

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

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## Upcoming Events

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - Parish Cultural & Family Night.

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – First Sunday of Advent.

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Children's Liturgy

## Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Joe & Marion McGarty

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Harold Brady (1 Year Anniv)

**12.30** ■ November Remembrance List

**Monday 9.30am** Birthday Mass ( LC)

**Tuesday No public Mass** November Remembrance List

**Wednesday No public Mass** November Remembrance List

**Thursday No public Mass** November Remembrance List

**Friday 9.30am** Ann Rix McCormack (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Dennis Langton. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

**Sunday 11.00am S.** William Cameron (Anniv)

**12.30** ■ November Remembrance List

S – Mass live streamed online

■ Mass in Polish Language.

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

## Family Connection

### The Feast of Christ the King

is a special day to celebrate that Jesus is the King of the whole universe, but not like a king in fairy tales.

Jesus is a King of love, peace, and forgiveness. He doesn't wear a golden crown or sit on a fancy throne. Instead, He came to serve others and teach us how to live with kindness and care.

For families and children, it's a time to remember that we can make Jesus the King of our hearts by following His example—helping, sharing, and showing love every day. The feast teaches us that true greatness comes from love and sacrifice.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Liturgical calendar:** Saturday – St. Andrew's Patron of Scotland.

**Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent** Liturgical Year C.

**Today is Education Sunday. We welcome among us delegates from St. Mary's Primary school.** There will be annual special second collection for work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

**Church will be closed Tuesday – Thursday (26-28 November)** No public services due to important electric work in the church and parish house. Services will resume as normal on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.



### Funeral Mgr Alistair Lawson

The funeral Mass for Mgr Lawson will take place on 4 December 2024 at 1100 at St Mary's, Bathgate, and thereafter to Boghead Cemetery. His remains will be brought to the church the day before at 1630. May he rest in peace.

**Christmas cards from Mary's Meals** will be on sale outside the church after all Masses **this** week-end, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. **A pack of 10 cards costs £5.** There are also digital gift cards on the mary's meals website where you can choose to give the gift of meals to some of the very poor children supported by mary's meals. You can choose to gift 10 meals for £5, 20 meals for £10 etc.



**St. Andrew's Parish Multicultural Night, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024** Recognising the diverse countries which have St Andrew as their patron, our parish is holding a multicultural night with food and music from around the world, this will be a fantastic celebration of the diversity within our parish. Donations of national dishes welcome and any talented parishioners who wish to perform on the night showcasing national song/dance

welcome. Venue: West Calder Bowling Club, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30-12.00 Tickets on Sale after mass or contact members of Parish Council Adults £8 Children £2

**St Mary's PS Christmas Fayre - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November (10-12).** Box for donations at back of church.



### In the Community

#### Pray for the sick

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

#### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7  
Readings: p.160  
Preface: p.56.

#### Sunday collection

£619.90  
+ approx. £350.75pw  
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations.  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

#### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball Bonus  
No 30 Mary Scott

### **Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem**

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### **Assisted Suicide**

On 29 November, the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs as the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end-of life-care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP & MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

### **Songs of the Poor**

*Songs of the Poor and other stories of El Salvador* is a book written by the late Tommy Greenan, a priest of the Archdiocese, and is available from various online retailers. As we mark World Day of the Poor today (Sunday 17 November), it is an inspiring and moving read of a young priest living and working among the poorest of the poor in a country torn apart by civil war.

### **Zoom series on new Lectionary**

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](http://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)

### **Diploma in Catechetics**

Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at [bit.ly/diploma2025](http://bit.ly/diploma2025)

**Young Adult Ministry at Sacred Heart Church** The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

**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).

## Healing weekend

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) or on 07816 942 824.

## 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 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.

**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."