

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

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## Upcoming Events

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** Baptism: Amarah  
Catherine Elizabeth Maclean  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** Wedding: Roisin Mary  
Bridget McLaren & Liam  
Michael Urquhart  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>** Baptism: Fiadh  
Rowyn Hunter  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>** - Parish BBQ

## Family Connection

In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people.

Today we give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Danny Corr (RIP)

**Sunday 11am S.** Karen Cosgrove (Anniv)  
**12.30** ■■■

**Monday No public Mass** Lizzie Lavery

**Tuesday No public Mass** Marysia Zoltowska (RIP)

**Wednesday 10am** St.Mary'sPS Leavers Mass at our church.  
**7pm** Dawid Maj-Wach RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** Lesa Gaffney (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am** Bill Saunders (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Daniel Size (RIP)

**Sunday 11.00am S** Paddy McDonald (Sick)  
**12.30** ■■■

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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

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Today is Solemnity of** The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**Next Sunday** second collection will be taken for Peter's Pence

**Liturgical Calendar:** Tue – Nativity of John the Baptist; Fri – Most Sacred Eucharist of Jesus.

**Please notice** that Monday – Tuesday this week there will be no public Masses at our church. On Wednesday there is additional school Mass at our church at 10am.

**Children's Liturgy** will take a break for the school holidays in the months of July and August but will resume on 7th September.

**Sacristans needed** - We are looking for volunteers to support our sacristan ministry, which has a long history of being the backbone of our community. Sacristans help clergy and people celebrate our faith and liturgy, and we are currently seeking individuals to join our team. You will have the flexibility to work in a team. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and gain insight into the daily life of the church.

### Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 22 June

Archbishop Leo will lead the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3:00pm on Sunday 22 June. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church. [priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk](mailto:priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk) or 01236 822136.

### Portraits of Courage

Aid to the Church in Need hosts a moving photo exhibition on the plight of persecuted Christians across the world. It takes place on Thursday 19 June from 6:00-8:00pm at Dalziel Building, 7 Scott Street, Motherwell ML1 1PN. Tickets are free by calling 01698 337 470 or search 'Portraits of Courage' on Eventbrite.

**Talk on Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Priest, Philosopher & Prophet** Talk by Fr Antonio Bellsito IC at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR, on Tuesday 1 July at 6:00pm. Mass will follow the talk. Refreshments served.



## In the Community

### Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, Molly Wade, Joe Thomas, Sebastian Benedict Farrell.

### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7  
Readings: 83.  
Preface: p.65.

### Sunday collection

£549.90  
+ approx. £350.75pw  
(£110pw Card Payments;  
£59 pw Online Donations;  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

### Bonus Ball winner

Number 59  
Stephen Lavery.

**Jubilee Year Picnic for families** The Archdiocesan Jubilee Year picnic takes place on Saturday 28 June, 11:00am-4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Includes Rosary at The Grotto and concludes with Holy Mass in St Margaret's Chapel. Childcare provided. Register at [bit.ly/archpicnic](http://bit.ly/archpicnic) Can you volunteer to help on the day? Please email [VEmarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:VEmarriage@staned.org.uk)

### **Parish communicators**

The Archdiocese is hosting a webinar for those who are involved with parish communications (such as Facebook, newsletters). It takes place on Saturday 19 July at 10:00am-11:00am. The session will give tips and guidance on parish social media, newsletters and more. Register at [bit.ly/parishcomms](http://bit.ly/parishcomms)

### **Study Catholic Theology in Edinburgh**

Interested in finding out more about the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh? An online information event takes place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17 June where you can hear from staff and current students. Register at [bit.ly/stmarysuni](http://bit.ly/stmarysuni) or email [stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk)

### **Save the Date**

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on Saturday 21 September 2025 at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details coming soon.

### **Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome**

Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) which takes place 28 July to 4 August 2025. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father. Limited single rooms available. Email [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk) by Sunday 2 February.

### **Lourdes 2025**

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25)

### **Grief to Grace**

Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in attending this confidential healing retreat from 29 April to 4 May in Perth, please contact: [margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) or on 07816 942 824.

**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 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 burns and avoid accidents. Thank you for your care and consideration.

**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.

**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."