

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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Catherine Lavery (Anniv)
7pm ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Sean Boyle

Monday No public Mass Rena Toner (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Jim Steel (RIP)

Wednesday No public Mass Maureen Buchanan (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Collin Sin (Sick)

Friday 9.30am Funeral Mass: Annie Gilhooley (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Frank Cosgrove (Anniv)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Mary Anne Mooney (RIP)

■■■ 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

5th June Confirmation, Blackburn.

10th June Parish Pastoral Council

16 June Baptism: Nadia Victoria Czarniak & Nina Pieczko

Family Connection

Like Passover meal our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshipping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Frank Cosgrove (Anniv)

We thank you Fr Simon Hughes for his pastoral support on Sunday.

Please notice that there is no public Masses Monday - Wednesday.

Funerals: Please keep in your prayers late **Annie Gilhooley (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Friday 7th June 9.30am. May she rest in peace.

We pray for our children who on Wednesday will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation: Ezirim Chinemerem Maria Faustina; Daniel Thomas Lavery; Emmanuella Ifeoma Ezirim; Ezirim David Mmesoma; Jakub Lewalski; Phillip Kazikowski; Chloe Margaret McCormack. May they grow in love and knowledge of God.

Many thanks to our local funeral director Thomas Grieve & Son for sponsoring and organising refurbishment of our wooden parish information board outside the church. Looks really good. Thank you!

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 8th/9th June after mass. Anne is still collecting old mobile phone, tablets, cameras stamps and jewellery on behalf of Transform Trade. Please bring items when the stall is at the back of the church.

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. 85

Sunday collection

£489.
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 4 Robert Gaughan

Fire safety training for church volunteers (especially passkeepers, sacristans, finance and fabric comity) Will take place at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Linlithgow. Please see more information on parish website and register 5th June 2024 & 12th June 2024.

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.

Treasuring the Gift – Sacred Scripture Reflection Day

The translation of the Bible that we hear at Mass is changing this Advent. Our Archdiocese has organised a day of prayer, study and discussion to learn more about this and to reflect on the gift of the word of God for the Church. *Treasuring the Gift* takes place on Saturday 8 June 10:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/treasuringthegift

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.

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."