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

Sunday 4th October 2020 – 27 Sunday of the Year A

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TIME		MASS INTENTIONS
3 October Saturday	HMP	People of the parish
3 October Saturday	5.15pm	Annie Clinton (RIP)
4 October Sunday	10am	Mary Huges (Sick)
5 October Monday	No public Mass	Annie Clinton (RIP)
6 October Tuesday	No public Mass	Peter McGarty (Birthday)
7 October Wednesday	7pm	James Hampson (Anniv)
8 October Thursday	7pm	Catherine Toner (Special Intention)
9 October Friday	9.30am	George Lavery (RIP)
10 October Saturday	HMP	People of the parish
10 October Saturday	5.15pm	Margaret Healy (RIP)
11 October Sunday	10am	Bill Cassally (RIP)

Registration/booking for Mass is required for Saturday & Sunday Mass.
Reservation can be done online on our parish website or over the phone 0743 7758 225
Weekday's Masses don't need reservation but as you enter the church please put you name and contact details on a special list. Thank you.

Fabric & Maintenance – Church will be locked for repainting Monday – Tuesday. No public Masses during this time.

Sacrament of Confession will be available 30 minutes before Mass on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday.

Bonus ball winner - No. 36 Alice Curran.

Live streaming – we are testing live streaming from our church. Link is on our parish website. Once you click on it you will be redirected to parish youtube channel.

Could readers please notify Frank when they get a ticket for weekend Mass so that he can arrange to have readings covered. There will not be a rota until things are back to normal." Frank's details are francisboles @icloud .com or 07526547552".

Last Sunday collection: £368.83

October is the month of the Holy Rosary – 15 minutes before every Sunday and weekday Mass we will say rosary. List for those wanting to help and lead the prayer is at the back of the church.

Please see parish website and Fr Marcin's letter regarding the Sacramental Preparation Program 2020/21 (Sacrament of Reconciliation, Frist Holy Communion, Confirmation) Closing date is 10th October.

40 Days for Life
A peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Chalmers Clinic in Edinburgh from 23 September to 01 November. The purpose is to pray for an end to abortion; parishioners are asked to consider taking part for an hour or so. For more details visit **www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh**

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel
This weekend marks the end of the World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine, which is a time to pray, to learn more about what is happening, and to take one additional action for justice for all. For more information and to get involved, see:
https://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/

Season of Creation
The Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission invites parishioners and priests to a short retreat on Sunday 04 October, the Feast Day of St Francis. It takes place 2:30-4.30pm on Zoom, and marks the end of the Season of Creation. The retreat will explore the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Sì* and will "focus upon how we can renew our lives, personally, in parishes, and in community, and influence the behaviour of our government and business". Registration is at **https://tinyurl.com/Retreat4Oct**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
This is on Sunday 27 September The Archdiocese's Commission for Caritas, Justice and Peace has set up the Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers working group. It aims to work with local parishes and other organisations to make life better for
refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. If you would be interested in joining, email m.a.kaikai@ed.ac.uk

Walsingham
A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life takes place from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on 27 September 2020. It can be accessed via YouTube – search Walsingham Catholic TV or **www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/** Full details at **www.prolifepilgrimage.org/**

Men's Conference
The Highland Gathering men's conference will be released on YouTube on 19 September. The pre-recorded talks are free to watch. Speakers include Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Bishop John Keenan and The Frank Friar aka Fr Nicholas Blackwell of New York State. The theme of the conference is authentic Catholic manhood, with talks on money, marriage, vocations, fatherhood and more. The talks are inspiring and will help build your faith. For more information go to: **www.roughboundsmedia.wixsite.com/website/the-highland-gathering** or email **thehighlandgathering@gmail.com**

Marriage Preparation
Are you getting married? The Archdiocese is running marriage preparation courses on Saturday 17 October and Saturday 14 November, 10:30am-4:30pm. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions these are likely to take place online using Zoom. For an application form please contact Irene
Furlong, irene.furlong@staned.co.uk, 0131 623 8900, or download the form from the resources tab at https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/

Pregnancy Support – How Can I Help?
The Archdiocesan Pro-Life office aims to start a pregnancy support service and wants your help. An online event takes place on Saturday 05 September featuring Sr Roseann Reddy who will share her experiences from running the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative for over 20 years. Register on Eventbrite by searching 'Pregnancy Support – How Can I Help? Or visit the events section of the Archdiocese's Facebook page.

Street Pastors
Edinburgh Street Pastors are recruiting new volunteers. Training will take place on the weekends of 18 to 20 October and 15 to 17 November and will be run on the Friday evening, Saturday part day and the Sunday afternoon of both weekends. If you are interested please email edinburghsp.training@gmail.com or call 07523 267 906. For background information see www.streetpastors.org.

Bishop Nolan, President of BCOS Justice and Peace Commission, has issued a letter including a range of events, which I attach along with a helpful Liturgy guide. It also contains an update from Fr Jeremy Bath, VE for Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue. You can find a range of materials, including liturgical resources at https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/. Please share with parishioners.

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.
- 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 attending Saturday & Sunday Mass **PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE via link provided on our parish website or phone 0743 7758 225.** No need for advance booking for weekday Masses.

- At our church we can accommodate two people in one designated pew or one household. If one household of three or more is taking the pew please book two spaces in the booking system. Map of siting arrangements can be seen during the booking process.
- If you are a couple book one place and seat together.
- 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.

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.

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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Account: 00245404

Mass intentions still can be accepted over email or post.

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, 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!

Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Guidelines for the resumption of Mass

General Instructions

- Avoid gatherings outside of church before and after Mass.
- Keep two metres distance between other households.
- Stewards will be placed on the door to manage the flow of people in and out.
- Numbers will be limited based on capacity, with social distancing in mind.
- Face coverings are compulsory (except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions).
- You may be required to leave your contact details for Test and Protect purposes.
- Hand sanitizer must be used as you enter and leave the church. The church will be cleaned between Masses.

Liturgical Instructions

- Please avoid all physical contact with fellow parishioners.
- The sign of peace will not take place.
- Congregational singing will not take place.
- There will be no offertory collection. Donations will be accepted in a specific place, but standing orders are encouraged.
- No offertory procession will take place.
- There will be no hymn books or shared materials.
- Readers are encouraged not to touch the lectionary.
- Parishioners may bring their own Missals.

Holy Communion

- If a one-way system is in place, please follow it.
- Only the priest should consume the celebrant's host.
- Except during Holy Communion, the priest should not wear a face covering.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
- Hands must be sanitised before and after distributing Communion.
- Holy Communion should be received in silence in the hand. Step aside from the priest before consuming the host.
- People should be guided by the stewards, including when leaving the church.

If you have any symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.
The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended.
Those who are SHIELDING should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government.
Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19

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.