

# 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** Cathie Mullen

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

**Monday 9.30am** Stuart McFarlane

**Tuesday No public Mass** Michael Goughan (RIP)

**Wednesday 9.30am St. Mary's PS** – Rosena McLaughlin (Anniv)  
**7pm** Harry Cameron.

**Thursday 7am** Geroge Lavery (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am** John MacDonald (Anniv)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Kevan Paterson (RIP)

**Sunday 11am S.** John Mooney

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 meeting 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

**Ash Wednesday.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lent and is a day of Fast and Abstinence. (Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday). Mass with distribution of the ashes at St. Mary's School Polbeth at 9.30am and at Our Lady & St. Bridget's at 7.00pm

**Lenten program** - During the season of Lent there will be

- **Thursday morning Mass at 7am** followed by tea & coffee.
- **Stations of the cross on every Friday 7pm.** (Please put your name on the list if you would like to lead the stations).
- **Additional time for confession on every Wednesday from 6-7pm.** On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Fr Simon Hughes will be available for confession.

The season of Lent encourages us to do more spiritual things and give priority to fast, prayer and almsgiving. Consider joining our Lenten devotions, organised online or by the archdiocese Lenten Bible groups, talks and coming back to the sacrament of reconciliation.

**Next Sunday special collection will be taken to support Pallottine**

**Fathers** – Pallottine fathers are a community of priests and brothers who work on all continents and support local church wherever they are by sending missionaries, running Hospitals, hospices and Parishes. Some number of Pallottine fathers was invited to Scotland few years ago to help our archdiocese. Our parish benefits directly from their work as Fr Marcin is a Polish Pallottine priest. If you can please help them continue their work and train new missionaries and priests by contributing to this annual collection. THANK YOU!

**Message from Archbishop Leo**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and it is a day of fasting and abstinence to acknowledge our mortality and begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer and penance and I encourage you to take the opportunity to go to Confession if you have not been for a while. It is there that we experience the loving mercy of God, who forgives our sins and offers us His grace as we look with hope to experiencing the joy of Easter when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The Friday after Ash Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have experienced abuse. I wish you all a prayerful and peaceful Lent.



### 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.139.

**Sunday collection**

£437 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

**Bonus Ball winner**

Bonus Ball No 14 Willie Lavery.

**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.

## **Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse**

This day is marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday (24 February). We unite in prayer for those who have suffered abuse: *Lord Jesus, we praise you for calling us to the service of others. We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected. We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse. We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities. We dedicate ourselves to this work of service and pray that you will help us to do your will at all times and in all places. Amen.*

## **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](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

**Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF) Assessment** available at the back of the church and parish website. Our parish delegates from Finance & Fabric comity will take part in the denary meeting regarding this fund.

**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](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk) or 0131 623 8917.

## **Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine**

Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparch 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.

## **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](https://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 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.

### **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."