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Upcoming Events

17th December 10am – W.Lothian 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 ■■■)

5th January – Children's Liturgy.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Mgr Alistair Lawson (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S Catherine & Michael Doonan

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Colin Sim (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Silver Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 9.30am Mgr. Lawson (RIP)

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12.00pm Funeral Mass Julia Malloy

Saturday 5.15pm Frank Cosgrove (Birthday Mass)

Sunday 11.00am S. Frank Murphy (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.

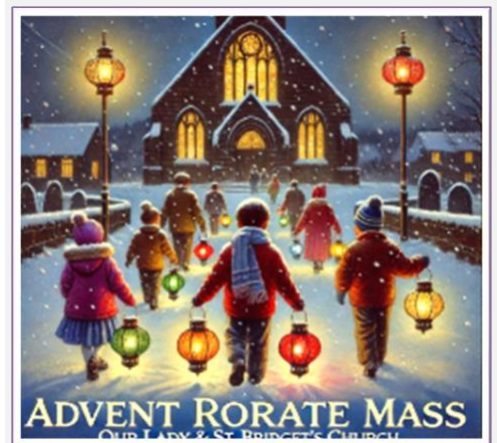
Children's Newsletters available at the back of the church

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



News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Frank Cosgrove (Birthday)

Liturgical calendar: Monday – Immaculate Conception of the BVM;
Saturday – St. John of the Cross.

Funeral- Please keep in your prayer late **Julia Malloy** (RIP) whose funeral Mass will take place on Friday 12pm. May she rest in peace.

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)

St. Marys PS fayre - big thank you to the church community for all the donations kindly handed in. The fayre made £1991.37 to continue to support activities and opportunities for all the school pupils of St. Mary's primary.

Lourdes Carol Service The annual Carol service organised by the Lourdes Hospitalité Committee takes place on Sunday 15 December 2024 at 3pm in St Margaret's Church, Davidsons Mains, Edinburgh. All welcome.

West Calder High is extending a warm invitation to any retired people from our villages, to attend the Jingle and Mingle - an afternoon of Christmas food and fun. The idea behind this event is intergenerational mixing. The young people prepare all the food and activities themselves. Date: Wed 18 December; Time: 1:30-3pm

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 for more details about this special year.



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.84
Preface: p.65, 1A.

Sunday collection

£637.70
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)
Second collection for SCES:
£269.30.

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball
No 3 Erin Cosgrove

Advent Rosary

The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (9 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Fr Peter Shankland (St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk). Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

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 McMorrin 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

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).

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

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."