

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

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### Mass schedule

**Saturday** 5.15pm Lizzie Lavery (Anniv)  
7pm ■■■

**Sunday 11.00am** S. William & Rose Curran (Anniv)

**Monday 9.30am** John B Toner (Anniv)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Anne Czarniecki (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Gerard McLennan

**Thursday 9.30am** Canon Roddy Johnston (RIP)

**Friday 9.30am** Elizabeth Regan (Birthday)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Donors Intention  
7pm. ■■■

**Sunday 11.00am** S. Donors Intention

■■■ 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

May Devotion - every Wednesday evening.



### Upcoming Events

**26<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communion

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Confirmation

**10<sup>th</sup> June** Parish Pastoral Council

**16 June** Baptism: Nadia Victoria Czarniak & Nina Pieczko

#### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

*Let us pray.*

**O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Funerals:** Please keep in your prayers late **Martin James Swinney (RIP)**. Funeral will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11am at West Lothian Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

### Sacramental preparation for children:

Please pray for our children preparing for the First Holy Communion: Ezirim Chinemerem Maria Faustina; Dominic Barjasz; Laura Rowniak; Evie McLaughlin and for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Ezirim Chinemerem Maria Faustina; Daniel Thomas Lavery; Emmanuella Ifeoma Ezirim; Ezirim David Mmesoma; Jakub Lewalski; Phillip Kazikowski; Chloe Margaret McCormack.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 & 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 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.

### Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)

**Mass for Married & Engaged couples** The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk) or by calling 0131 334 1693.



## 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. 5  
Readings: p. 280/290

### Sunday collection

£636.20  
+ approx. £340.75pw  
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations.  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Second collection  
Communication Sunday:  
£242.30.

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 37 Brian McCabe

## **Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill**

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at [www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide](http://www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) or email [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto:office@rcpolitics.org) for more information.

## **Pray for Life Novena**

Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese) invites you to join the *Novena For Life* from Thursday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation, to pray for the protection of human life. Sign up to the Novena at [prayforlife.ie](http://prayforlife.ie) The Feast of the Visitation is a celebration of joy in new life and we pray for a return to a society that values and protects all human life from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Novena will lead up to the annual *Day for Life* on Sunday 16 June 2024 of the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

## **Corpus Christi – 2 June**

St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ, on Sunday 2 June, beginning with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at 11:00am, followed by a procession. All are welcome to this special event. First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. St Patrick's hosts a 40 Hours' Devotion ahead of the event.

## **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](http://bit.ly/treasuringthegift)

## **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](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or phone 0751 1928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

## **Down's Syndrome**

The different time limit for babies with disabilities promotes inequality and sends a message that disabled people are less worthy of life and protection. Fifty MPs are supporting an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's Syndrome in line with the time limit for babies without disabilities. Please ask your MP to support this amendment and stop abortion up to birth for babies with Down's syndrome. Visit <https://dontscreenusout.org/timeforchange>

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### **Funding to Study Theology**

SAAS funding is available 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 takes place on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

### **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."