



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

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### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Martin Doyle (RIP)

**7pm.** Mass in Polish language

**Sunday 11.00am S** Catherine Peel

**Monday No public Mass** James Hampson (Birthday)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Synod of Synodality

**Wednesday No public Mass** John Hampson (RIP)

**Thursday No public Mass** Thanksgiving for answered prayers.

**Friday No public Mass** Helen Hagerty (Birthday)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Eva & Robert DiBiasio (Anniv)

**7pm.** Mass in Polish language

**Sunday 11.00am S.** November Remembrance list & Covid deceased.

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

### Upcoming Events

12<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

12<sup>th</sup> November - Baptism Aria Manson.

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

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

### Announcements

**Mass in Polish language**

from September 2023  
every Saturday 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession**

6-7pm every Wednesday.

**November Remembrance** lists envelopes available at the back of the church.

**Fr Marcin will be away Monday-Friday** this week.

No public Masses.

**Minutes of the last PPC** available at the back of the church and parish website.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**Next Children's Liturgy** is on Sunday 5th November

**There will be a Fairtrade stall 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 and adult who comes to mass without children.

**November Remembrance Lists** – November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. At the back of the Church you will find November lists envelopes. If you wish to include your deceased in the November prayers, please use the envelopes for optional donation towards Mass offering. On All Souls Day and the whole month of the November there will be special Masses offered for our deceased. Please put November prayers requests envelopes to the Sunday collection baskets or bring to the sacristy.

### 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](http://bit.ly/3Z93und).

### Synthesis Report

Synthesis Report, just arrived, from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod, entitled "A Synodal Church in Mission". Available at the back of the church and parish website.

### 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](http://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.



### 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.149.

#### Sunday collection

£875.70  
+ approx. £311.75pw  
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations;  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

#### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 50 Tom Lawler.

**Leaving a legacy** Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be a 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.

### **Diploma in Catechetics 2024**

Registration is now open for the 2024 Diploma in Catechetics at [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](http://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.

### **Archdiocesan Youth Day!**

A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

**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 yours 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.

**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.

**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."

