

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

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Upcoming Events

25 February – First Confession for children.

1 March – Liturgical preparation meeting before Easter.

5 March – Children's Liturgy

8 March – Finance & Fabric Comity meeting.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Kevan Paterson (RIP)

Sunday 11am S John Mooney

Monday 9.30am Stuart McFarlane (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Patricia & Mary Clinton (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm Joe Mitchell (Anniv)

Thursday 7am Harry Cameron (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Harry Cameron (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Sydney Show (Anniv)

Sunday 11am S. Bernadette (Bernie) McGinty Hogg (RIP)

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.

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

Glasses - Did you see/find the glasses that had been left on the table at the back of the church? Please, let us know where to find them.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

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 15th 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.

Special collection will be taken today 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!

SCIAF wee boxes are available at the back of the church.

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

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.

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



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.151.

Sunday collection

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

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 9 Cathy Regan

Fairtrade Fortnight begins on Monday 27th Feb. Next weekend, 4th and 5th March, there will be a Fairtrade stall at the back of the church after mass. Many items on the stall are suitable, even if you have given up sweets for Lent.

Lent reflections

Prepare for each Sunday in Lent with a reflection from Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The 'Listening in Lent' talk is posted each Tuesday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Retreat

A retreat takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. The retreat is open to all to find time in Lent to draw closer to Jesus and renew a personal relationship with Him. Times: Friday 24 March 7:30pm-8:30pm, Saturday 25 March 10:00am-3:00pm, Sunday 26 March 9:30am-11:00am. No registration required.

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."