

Newsletter, 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of the Year B
Sunday of the Word of God.



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

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Mass schedule

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

Sunday 11.00am S. Margaret & Rena Toner (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Joe & Catherine Murray (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Margaret Toner (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm Margaret Toner (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am Cathie Boyle (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am George Lavery (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Elizabeth Cosgrove Scott (RIP)
7pm. ■

Sunday 11.00am Gertrude McLay (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

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:

"Through prayer, a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. This is why we must approach the Bible without ulterior motives, without exploiting it. The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter..."
- Pope Francis

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Elizabeth Cosgrove Scott (RIP)

Ministries – Our church needs you! We are always looking for a volunteers to all our ministries. Currently especially we are looking for volunteers to help with the **ministry of money counting** after Sunday Mass. This is a work in a team. Scale of the commitment depends on the numbers of people in the team usually an hour after Sunday Mass. It doesn't have to be every Sunday. Please speak with Fr Marcin for more details.

New Dawn in Scotland hosts a conference and parish healing service at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Parish, West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ on Saturday 3 February from 9:30am. Speakers are Fr Frankie Mulgrew, priest from the Diocese of Salford (and a former comedian), and Terry Quinn, an International Catholic Evangelist and bible scholar. Visit <https://newdawninscotland.com/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to meditate on this year's theme: *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Lk 10:27) and ensure we extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to our brother and sisters of different Christian denominations, as well as those of all faiths and none, in our community.

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.



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. 129.

Sunday collection

£556.90
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 35 Frank Boles.

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.

Free places at SPUC annual conference! SPUC's Youth Conference is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs 23 - 25 February at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: bit.ly/youthconference24 or contact the Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk

Soprano and bass wanted St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking a soprano and a bass to sing in its Schola Cantorum octet. The choir sings weekly at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral, and at other services and concerts throughout the year. Alongside its core liturgical singing, recent highlights for the group have included singing as part of the Cathedral's pilgrimage to Rome in 2023, "Light from Light" candlelit concerts in the Archdiocese in 2022, and singing at the Festival Mass of the Cumnock Tryst in 2023. To apply or for more information, please contact Michael Ferguson, Director of Music, by 29 January: DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.uk

World Day of the Sick – 11 February The World Day for the Sick was introduced by St Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

Job vacancy The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-finance-officer/>. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 January.

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/>

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 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.

Leaving a legacy Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be a 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."