

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

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## Upcoming Events

30<sup>th</sup> December St. Andrew's Day.

3<sup>rd</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Marion & Joe McGarty  
**7pm.** Mass in Polish language – Nov. Remembrance

**Sunday 11.00am S** Packie McGonigle

**Monday 9.30am** Etta Boyd (RIP)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Jean O'Hagan (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Wn & RoseAnne Curran & dec. family Mem.

**Thursday 9.30am** Mary Galvin (RIP)

**Friday 9.30am School Mass St. Mary's PS** Anne Ashcroft (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Eva DiBiasio  
**7pm.** Mass in Polish language

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Catherine & Michel Sn & Jn Doonan

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

## Announcements

### Mass in Polish language

from September 2023  
every Saturday 7pm.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

6-7pm every Wednesday.

### Next Children's Liturgy

is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December.

### Advent Rorate Mass every

Wednesday of Advent  
(6,13,20) Dec. 7pm with  
additional time for  
confession before and after  
Mass.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** November Remembrance List

**Next Sunday is First Sunday of Advent Liturgical Year B.**

Annual collection for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service** will take place on this Sunday 26 November.

**Friday morning Mass 9.30am** is at St. Mary's PS, Polbeth. All welcome.

**Advent Rorate Mass** every Wednesday of Advent (6 Dec. - Fr Krzysztof PP of St Patrick's Wishaw, 13 Dec. - Fr Clement PP St. Peter's Livingston, 20 Dec. Visiting priest to be confirmed) 7pm with additional time for confession before and after Mass.

**Christmas Cards** – supporting Mary's Meals projects will be available on the weekend 2/3 December. Our regular cards from CBC distributors are available as well.

**St Mary's Primary Christmas Fair** Our Christmas fair will take place in the school on Saturday 2nd December 10am-12noon. Please come along to help support our school and enjoy a range of stalls, prizes and Christmas cheer. We would also be grateful for any donations of groceries, gifts, bottles, toys, vouchers, home baking. There is a box at the back of the church for any donations or these can be handed directly to the school.

**Church music** - There will be a meeting at 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th November in the church for anyone who might be interested in getting involved with the church music and singing. All welcome.

**There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend after mass.** Anne is still collecting old or broken items of jewellery, cameras, tablets or other electronic gadgets as well as obsolete foreign currency, banknotes or unwanted stamp collections on behalf of Transform Trade. Did you know that these can be turned into cash for charity? If you have any thing, please bring it along to the Fairtrade stall. There is a Facebook page, **Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade**? Why not join to be kept up to date on Fairtrade matters. Is there anyone willing to volunteer with the stall on a regular or occasional basis? This would suit a senior school student over 16. The time can count towards your Caritas Award. Or this could be an adult who comes to mass without children.

### **Safeguarding Event**

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at [bit.ly/3Z93und](https://bit.ly/3Z93und).



## 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.158.

### **Sunday collection**

£664

+ approx. £311.75pw  
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations;  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Second collection day for the poor £316.80.

### **Bonus Ball winner**

Bonus Ball No.28 Tom Woods.

**Sex & relationships education** The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: [bit.ly/detailsandresponse](https://bit.ly/detailsandresponse)

### **Interreligious Dialogue webinar**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online on Friday 24 November, 7-9pm. The theme is the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue. It precedes the annual colloquium at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge on 23-24 February 2024. Details at <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/> Scottish Interfaith Week runs from 12-19 November. Resources and more at <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org>

### **Advent Rosary**

The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](https://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

### **Petition for Peace**

Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at [caid.org.uk/CallForPeace](https://caid.org.uk/CallForPeace)

**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.

### **Job vacancy**

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at [archedinburgh.org/news-events](https://archedinburgh.org/news-events) To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

### **Diploma in Catechetics 2024**

Registration is now open for the 2024 Diploma in Catechetics at [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). The Diploma continues to substantially enrich the faith of individuals in our Archdiocese, thanks in part to clergy who support it. This year's cohort has roughly 70 students on track for Graduation. The Diploma begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Encourage parishioners to take part by using the below insert in your parish newsletter. Further promotional material to follow.

**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."