Newsletter, 2nd November2025
All Saints Solemnity - Ordinary Year C.

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm November Remembrance list
Sunday 11am S. November Remembrance list
12.30 November Remembrance list

Monday 9.30am Annie Lavery (Anniv)
7pm November Remembrance list

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Eva & Robert DiBiasio (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am James Hampson (Birthday)

Friday 9.30am St.Mary's PS Dec. Clinton & Toner Family

Saturday 5.15pm Peter & Agnes Mulheron (RIP)
Sunday 11.00am S Thanksgiving Mass.
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 availably 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 (or Sunset in Winter)
HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

November 2nd - Children's Liturgy
November 9th - Remembrance Sunday
November 28th – St. Andrew's Parish Multicultural Night.

Gospel Family Connection

As we celebrate **All Saints Day**, we are reminded that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people, but is a calling for every one of us.

The saints were ordinary men and women who allowed God's grace to transform their daily lives — in their homes, workplaces, and communities. In many ways, the family is the first school of holiness.

It is where we learn patience, forgiveness, love, and sacrifice — the very virtues that make saints.

The saints are not distant figures they are our brothers and sisters, cheering us on, to live with hope and love each day.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

The solemnity of All Saints is transferred this year to Sunday November 2 and **The commemoration of all the faithful departed** is transferred to Monday November 3rd. Plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory may be obtained from 1st to 8th November for visiting a cemetery and praying for the buried there.

This year's Archdiocesan Day for the Poor collection will be on Sunday 9 November with all funds going to St Catharine's Mercy Centre in Edinburgh. The centre is run by the Sisters of Mercy at Lauriston Gardens and offers meals, toilet facilities, advice on welfare and a place of refuge and calm for those in need. Sr Aelred Timmins RSM said: "Please keep us in your prayers, and we really are very grateful to anybody who is able to support the works of mercy in this house." Donate online at: bit.ly/dayforpoor

School Mass - This Friday's Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's PS Polbeth.

November Remembrance List - November is a sacred time when we come together to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. To honor your loved ones during this month, November lists and envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you would like to include the names of your deceased in the November prayers, please fill out the list and use the envelope provided. **St. John Paul II:** "Prayer for the dead is an expression of our gratitude toward them and a sign of hope for reunion in the Father's house."

St. Andrew's Parish Multicultural Night Friday 28th Nov 2025 -
-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 28th Nov 7.30-12.00
-Tickets available now on sale after weekend mass (Adults £8 Children £4)

Tea/Coffee after Sunday mass
The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is exploring the idea of hosting a Tea/Coffee Brunch at the Community Centre following the 11am Sunday Mass. This would be a joint venture with the West Calder Community Hub, which is currently closed on Sundays. To make this viable for the Hub, we need a sense of how many parishioners would be interested in attending. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish community and to support our local hub.
If you would be interested in attending, please add your name to the poster in the porch. Thank you for your support!

In the Community

Pray for the sick
Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, Molly Wade, Joe Thomas, Sebastian Benedict Farrell. David Johnston.

Parish Mass Books
Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: 194
Preface: p.71

Sunday collection
£649
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw Card Payments; £59 pw Online Donations; £181.75 pw Direct Debits)

ProLife Appeal - Sisters of the Gospel of life £508.70

Bonus Ball winner
No.32
Anne Apter

NEWS FORM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diploma in Catechetics - register now
Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Be quick, places limited to 100. Cost £220. Registration and details at bit.ly/diploma2026

Day for the Poor *[optional QR code attached]*
Next Sunday is the annual special collection for World Day for the Poor. All funds will go to the Mercy Centre, run by the Sisters of Mercy at St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Homeless people come here every day for food, sometimes for sleeping bags, most of all they're looking for friendship and a listening ear. Please keep us in your prayers, and we are grateful to anybody who is able to support the works of mercy in this house." Donate online at bit.ly/dayforpoor. Watch the 45 second video at bit.ly/mercycentre

All Souls' Day
Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 3 November at 10:00am in Mount Vernon Cemetery Chapel, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

Advent Rosary for Life
Every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker: Deacon David Harper (1 Dec, Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (8 Dec, March for Life UK), Fr Jamie McMorrin (15 Dec, St Margaret's, Edinburgh), and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec). All are warmly invited to take part. Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Mass for COP30
Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan at St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Monday 10 November at 1:00pm, to pray for the success of the COP30 climate summit in Brazil. After Mass, refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from SCIAF's Ben Wilson, who will be at COP30.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Help after abortion
Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) helps anyone struggling after an abortion with counselling and supportive help. All services are provided confidentially, compassionately, without judgement and free of charge. Call the UK Helpline: 0345 603 8501, 7pm-10pm daily & 9am-5pm Mon-Fri or email info@archtrust.org.uk

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 or on 07816 942 824.

St. Andrew's Children's Society - Adoption and Foster Care
There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you?
Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk Thank you in anticipation of your positive response to this message.

Bonus Ball The Bonus Ball continues to support the good work of Father Alloys in Kenya. From time to time, one of the Bonus Ball numbers becomes available. Should you be interested in taking a number when the opportunity arises, please let Peter McNaughton (MOB: 07534 620013) know and he will add your name to the waiting list. Bonus Ball members donate £1 per week. Each week, one prize winner gets £28.

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/

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 yours intentions please use special envelops 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.

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.

Candle Lighting Safety Reminder
For your safety and the safety of others, we kindly ask that candles be lit starting from the *top shelf* of the votive stands. Once the top is full, please continue to the lower shelves. This helps to prevent burn s and avoid accidents. Thank you for your care and consideration.

Car parking – Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further availably spot and not blocking first lines.

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."