

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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Karen Cosgrove (Anniv)
7pm ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Karen Cosgrove (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Betty & Bill Glynn (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Annie Gilhooley (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Gerry Duffy (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Gerry Duffy (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Funeral Mass: Gerry Duffy (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Irena Shneider (1st Anniv)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. George Lavery (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

16th June Baptism: Nadia Victoria Czarniak; Nina Pieczko; Sophia McMenamin.

25th August – Parish BBQ

Family Connection

Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today is the Bishops of Scotland Day for life. Second collection will be taken up for the work of the apostolate of life.

Congratulations to all children baptized after Sunday Mass. May they grow in love and knowledge of God.

Special words of thank you, appreciation and prayers to all fathers on **Father's day!**

Funerals: Please keep in your prayers our parishioner late **Gerry (Gerard) Duffy (RIP)** . Funeral Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 21st June 9.30am. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Children's Liturgy will take a break for the summer holidays and return on the first Sunday of every month beginning after the start of the new school session on 1st September.

Ordinations

Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday 29 June at midday in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh. The Cathedral hosts Eucharistic Adoration from 1:15pm to 8:00pm on Thursday 27 & Friday 28 June to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and includes a Holy Hour led by the two men at 7:00pm. Please keep Paul and Peter in your prayers.

Hope, healing and forgiveness

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 deal with painful emotions. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others can experience forgiveness. The next retreat in Scotland is at the end of June. Contact Sister Andrea: sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or 07816 942 824. More at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home>

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.95.

Sunday collection

£595.70
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 5 Marie Gaughan.

PPC Minutes available at the back of the church and parish website.

Workshop on Assisted Suicide

The Assisted Dying Bill could come into law in Scotland in soon. The Archdiocese is hosting a workshop in the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Tuesday 18 June at 7:30pm to show you how to engage with, and inform others, about concerns arising from this proposed law. Free event. Register at <https://bit.ly/calledtocarenotkill>

General Election

SPUC has launched a campaign to encourage voters to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. Visit: www.spuc.org.uk/valleyourvote

Schola Cantorum

An evening of summer music takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on Wednesday 26 June. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by a drinks reception. Tickets £10. Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

SCIAF School Volunteers

SCIAF is looking for volunteers to support its work in schools across the Archdiocese. You'll receive training, travel expenses and a fulfilling role that uses your gifts to serve God and others. To find out more email schools@sciaf.org.uk

Dominican Conference

The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place Friday 28/Saturday 29 June at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome): bit.ly/godsmercyandyours

St Margaret's Pilgrimage

Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

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Columba Trust

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals to support projects which promote the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **31 July 2024**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

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/>

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 line.

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.

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."