



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm John McAlister & Andrea Anderson (RIP)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. May Gilhooley (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Bill Groden (8 Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass John MacDonald (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm John McDonald (RIP)

Thursday 7am Deceased Mem. McLinden Family

Friday 9.30am Funeral - Isa Graham (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Cathy Regan (RIP)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Michael Donan (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

3rd March Children's Liturgy

24th March Holy Week

31st Easter Sunday

Lenten Devotions

Stations of the Cross

7.15pm every Friday.
(Fr Marcin available for Confession)

Morning 7am Mass

Every Thursday.
(Tea & Coffee afterwards)

Retreats, Talks & Other events as advertised.

Quotes

"Fast from criticism and feast on praise. Fast from self-pity and feast on joy. Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace."
- St. Francis of Assisi

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

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

Funerals – Please keep in your prayer our late parishioner **Isa Graham (RIP)**. Funeral Mass will take place at our church on Friday 8th March 9.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Remembering Service A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, Edinburgh. Ecumenical and open to all.

Pathways of Hope

A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled 'Pathways of Hope' takes place on Saturday 16 March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

Lent video reflections

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Christian Meditation during Lent

We meditate in person at 63 York Place, Edinburgh EH3 5AD, 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 and you can join from anywhere. 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>

Called to be Saints - Youth Day

A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question 'what does it to be a saint in the modern world?' Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints



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. 155.

Sunday collection

£680.48
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 51 Mary McMillan.

Stations of the Cross

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm, beginning on 19 February, and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/lentstations

Day for Catechists

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan *Day for Catechists* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Appeal from the Church charity Aid to the Church in Need

Out of approximately 1,000 Catholics remaining, 19 have been killed by military action and 11 have died because of a lack of medical care in the four months since the destruction of Gaza began. George Akroush, director of the Project Development Office at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, reports that 10 another more people are at risk of dying because of a lack of adequate treatment due to the bombing of the hospitals and a blockade of medicine by Israel. The Aid to the Church in Need website details how you can help.

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."

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him."