



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Agnes Mulheron (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S May Gilhooly (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Rose & William Curran (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Anniversary (RP)

Thursday 9.30am Haydn Carr (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Funeral Mass Alexander Rogers (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Otto & Annie Tumilowicz (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. John Lawlor (Anniv)

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 (or Sunset in Winter)

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

17th March – St. Patrick's Day.

6th April - Children's Liturgy

13th April Palm Sunday & Holy Week.

Family Connection

The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory.

They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we

are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, computers smartphones etc.

Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Liturgical calendar: Mon St. Patrick; Wed – St Joseph's.

Lenten Devotions – Stations of the Cross

21 March 10am; 28 March 7pm,

4 April 10am; 11 April 7pm.

Volunteers need to lead the prayers. List at the back of the church.

Funerals:

Alexander Rogers (RIP) – Funeral Mass Fri 21 March 9.30am

John Burns (RIP) of Loganlea – Funeral Mass Thu 27th March 9.30m

May they rest in peace and rise in Glory. Amen.

Fire drill – This Weekend 15/16 March at the end of Mass we will hold our annual fire drill.

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE LAUNCHES This year's Lent Appeal focuses on the country of Colombia. In Colombia, violence lurks around every corner, displacing families, forcing children into crime, and leaving communities dominated by armed gangs In Chocó, the poorest region, people face conflict, poverty, and isolation, and feel forgotten by the world. To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic' Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

Catholic Families for Life

The latest Catholic Families for Life newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is available at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Holy Year Talks

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next one is on Sunday 30 March at 4:30pm when Canon James Tracey discusses *Reconciliation - Forgiveness*. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. All welcome.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: p.156.
Preface: p.72.

Sunday collection

£792.30
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw CardPayments;
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

No 44 Catherine Anne Fairley

Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins at 7:45pm on Monday 10 March and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/Stations25

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope

The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at bit.ly/archyouth

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 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

Monthly 'Catholic Conversations' for Women

Women 18-45 are invited to 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday 22 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm, at St Andrew's, Ravelston, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS hosted by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. There will be refreshments, a video-input, conversation, and a look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The conversation topic will be 'The Mass'. Afterwards, all are also welcome to Holy Hour with Vespers 5:10pm-6:10pm. To register, email edinburgh@almamercy.org.

Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral has recorded new audio tracks — the first professional recordings of the choir since 2020. Listen online for free at <http://tinyurl.com/scholalisten> and you can make an optional donation towards helping the choir sing at the Scots College Ordinations in Rome in May, when the singers will represent St Mary's Cathedral and the Archdiocese.

Palm Sunday Youth Day *[Please post the attached image on your parish Facebook]*

Let your children know about this day of games and inspiring talks hosted by the Archdiocese at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on Saturday 12 April from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm

Columba Trust

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **30 June 2025**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

Annual Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 2 April at St Margaret's, East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB. Fr Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.

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

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 0751 1928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

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.”