



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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Connell Duggan (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. 30th Wedding Anniv. (thanksgiving)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Health (Special Intention)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Richard Curran (Anniv)

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am Eric Archibald (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Thanksgiving (MN)

Sunday 11.00am S. Richard Curran (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

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

27th October – Enrolment Mass.

3rd November – Children's Liturgy

17th November - Baptism Finn

Samuel Irvine

29th November - Parish Cultural & Family Night.

1st December – First Sunday of Advent.

Family Connection

In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership.

In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Second collection will be taken for the work of the propagation of the faith.

Parish Pastoral Council minutes available at the back of the church and parish website.

Music ministry

In preparation for advent and Christmas, there will be a meeting for those involved in the music ministry on Wednesday 23rd October after evening mass. New members would be very welcome.

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! BECOME A VITAL PART OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

We warmly invite you to consider joining one of the essential ministries that help our parish thrive. Whether you feel called to serve as a Sacristan, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, a Money Counter, or a Passkeeper there is a place for you!

- Deepen Your Faith: Engaging more closely in the sacraments and church can strengthen your relationship with God.
- Build Community: Serving alongside others creates meaningful friendships and a deeper sense of belonging within our parish.
- Make a Difference: Your contributions, big or small, help keep the heart of our church beating, ensuring that we can continue to serve our congregation and the wider community.

Let's grow together in faith and service!

Public Rosary & Candlelight Procession

Please join people from across the country to pray the Rosary in George Square, Glasgow, at 6:30pm on **Thursday 24 October** for the annual torchlight procession. It commemorates 57 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. After the Rosary, there is a procession to St Andrew's Cathedral where Mass will be celebrated by Canon David Wallace.

Parish Rosary - During October we will say rosary 15minutes before every weekday and Sunday Mass.



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.146.
Preface: 2 OT p.54-56.

Sunday collection

£607.90
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No23 Jean Curran

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

Information board - We are planning to display a list of our parish ministries, along with the names of the volunteers, at the back of the church. The goal is to showcase the breadth and variety of the incredible work being done in our community and to help everyone appreciate the many ways people serve our parish. If you have any concerns or would prefer not to have your name included on this list, please feel free to let us know.

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

Buy your new Missal

From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their *translation* into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

Choose Jesus for your child

There are still spots available in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* programme in East Calder, Livingston and Rosyth. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* teaches children to pray, wonder, and work, all while growing their relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. Contact brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk for more details.

Psalms and the New Lectionary

From Advent 2024, a new translation of the psalms used in the liturgy at Mass will be introduced. Join Fr Adrian Porter SJ to explore the ancient literature of the psalms, their translation and use in Christian worship. This FREE workshop is for readers, cantors and anyone with an interest in the psalms. It takes place from 2:30-5:00pm on Saturday 26 October at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Register at bit.ly/psalmsevent

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.

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

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 line.

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."