

Our Lady & St. Bridget's, RC West Calder

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Upcoming Events

February 16th Finance & Fabric.

February 18th – Ash Wed.

February 21st – Sacrament of Confession P3.

March 1st - Children's Liturgy

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Thanksgiving (PF)

Sunday 11am S. Frances Toner (RIP)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Catherine O'Hare Toner (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Mary & Eddie McDaid (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Catherine Toner (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am Tom Slattery (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Bernadette (McGinty) Hogg (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S Julia Boles & Peggie Kiernan (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 (or Sunset in Winter)
HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Family Gospel Connection

What if your family could change the world—without leaving home?

Every small act counts: pausing to listen to a child's story at the dinner table, forgiving a sibling quickly, praying together before bed, or offering a kind word when tensions rise. These moments turn a home into salt that preserves and light that guides. When families keep Christ at the center—through love, patience, and faith even in messy or stressful days—they become more than a house; they become a beacon of hope. In ordinary routines, families quietly show the world that love endures, faith shines, and God's presence transforms everyday life.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Bonus Ball winner: No.5. Maria Gaughan.

This Wednesday is the World Day of the Sick and the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Next year, 2027, marks the 150th anniversary of the opening of our church. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to make it a year of celebration with the planning starting soon. Anyone interested in getting involved with any aspects of planning social or spiritual events can contact Frank Boles chair of the PPC or indeed any member of the council. We will also be looking to identify any memorabilia people might have. To register an interest contact Frank Boles in person or by e mail: francisboles@icloud.com

New Altar Servers Welcome

We warmly invite new altar servers to join the ministry at Our Lady & St Bridget's. Serving at the altar is a beautiful way for children and young people to grow in faith and to take an active role in the life of our parish. Training will be provided, and experienced servers will be happy to support newcomers. Parents and children who are interested are kindly asked to speak to Fr Marcin.

Funerals: Please keep in your prayers recently deceased **Hugh Campbell**. May he rest in peace.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Valentine's Day afternoon retreat This Valentine's Day (Saturday 14 February) couples are invited to join the Archdiocese's afternoon retreat reflecting on the Gift of Marriage. It takes place 2pm-5pm at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR and is led by renowned Scottish Catholic playwright Stephen Callaghan and wife Rachel. Details and registration at bit.ly/archretreat26

SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children and Adults with Special Needs Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at smary.benedicta@staned.org.uk.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, Molly Wade, Joe Thomas, Sebastian B Farrell, David Johnston, Brian Hawthorn.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: 133, Preface: 68

Sunday collection

£461.60
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw Card Payments;
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Scan QR to donate online



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Remembering Service A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

St. Andrew's Children's Society - Adoption and Foster Care

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you? Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk Thank you in anticipation of your positive response to this message.

Bonus Ball The Bonus Ball continues to support the good work of Father Alloys in Kenya. From time to time, one of the Bonus Ball numbers becomes available. Should you be interested in taking a number when the opportunity arises, please let Peter McNaughton (MOB: 07534 620013) know and he will add your name to the waiting list. Bonus Ball members donate £1 per week. Each week, one prize winner gets £28.

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/>

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 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.

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.

Candle Lighting Safety Reminder

For your safety and the safety of others, we kindly ask that candles be lit starting from the *top shelf* of the votive stands. Once the top is full, please continue to the lower shelves. This helps to prevent burn s and avoid accidents. Thank you for your care and consideration.

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."