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

Sunday 12th of July 2020 – 15th Sunday of the Year A

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TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
11 July Saturday	People of the Parish
12 July Sunday	Lesa Gaffney (RIP)
13 July Monday	Geroge Lavery (RIP)
14 July Tuesday	Geroge Lavery (RIP)
15 July Wednesday	7pm Geroge Lavery (RIP)
16 July Thursday	7pm Geroge Lavery (RIP)
17 July Friday	9.30am Annette Higgins (RIP)
18 July Saturday	5.15pm People of the Parish
19 July Sunday	10am Donors intention

Church will be open for private prayers this Sunday, Monday & Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm. From Wednesday we resume our public Mass. Registration/booking required.

Announcements - Churches can re-open for Mass from 15th July 2020

On 9th July 2020, the Scottish Government announced that Churches MAY re-open to worshippers for services with effect from 15th July 2020. Before a church can re-open, it must observe the following requirements:

- social distancing must be observed
- face-coverings must be worn by those attending (except under-5s)
- a maximum attendance of 50 people per service is being imposed for now - to be reviewed on 30th July
- for each service, the parish must retain details of names and contact details of all attendees.
- No singing

Our church will be open as per published weekly schedule

- As you enter and leave the church please use ANTIBACTERIAL GEL to sanitise your hands.
- Please wear FACE COVERING while inside the church.
- Please take only DESIGNATED SPACE in the church keeping required distance and following the signs for movements.

- Consider supporting our church by joining our new stewards ministries.

- COLLECTION BOXES will be available during every Sunday/ weekday service to accept weekly donations. Thank you!

- Due to limited space available at our church for Mass before every visit **PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE via link provided on our parish website or phone 0743 7758 225.**

- At our church we can accommodate two people in one designated pew or one household. If one household is taking the pew please book two spaces in the booking system. Map of siting arrangements can be seen during the booking process.

- Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended and it's not possibly to gather together all parishioners on Vigil/Sunday Mass as previously due to limited space and keeping the required distance.

- Booking for weekday and weekend Masses will be accepted on first come first served basis.

- The advice is that if Sunday Mass is already booked try to attend one of the weekday Masses.

Would all Readers please contact Frank Boles with a contact detail,either an e mail address or a text number, so that readers for upcoming Masses can be arranged. Frank's details are francisboles @icloud .com or 07526547552".

We need your help !

We need to recruit more ministries to help us keep our church going safe and in line with government regulations.
Currently we are recruiting for Passkepers /stewards.

Who is eligible to become a volunteer?
Any Male and female parishioners.

Who is excluded from becoming a volunteer ?
- Anyone who is Listed and Barred from any paid or voluntary role with children or adults.
- Anyone who is a Registered Sex Offender
- Anyone under the age of 18.
- Anyone who has underlying health conditions which require shielding.
- Anyone who has a long-term health condition which requires the annual flu vaccination.

The recruitment process
If the person is already an active volunteer and has been safely recruited, they should complete Application Form A.

If the person is new to any volunteer role in the parish then they should complete Application Form B.

(Applications are available online and printed version in the church please deliver them to Fr Marcin. You can drop off your application at presbytery or take a picture of a filled application and send it via email)

Everyone about to start this role should read the Information for new Welcome Ministry leaflet.

Everyone about to start this role should view the online safeguarding training session link is provided.

Once the volunteers will be registered one of them will be appointed to be coordinator to help prepare the rota.

Ministries
We already managed to recruit /organize or coordinate church booking managers and readers. The following two ministers now need to be covered.

Stewards – Passkeepers
Main duties of the Welcome Ministry:

• to be a welcoming face of the parish community
• to assist people to enter the Church safely
• to guide people to restricted seating areas in the church
• to assist people to exit the Church building safely
• to check if antibacterial cleaning equipment is available and in good supply to use by parishioners.
• to assist with collection boxes when needed

Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs and pews, doorknobs, light switches, phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, keyboards, handles, desks, toilets, sinks) etc.
Cleaning will take place after every service in the church. Your help will be required as per rota.
Personal Protection Equipment and cleaning supply will be provided by the church.

Welcome back & Thank you for helping us to keep our church open, clean and safe !
Fr Marcin

Please have a look at our parish website for Fr Marcin's update regarding opening the churches.

BONUS BALL—-The bonus ball fund raising for Father Aloys in Kenya will be postponed from last week (22/3/20) until Sunday Mass resumes. We would ask that those in the scheme continue to put your pound away each week and we will collect them when mass resumes, we could perhaps hold two or more prizes of £100 when things are back to normal. Thank you all. T Toner

NEW donation website has been set up by the archdiocese to support your local parish. If you would like to pay safe by card please visit our parish website and click DONATION page. This is safe & secure diocesan program.

Feel free to use also our parish Bank Accounts to support our parish via direct debit, standing orders or direct money transfers. We rely on generosity of our parishioners. Thank you. We can't handle money at the moment so please for time being use money transfer to parish account or hold on with your donations till we will be back to more normal life.

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Sort code: 83-28-03
Account: 00245404

Mass intentions still can be accepted over email or post.

First Holy Communion will be postponed most likely till autumn or next year.

Community response to COVID-19
Polbeth Hub have planned a range of community support services (food parcels and meals, support line, check-ins) and will be dropping a flier around the village on Thursday

· The Brunch Club (CDT and WCCEA) plans to produce chilled meals and use a network of volunteers/staff to deliver them to those at risk and elderly local people at the discounted seniors rate of £2 for a main course/£3 for soup and main.

· The Food Bank has introduced an emergency protocol parcel pick-up and may offer delivery.

· Harburn Residents have set up a mutual support group which is already collecting prescriptions and checking in on folk.

-GP Surgery has change the appointment system.

Please pray for the sick: Willie Gaughan, Elsie Burns, John Toner, Irene McFadden Jackie Flannagan, John & Elizabeth Cairney, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney. Jean O'Hagan. Martin Coyne, David McMillan, Joe Smedley, Irene Eardley, Ella Cassaly. Paul Marshall, Rachel Shiels. Leo Barker.

LOCKDOWN LOWDOWN

The Scottish Government's route map document gives details of a four phase move out of the current state of lockdown. How does this affect our churches?

PHASE 1

No public gatherings except for meetings of two households, outdoors and with physical distancing.

(EXPECTED TO BEGIN 28 MAY)

PHASE 2

Places of worship open for private prayer under physical distancing rules and hygiene safeguards.

Marriages and other types of ceremonies to take place with minimal number of attendees.

(CHURCHES RE-OPEN)

PHASE 3

Places of worship open to extended groups subject to physical distancing/hygiene safeguards.

Relaxation of restrictions to attend funerals and marriages beyond close family.

PHASE 4

Mass gatherings resume in line with public health advice.

All ceremonies can take place, with improved hygiene and other precautions.

Source: Covid-19 Route Map, page 44 under 'Gatherings and Occasions'
Phase dates not confirmed and subject to circumstances and data changes.

OUR BISHOPS

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) has set up a group for phased reopening of our churches

COVID-19 WORKING GROUP

→ **Infection Control**
Will create an Infection Control Protocol to govern the phased reopening of churches,

→ **Liturgical Norms**
Will create new liturgical advice to govern the celebration of Mass and other sacraments

OUR DIOCESE

We will folow the the health and safety protocols issued by BCOS in line with Government guidance

☑ PREPARING NOW

We are busy preparing support for our parishes ahead of restrictions being lifted.

☑ INFORMED CLERGY

Archbishop Cushley is keeping our priests updated with guidance from BCOS ahead of Phase 2.

☑ HELP YOUR PARISH

Your parish priest will need volunteers to assist when churches reopen. Please support him!

THE BRUNCH CLUB @

During the COVID19 crisis The Brunch Club @ home can deliver a two course meal (cooked and chilled for reheating) – and maybe some extra goodies! – to elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in our community. There is no charge for this service but there will be an oportunity to donate later when it is safe to do so.

Deliveries will be made by our kind volunteer group.

If you know anyone who could benefit from this please do let them know.

All you need to do is phone once to register and let us take it from there.

Steps to register

1. Call our hotline on 07926 172029 (this number is also on Polbeth Hubs support leaflet). Leave a message if no one answers with the following info: name, address and contact telephone

2. Someone will call you back to confirm details and then we will call every Friday for the following weeks order

Your chilled meal will be delivered between 11.30 and 1pm each day.

All meals will come in microwavable tubs that are re-usable so please wash them and leave them out when you get your next meal. These will be sterilised and reused if possible.

Like you, we don't know exactly what's around the corner and things might change depending on government guidelines and demand but we are committed to doing as much as we can and will keep you posted regularly.

Thanks and be safe.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

~~**Our Lady & St.Bridget's church is open daily from 9am-6pm**~~

~~**Confessions**~~
~~Wednesday 6-6.50pm, Saturday 4.30-5.00pm, Sunday 9.30-9.50~~
~~**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**~~
~~Wednesday 6-7pm~~
~~**Rosary:** Before Mass every first Sunday of the month~~
~~**Chaplet to the Divine Mercy**~~
~~Wednesdays before evening Mass~~
~~**Sick & housebound**~~
~~Every first week of the month and on request~~
~~**Children's Liturgy**~~
~~Last Sunday of every month~~
~~**Tea&Coffee** after Mass 1st Sunday of the month in the Community Centre~~
Called to give-Collection

Bonus Ball No.

Parish newsletter is availably also on our website and via 'The catholic app' for smartphones.