Newsletter, 21st September 2025
25th Sunday - Ordinary Year C.

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

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm John McGeough (Anniv)
Sunday 11am S. Maureen Buchanan (Anniv)
12.30

Monday 9.30am Donor's Intention

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Gertrude McLay (Birthday)

Thursday 9.30am Moira Watt (80th Birthday)

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Saturday 5.15pm John Hampson (Anniv)
Sunday 11.00am S Brendon McGuiness (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 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

October 5th–PS Enrolment Mass
October 6th – PPC
October 20th – Finance&Fabric
October 25th – Wedding: Niamh Maria Doyle & Callum Douglas Lawrie.

Family Connection

Family life is built on these "small matters." A kind word, a shared meal, a few minutes of patient listening—all may seem little, but together they form the foundation of trust and love in our homes. Just as the steward planned carefully for the days ahead, we too are called to look beyond the moment and prepare for what truly lasts: our eternal life with God.
When we are faithful in the ordinary duties of family—caring for children, honouring parents, supporting a spouse—we are also serving God. The way we handle time, money, and responsibilities in the household reflects our priorities before the Lord.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Liturgical Calendar: Tue – St. Pius of Pietrelcina; Sat – St. Vincent de Paul.

Next children's Liturgy is on 5th October.

We kindly ask all our parish volunteers to read the *Health & Safety* ***Handbook for Volunteers***, which is available on our parish website and at the back of the church. After doing so, please sign the sheet in the sacristy to confirm that you have familiarised yourself with this important information. This is a new requirement from the Archdiocese. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Parish Mass Books
Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: 140
Preface: p.67 IV

Sunday collection
£883.60
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw Card Payments; £59 pw Online Donations; £181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner
No. 42.
Mary Kane.

Vacancy at BCOS
The Bishops' Conference of Scotland seeks a National Director of Marriage, Family & Life Office Hours: The role is 15 hours per week and the salary is £11,746 per annum. Closing Date: 26 September 2025. For a full job description email info@marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Venerable Margaret Sinclair
The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21 September from 12:30pm-5:30pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30pm-1:30pm. Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30pm-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00pm-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.

National Family Conference
The Inaugural National Family Conference takes place on Saturday, 25 October 2025, from 10:00am to 5:00pm at St Bride's Hall, Coursington Road, Motherwell. Featuring keynote speaker Chris Stefanick (live from the USA), the event celebrates marriage and family life with talks, prayer, and community. Register with VEmarriage@staned.org.uk, indicating your parish.

Safeguarding event
The National Safeguarding Conference takes place at the University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre on Saturday 8 November at 10:00am. For more details and to register visit http://bit.ly/4lZwirY

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/

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.

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."