



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

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### Mass schedule

**Saturday 5.15pm** Brandon McGuire (RIP)  
**7pm.** Mass in Polish language

**Sunday 11.00am S** Maureen Buchanan (RIP)

**Monday 9.30am** John Gerald Scott (RIP)

**Tuesday No public Mass** May Sharkey (RIP)

**Wednesday 7pm** Patrick Clinton (RIP)

**Thursday 9.30am** Jackie Flannigan (RIP)

**Friday 10am School Mass at St. Mary's PS** Jim Steel (RIP)

**Saturday 5.15pm** Maureen Buchanan (RIP)  
**7pm.** Mass in Polish language

**Sunday 11.00am S.** Rose-Anne Fleming (Anniv)

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

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

1<sup>st</sup> October – Enrolment Mass for Sacramental preparation.

8<sup>th</sup> October – Baptism Cara Dawn Ann Sharkey

15<sup>th</sup> October – Archbishop's Visit & Award's ceremony.

18<sup>th</sup> October – Fabric & Finance Comity.

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parish Pastoral Council.

### Announcements



**Mass in Polish language**  
from September 2023  
every Saturday 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession** 6pm  
every Wednesday.

## News from the parish and the archdiocese

**Sanctuary Lamps:** Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

**School Mass this week - On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10am** at St. Mary's PS, Polbeth all parishioners welcome.

**October is the month of the holy Rosary.** At our church we will say the rosary together 15 minutes before every Mass. As always volunteers need to lead the prayers. List at the back of the church.

**Funeral:** Please keep in your prayer our late parishioner **John Hampson (RIP)** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 11 October 1pm. Reception of the body into the church 5pm on Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

**Archdiocesan Medals Award's ceremony** is approaching fast. We are going to celebrate this day with special Mass with archbishop, medals, and reception in the community centre after the Mass. All welcome to join! Helping hands to assist with tea & coffee and donations of home baking also welcome. Please contact Margaret Meek for details. Thank you.

**There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 7th/8th October.** Did you know that there is a Facebook page, Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade? Many thanks to those who brought items last time. I am 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. Did you know that these can be turned into cash for charity? I am collecting such items on behalf of Transform Trade. If you have any thing, please bring it along to the Fairtrade stall. Is there anyone willing to help with the stall on a regular or occasional basis? This would suit a senior school student over 16 or an adult who comes to mass without children. Many thanks Anne

### Free2Pray

The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at [bit.ly/free2pray](http://bit.ly/free2pray)

### Talk series at the Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)



## 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.134.

### Sunday collection

£657.58  
+ approx. £311.75pw  
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments  
£59 pw Online Donations;  
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

### Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 28 Tommy Woods

## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation has begun and concludes on 4 October. This year's theme is *Let Justice and Peace flow*. Find out more news and event details at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

## A View from Within

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons – including prison chaplains – share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners' Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am- 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at [bit.ly/aviewfromwithin](http://bit.ly/aviewfromwithin)

## Teams of Our Lady

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

## Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)

## Retreat in Daily Life

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

## 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).

**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.”