



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Cathy Regan (RIP)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Irene Rute & Wolfgang Schneider.
Deceased members for Schneider, Murias, Wilkowski.

Monday 9.30am Bridget Freider (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass John Toner (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Maureen Buchanan (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Eileen Bergkinds (RIP)

Friday 9.30am May Gillholy (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm May Sharkey (RIP)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am Margaret & Rena Toner (Anniv)

■■■ Mass in Polish Language.

S – Mass live streamed online

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.

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday 18th January.

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God.

4th February Children's Liturgy

5th February PPC meeting

14th February Ash Wednesday

16th February Finance & Fabric comity meeting.

24th February First Confession for P3 children.

Quotes:

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." Saint Augustine.

"God's first language is silence. Everything else is a translation." Saint Teresa of Ávila.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Funeral: Please keep in your prayers our parishioner **Cathy Regan (RIP)**. Funeral service will take place on Tuesday 16th January 11am at our church followed by burial at Boghead Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Explore God's Will

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 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 each month at the same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Please save the date - details to be confirmed soon.

Save the Date II

The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Details to follow soon.

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Event The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Committee for Interreligious Dialogue hosts its Annual Colloquium Residential from Friday 23 February to Saturday 24 February 2024. It takes place at the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge and this year's theme is *The Role Of Religious Experience In Interreligious Dialogue*. For details visit <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p. 127.

Sunday collection

£755.20
+ approx. £325.75pw
(£85pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Special collection Justice & Peace £174.20

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No2 Molly Wade.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024.

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.

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.

Leaving a legacy Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be for a number of reasons: by way of a thank you for support they or their family have received from the charity; as a way of making sure that the charity's good work can continue in the future; as a way to make a difference. Most charities would not survive without legacies. Our parish community has received legacies over the years and in every case the generosity of these has made a significant difference to the Parish. If you would like to make a difference, please consider a legacy to your local church when planning for the future.

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."