



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

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### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Mary & John Hampson (Anniv)

**Sunday 11.00am S** Peter Kane (Anniv)

**12.30** ■■■

**Monday 9.30am** – Catherine Gaughan (Anniv)

**Tuesday No public Mass**

**Wednesday 7pm** Bridget & Edward McCool (Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** Martin Walters (RIP)

**Friday 9.30pm** Cathie Boyle (Anniv)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Ian Scott (Anniv)

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Piotr Schneider (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 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

### Upcoming Events

**5<sup>th</sup> January** – Children's Liturgy.

**5<sup>th</sup> January** - Baptism Lucas Lok Sun Shiu.

**3<sup>rd</sup> February** – PPC

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – Finance & Fabric

### Sunday Connection

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Cathie Boyle (Anniv)

**January 1<sup>st</sup> is the World Day of Prayer for Peace.**

**Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany.** A collection will be taken up for the work of Justice and Peace.

**Liturgical calendar:** Wednesday – Mary Mother of God; Thursday – St Basil and Gregory.

**Many thanks** to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special this year. To all the ministries and those who cared for our church and created the beautiful Christmas decorations—your efforts are truly appreciated. Well done to all! Wishing all parishioners and our friends a Happy New Year filled with blessings and good things. Fr. Marcin

### **Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year**

Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va) for more details about this special year.

### **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/>

**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](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

**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.



## 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.105.  
Preface: p.66-67.

### **Sunday collection**

£847.50  
+ approx. £350.75pw  
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations.  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Christmas collection:  
£1498.60

### **Bonus Ball winner**

No 31 Rose Mooney

## Help after abortion

[Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline](#) (ARCH) helps anyone struggling after an abortion with counselling and supportive help. All services are provided confidentially, compassionately, without judgement and free of charge. Call the UK Helpline: 0345 603 8501, 7pm-10pm daily & 9am-5pm Mon-Fri or email [info@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@archtrust.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) or on 07816 942 824.

**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."