

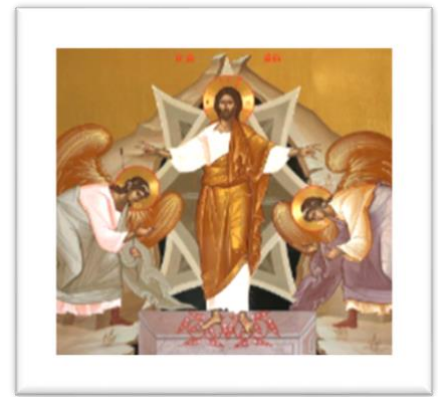
Parish of Our Lady & St. Bridget's, West Calder

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm George Fleming (Anniv)
7pm ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Helen & Bob Steel (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am John toner (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Bridget Curran (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm Jacqueline Manzan (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am St. Mary's PS Bridget Curran (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am Alexander Peel (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Ryan (Special intention)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Patrick Clinton (1st Anniv)

■■■ Mass in Polish Language.

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

5th May Baptism Sylvie Jack McNaughton

13th May Rehearsal and breakfast for children P4.

26th May First Holy Communion

5th June Confirmation

10th June Parish Pastoral Council

Family Connection

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday 7pm. Day Mass 9.30am at St. Mary's PS, Polbeth. All parishioners welcome.

Next Sunday is World Communication Day. Second collection will be taken up for the apostolate of communication.

Baptism: Congratulation to **Sylvie Jack McNaughton** who will be baptised on Sunday. May he grow in knowledge and love of God.

Next Children's Liturgy is on Sunday 5th of May.

May Devotion - During the month of May every Wednesday evening before Mass we will have May Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary with Litany of Loretto; decade of rosary and Marian Hymns.

Synod The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Youth Day for p4-p7 Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for *A Day with Mary* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

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).



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. 5
Readings: p. 270.

Sunday collection

£640.20
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 36 Alice Curran.

Mass for Married & Engaged couples The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

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.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Funding to Study Theology

SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar takes place on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

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/>

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 your 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.

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

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."