



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Bridget McManus
7pm. ■

Sunday 11.00am S. Rose Ann Curran (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Robert Peel (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Alec McCormick (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Elizabeth Shaw (Wedding Anniv)

Holy Thursday 7pm Denis Gallagher (Anniv)

Good Friday 3pm

Holy Saturday 8pm Elizabeth Bajai

Easter Sunday 11.00am S. Bette Macdonald (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

24th March- Palm Sunday &
beginning of the Holy Week

28th March - Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass.

29th March - Good Friday
Ecumenical Cross Walk 12pm
Main Church Service 3pm.

30th March - Holy Saturday
Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass
8pm.

31st March - Easter Sunday
Ecumenical Service at Old Kirk
7am
Easter Sunday Mass 11am.

7th April Children's Liturgy

Quote:

"Palm Sunday is a day of paradoxes: triumph and tragedy, joy and sorrow, praise and rejection. It reminds us of the complexity of the human condition and the depth of God's love for us."
- Saint Thomas More

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Friday is **Good Friday** and a day of Fasting and Abstinence

Holy Week WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH DAY?

On Palm Sunday, Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem is remembered. Catholics can participate in processions with blessed olive branches or palms. From Holy Monday to Wednesday there are no special events. **Holy Thursday** commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, in which He instituted the sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. During the Mass celebrated on this day, the priest practices the rite of foot washing. Mass cannot be celebrated on Good Friday nor Holy Saturday, since these are days of mourning the death of Christ. **On Good Friday** there is special liturgy of the Word Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion. **On Holy Saturday** the church is silent until later that night, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It is common that new persons are baptized into the Catholic faith on this night. Finally, the Resurrection of Christ is remembered on Easter Sunday and is celebrated at Mass that morning.

Holy Week Webinar

Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary's Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ's Passion. Register at bit.ly/passionevent2024

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

This Monday (25 March) at 7:45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on Tuesday 26 March. Archbishop Cushley will consecrate/bleed the holy oils that will be given to parishes and priests from across the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises to serve God & His people.

Mass with African & Caribbean community

The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p. 180.

Sunday collection

£530.10
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 32 Anne Apor.

Conversion Practices

The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposal to end 'conversion practices' in Scotland. The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns violent, abusive, coercive practices. The proposals, however, risk criminalising the mainstream pastoral work of churches and parental guidance given lovingly and in good faith. Respond to the consultation using the guidance at <https://bit.ly/guidancescot>. The closing date for responses is Tuesday 2 April.

Funding support to Study Theology

The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

Vacancy

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Job description and application details are in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org. Closing date for applications is Friday 22 March 2024.

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.

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."

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

7PM

March 28 | Maundy
Thursday

3PM

March 29 | Good Friday

8PM

March 30 | Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil

11AM

March 31 |
Easter Sunday

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Polska Wspólnota West Lothian

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WIELKI TYDZIEŃ

18.15

29 Marca | Wielki Piątek
Droga Krzyżowa

**GODZ:
10;11;12**

30 Marca | Wielka Sobota
Święcenie Pokarmów

**8.00
12.15**

31 Marca | Msze Św.
Niedziela Wielkanocna

11.00

1 Kwietnia | Poniedziałek
Wielkanocny Msza Św.

Nabożeństwa w języku Polskim

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