



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Ian Scott (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S Piotr Schneider (Anniv)

12.30 ■

Monday 9.30am – Margaret McNaughton Schenardi (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Jim Wynne of Bathgate (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am George & Eileen Fleming (SP intention)

Friday 9.30am Rose Domenica & Danny McCauley (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm The Hunter Family

Sunday 11.00am S. Special Intention (WL)

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.

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

5th January – Children's Liturgy.

5th January - Baptism Lucas Lok Sun Shiu.

3rd February – PPC

19th February – Finance & Fabric

Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany.

Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas.

Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. A second collection will be taken up for the work of Justice and Peace.

Many thanks to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special this year. To all the ministries and those who cared for our church and created the beautiful Christmas decorations—your efforts are truly appreciated. Well done to all! Wishing all parishioners and our friends a Happy New Year filled with blessings and good things. Fr. Marcin

SVDP updates - The SSVDP helped 29 families at Christmas The cost was £2750. During the year we gave assistance to families and individuals who were referred to us or who contacted us to ask for help We also handed £1000 of Asda vouchers to St Thomas Primary Addiewell and £1000 of Asda vouchers to St Mary's Primary Polbeth The schools made sure these were given to families who needed help during the year. We also did our usual visits to the sick and to The Care Homes

Have you found a St. Anthony medal?

A larger-sized St. Anthony medal of great sentimental value has been lost, possibly in the car park. If you come across it, please let us know as soon as possible. Your help in returning it would be deeply appreciated. Thank you!

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/>

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 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: p.114..
Preface: p.67.

Sunday collection

£530
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

No 41 John Lavery

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.

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.

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.

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."