



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm James Hampson (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. Martin Doyle (3rd Anniv)

12.30 ■ November Remembrance List

Monday 9.30am Gordon Reynolds (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass November Remembrance List

Wednesday 7pm 90th Birthday (Thanksgiving Mass)

Thursday 9.30am Eileen Fleming (RIP)

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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

Upcoming Events

3rd November – Children's Liturgy

10th November – Remembrance Sunday Ecumenical Service

17th November - Baptism Finn Samuel Irvine

29th November - Parish Cultural & Family Night.

1st December – First Sunday of Advent.

Family Connection

As Christians, our moral behaviour is guided by the two-part commandment taught by Jesus in today's Gospel: love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Many of us learned to use this framework as an examination of conscience. By examining our lives through the lens of these commandments, we have learned that the challenge of these commandments is not in our desire to follow them but in our capacity to consistently honour these commandments in our daily lives. For one week, identify and collect news reports of how Christians show their love for God by loving and serving their neighbour. Clip these news items and share what you have heard when you gather as a family.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

November Remembrance – A Month of Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased November is a sacred time when we come together to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. 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. Any donations made are optional and will contribute to the Mass offerings. Throughout the entire month of November, special Masses will be celebrated in remembrance of our faithful departed. You are invited to place your prayer request envelopes either in the box in front of the altar or in the Sunday collection baskets.
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

There will be a Fairtrade stall weekend 2/3 November after mass. Anne now has the required 10kg and is no longer collecting electronics, jewellery etc. However, individuals can send smaller items themselves and I'll try and get some Freepost envelopes to have on the stall. There will be some Christmas type food for sale.



St. Andrew's Parish Multicultural Night, Friday 29th 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 29th Nov 7.30-12.00 Tickets on Sale after mass or contact members of Parish Council Adults £8 Children £2

Holy Year event The Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November. Includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Ceilidh Ball The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on Saturday 16 November at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh> Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk



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.149.
Preface: 4 OT p.54-56.

Sunday collection

£701.90
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 7 Janette Steele

There are two numbers available for anyone interested in Bonus Ball the profits go to Father Alloys in Kenya. Contact T T

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

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret! The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

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 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 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.”