

Parish of Our Lady & St. Bridget's, West Calder

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Upcoming Events

22 February – Ash Wednesday

25 February – First Confession for children.

10 March – Finance & Fabric Comity meeting.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Harry Cameron (Anniv)

Sunday 11am S Margaret Willkie Welsh

Monday 9.30am Sick Person

Tuesday No public Mass Donor's Intention

Wednesday 7pm Donor's Intention

Thursday 9.30am Rena Toner (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am Pauline Hughes (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Cathie Mullen

Sunday 11am S. Peggy Kiernam & Julia Boles (Anniv)

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6.30pm 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

Important Announcement

Parish Pastoral Council is looking for two more members. Ideally one representing young adults of our community. Please speak with Fr Marcin if you would like to join this ministry. The task of PPC members is to keep good communication with the Parish Priest, provide feedback and support regarding pastoral work in our parish. There are approx. 3-4 meetings per year.

Church music

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support music ministry. Especially lead hymns. Please speak with Dr John Lavery or Fr Marcin

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Funerals:

- **Edward Przybylski (RIP)** who funeral will take place on Tuesday 14th February 10am. **May he rest in peace.**

Synod update

The Continental Assembly for the Synod Scottish Delegation concludes today (Sunday 12 February) in Prague. Find out more about the Scottish input at this event at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

The postponed Fairtrade stall will go ahead this weekend 11th and 12th February. There are still items that are past or near their sell by date that are reduced in price. Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 starts on Monday 27th February until Sunday 12th March. During that time Anne is planning to hold two Coffee Morning and Swish events, one in West Calder Community centre on Saturday 25th February (though that has yet to be confirmed) and another at Livingston United Church, Carmondean, Livingston on Saturday 11th March (that has been confirmed). A Swish is a kind of upmarket jumble sale.

SPUC Youth & Student Conference - 24-26 February is a weekend providing information, inspiration and social time with hundreds of pro-life students and young people from around the UK. You will learn how to discuss pro-life issues among your peers intelligently, honestly and persuasively. The Archdiocese has a limited number of sponsored places available, including transport from Edinburgh. Contact Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

Remembering Service

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on Sunday 19 February, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine

Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparchy in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on Friday, 24 February, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6, Readings: p.136.

Sunday collection

£450.13 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 55 Declan Doyle.

PPC- Minutes of the last PPC session are available at the back of the church and on the parish website.

New cleaning rota

available in Church Porch.

Lent talks

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Vocations Mass

The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on Monday 6 March at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

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 yours 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.

Christian Meditation

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

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.

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."