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Upcoming Events

19 December 10am Ecumenical Lessons & Carols service in the West Kirk of Calder.

Christmas Eve 24th December
6pm. Carol service followed by 6.30pm. Christmas Eve Mass.
9pm. Christmas Eve Mass (in Polish language)

Christmas Day 25th December
10.30am Christmas Day Mass
12pm Christmas Day Mass (in Polish language)

Saint Stephen 26th December
Feast Day, Boxing Day
10am – Mass (in English and Polish)

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Eva DiBiasio
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S Catherine & Michel Sn & Jn Doonan

Monday 9.30am William Cameron (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Mary Galvin (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Janet Boyle (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Richard Curran

Friday 9.30am Jackie Kiernan & Philip McGavern (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Frank Cosgrove (Birthday Mass)
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S. Grant Lawrie (RIP)

S – Mass live streamed online

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

Announcements

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
6-7pm every Wednesday.

Next Children's Liturgy
is on Sunday 3rd December.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Frank Cosgrove

This Sunday is First Sunday of Advent Liturgical Year B.

Friday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent Rorate Mass every Wednesday of Advent

6 Dec. - Fr Krzysztof PP of St Patrick's Wishaw

13 Dec.- Fr Clement PP St. Peter's Livingston,

20 Dec. Visiting priest to be confirmed.

Mass at 7pm with additional time for confession from 6pm and after Mass.

Christmas Cards – supporting Mary's Meals projects will be available on the weekend 2/3 December. Our regular cards from CBC distributors are available as well.

There will be a Fairtrade stall after mass. Anne is still collecting old or broken items of jewellery, cameras, tablets or other electronic gadgets as well as obsolete foreign currency, banknotes or unwanted stamp collections on behalf of Transform Trade. Did you know that these can be turned into cash for charity? If you have any thing, please bring it along to the Fairtrade stall. There is a Facebook page, **Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade?** Why not join to be kept up to date on Fairtrade matters. Is there anyone willing to volunteer with the stall on a regular or occasional basis? This would suit a senior school student over 16. The time can count towards your Caritas Award. Or this could be an adult who comes to mass without children.

Advent Rosary

The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

Petition for Peace

Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at caid.org.uk/CallForPeace



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.82.

Sunday collection

£451.60

+ approx. £325.75pw

(£85pw GoodBox - Card Payments

£59 pw Online Donations.

£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Second collection Catholic Education Service – £195.70

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 13 Sandra Darling.

St Paul's Bookshop

For Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images calendars and lots more, visit St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh (beside John Lewis). It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Lourdes Hospitalité Carol Service

The Lourdes Hospitalité Committee is hosting a Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday 10 December at St Margaret's Church, Main Street, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD. All are welcome to come along and join the festivities. Refreshments in church hall afterwards.

Vocations Mass

The monthly Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 4 December at St Columba's in Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024.

Questions? srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Candlelit Concert

St Mary's Cathedral's Schola Cantorum hosts a special candlelit concert on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 8 December at 8:00pm, in the warmth and intimacy of St Andrew's Church in Ravelston. The group will sing a one-hour programme of Advent and Christmas music. Tickets are £6 standard (£12 family) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Book at <https://bit.ly/ScholaAdvent2023>

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.

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 your 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.

Leaving a legacy Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be a for a number of reasons: by way of a thank you for support they or their family have received from the charity; as a way of making sure that the charity's good work can continue in the future; as a way to make a difference. Most charities would not survive without legacies. Our parish community has received legacies over the years and in every case the generosity of these has made a significant difference to the Parish. If you would like to make a difference, please consider a legacy to your local church when planning for the future.

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."