

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

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## Upcoming Events

22 March – Liturgical meeting  
before Easter.

2 April – Palm Sunday and the  
beginning of the Holy Week.

## Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Michael Gaughan

**Sunday 11am S** Harry Cameron (RIP)

**Monday 9am** David Doyle (RIP)

**Tuesday No public Mass** David Doyle (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Ged Farrell (RIP)

**Thursday 7am** Harry Cameron (RIP)

**Friday 9.30am** Bernadette Hogg (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Robert Peel (Anniv)

**Sunday 11am S.** Elizabeth Shaw (Anniv)

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6.30pm 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

## Important Announcement

### Bishops' Conference of Scotland

**Statement** on the Relationship  
between Conscience and  
Politics available at the back of  
the church and the parish  
website.

Next **Children's liturgy** 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

From February **The Scottish  
Catholic newspaper** will be a  
digital publication. Visit website  
to follow the news or subscribe  
to free email.  
[www.scottishcatholic.com](http://www.scottishcatholic.com)

**SCIAF wee boxes** are available  
at the back of the church.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Next Sunday** second collection will be for Papal & Episcopal Charities including SCIAF.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast Day of St. Patrick.**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am – Stations of the Cross led by St. Thomas PS.**

**Lenten program** - During the season of Lent there will be

- **Thursday morning Mass at 7am** followed by tea & coffee.
- **Stations of the cross on every Friday 7pm.** (Please put your name on the list if you would like to lead the stations).
- **Additional time for confession on every Wednesday from 6-7pm.** On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Fr Simon Hughes will be available for confession.

**Funerals:** Please keep in your prayers late **May Gilhooly (RIP).**

Funeral arrangements to be confirmed. May she rest in peace. "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6)

### **Mass - Relics of Padre Pio**

Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They will be in the Archdiocese on Friday 24 March at 7:00pm at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

### **Palm Sunday**

Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk at [bit.ly/palmsundaytalk](https://bit.ly/palmsundaytalk)

### **Journeying with New Scots**

An ecumenical gathering of churches to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. St Mark's Parish Church in Raploch, Stirling, Saturday, 25 March 10:00am – 3:30pm. All welcome. Registration and details at <https://journeyingwithnewscots.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Lent talks**

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorris of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](https://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)



## In the Community

### **Pray for the sick**

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns.

### **Parish Mass Books**

Order of Mass: p.6,  
Readings: p.158.

### **Sunday collection**

£.461.66 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).

### **Bonus Ball winner**

Bonus Ball No. 22  
Catherine Girdwood

## **Lent reflections**

Prepare for each Sunday in Lent with a reflection from Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The 'Listening in Lent' talk is posted each Tuesday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

## **Retreat**

A retreat takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. The retreat is open to all to find time in Lent to draw closer to Jesus and renew a personal relationship with Him. Times: Friday 24 March 7:30pm-8:30pm, Saturday 25 March 10:00am-3:00pm, Sunday 26 March 9:30am-11:00am. No registration required.

## **Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross**

This takes place on Monday 3 April at 7:45pm on Zoom. It is a chance pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at [bit.ly/stations2023](http://bit.ly/stations2023)

## **Vocations Mass**

The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on Monday 6 March at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

**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.

## **Christian Meditation**

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>  
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

**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.

**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."