

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

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### Upcoming Events

**6<sup>th</sup> October** - Baptism Alexander John Yule.

**7<sup>th</sup> October** – PPC meeting

**11<sup>th</sup> October** – Fabric and Finance Comity.

**27<sup>th</sup> October** – Enrolment Mass.

### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Jack & Anne Lally

**Sunday 11.00am S.** John McGeough (Anniv)

**12.30** ■■■

**Monday 9.30am** Tom Grieve (RIP)

**Tuesday No public Mass** Tom Grieve (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Gertrude McLay (Anniv)

**Thursday 9.30am** William McMahon (Anniv)

**Friday 9.30am** Eileen Fleming (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** John Hampson (Anniv)

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Brandon McGuinness (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

### Family Connection

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life.

Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

### Liturgical calendar:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Padre Pio Memorial

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Vincent the Paul Memorial

**The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage** takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatrikisedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

### Assisted Suicide – the Beginning of a Dangerous Spiral

Assisted Suicide threatens the most vulnerable members of society. Learn about the potential dangers of the proposed bill to introduce it in Scotland and how to inform others about it. This event features former politician Dennis Canavan and Dr Richard Lenton, Consultant in Geriatric Medicine. It takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 2 October at Our Lady & St Ninian's, 52 Quakerfield, Bannockburn, FK7 8HZ. Register at <https://bit.ly/assistedsuicidescot>

### Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada

Learn how Assisted Suicide has failed in Canada, and what you can do to stop it in Scotland with Alex Schadenberg, a Canadian Catholic and a world expert on the dangers of euthanasia. This event takes place at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Register: [bit.ly/warningfromcanada](http://bit.ly/warningfromcanada)

**Young Adult Talk Series** The Young Adults' Group at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a talk series over the next three months on 'The Language of the Church'. The next talk is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 September with Fr Colm Martin (Motherwell Diocese). Talks take place in the Church House at 63 York Place, EH1 3JD. Concludes with night prayer and refreshments. Confessions available. All talks listed at [www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

### 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>



## In the Community

### Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade.

### Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7  
Readings: p.135.

### Sunday collection

£801.70  
+ approx. £350.75pw  
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations.  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

### Second Collection

Mary's Meal appeal  
£831.80.

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 44 Catherine  
Anne Fairly

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering children's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is beginning in Fife, Livingston, Edinburgh, and the Glasgow area. *Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder.* Contact [brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk](mailto:brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk) for more information on locations and details.

## Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at [bit.ly/holyyearevent](https://bit.ly/holyyearevent)

## Celebrating the Gift

A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at [bit.ly/scriptureevent](https://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

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**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](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or phone 0751 1928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

## 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.”