

# 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** Danny Findlay (RIP)

**Sunday 11am S** Danny McCauley (Anniv)

**Monday 9.30am** Edward Przybylski (RIP)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Agnes Clair (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Catherine Toner (Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** Catherine Toner (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am** Funeral Mass: Michael Goughnan

**Saturday 5.15pm** Harry Cameron (Anniv)

**Sunday 11am S.** Margaret Willkie Welsh

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:

- **Michael Gaughan (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am.

- **Edward Przybylski (RIP)** who funeral will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10am.

**May they rest in peace.**

### Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley

My Dear Friends, **World Day for the Sick is on Saturday 11 February.**

In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us to reflect "that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." The day is also the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes so we ask for her intercession in giving comfort and peace to the sick and ill in our parishes

### Retreat

St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy hosts 'RETURN!', a one-day retreat for young adults aged 18-35. Includes talks, workshops, confession, adoration, Holy Mass, and a chance to grow friendships rooted in the love of Christ. Saturday, 11 February, 9am-9pm at 24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD. Register at [bit.ly/returnedinburgh](https://bit.ly/returnedinburgh)

### Valentine's Retreat 2023

This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at [bit.ly/valentineretreat](https://bit.ly/valentineretreat)

### SPUC Youth & Student Conference - 24-26 February

SPUC Youth and Student Conference 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.



### In the Community

#### Pray for the sick

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

#### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6, Readings: p.133.

#### Sunday collection

£453.23 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

#### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No.34 John Eardley

## **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)

## **Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on Sunday 12 February at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

## **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 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.

## **Female vocations**

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**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.”