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorris at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent

Diploma in Catechetics

Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

Young Adult Ministry at Sacred Heart Church The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

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 0751 1928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Healing weekend

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 help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or on 07816 942 824.

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 available spot and not blocking first lines.

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."