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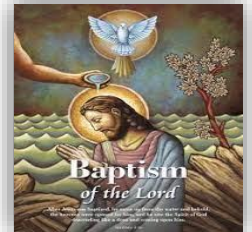
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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – 9TH JANUARY 2022

Saturday 8 th January	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Mass Michael Philbin & Hanlon Family AV	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Margaret Hill 3pm Vigil Mass James & Philomena Forrest	Christmastide
Sunday 9th January	9.30 am Mass Annie Devanney (Grandmother) 5.00 pm Mass Bert McFall	11.30 am Mass Joan Ghent AV 	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Monday 10 th January	9.30 am Mass Neil Ruddy	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 11 th January	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Baker & Todd Families	Feria
Wednesday 12 th January	9.30 am Mass Agnes Kane RIP	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 13 th January	9.30am Requiem Mass Helena Simpson RIP	9.30am Mass Neil Boyle	Feast of St Kentigern
Friday 14 th January	9.30 am Mass Hydn (Taffy) Smith	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 15 th January	5.30pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Weir Family	9.30 am Mass Tommy, Theresa & Baby Lennon & Family 3pm Vigil Mass Canon Herbert Flack (97)	Feria
Sunday 16th January	9.30 am Mass Willie Dean 5.00 pm Mass Deceased members of the Broxburn Silver Band	11.30 am Mass Bill Cannon AV 	2nd Sunday of the Year 

Confessions Broxburn

Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am

Theme: "All Change!"

Are you willing to change? Change what? You may ask; When a train comes to a terminus, the cry of the guard/driver is sometimes, "All change". The world of Judah was radically called to change by the baptism of Jesus; changing in the Johannine community from following a prophet, to following the Messiah. At this time in our lives, we are being invited to change; to change from ungodly ways, our over – indulgence, our pride and prejudice, our self-pity and lethargy, into a true disciple of Jesus. Baptism the first sacrament, marks a definitive change of 'dying to self', in order to live for Christ. We have all been baptised but am I truly living out my baptismal promises and the ones I made on behalf of my children? God bless our changes for the better.

Reflection: 'Possessed by Possessions?' (Benedict XVI Emeritus Pope)

"Christian cultures can never be exclusively a culture of possession. It can never measure an individual's greatest worth in terms of material possessions and pleasures. It does not despise matter. After all: God's son became human. He lived in a human body he rose from the dead in a human body and thereafter ascended into heavenly glory.... But mankind's highest good is not material possessions. We in the West know from experience how worship of consumer goods can rob a person of their dignity. That is why Christian culture (rooted in Baptism) prefers moral values to material ones. The great cathedrals and churches are an expression of this conviction that the worship of God is a public universal good of humanity."

Shared Parish News

Welcome To You In 2022



Well, here we are looking into and forward hopefully to a new calendar year.

COVID hangs over us like a 'stubborn fog' that won't go easily away; still governing our movements and way of life. We are all trying to tread that delicate path between staying safe and getting on with our lives. Our 'Covid Teams' are doing all they can to keep our churches safe places for prayer and Mass. We still adhere to the guidelines and thankfully no outbreaks are sourced coming to Mass. The Pastoral work of our parishes continues, the sacraments celebrated, the sick and housebound supported where possible and those in material need are being reached out to. The Holy Father asks us to pursue, where possible with the Synod and the parishioners are, where possible asked to make use of the twelve Masses between the two parishes that we make available each week. If you can't make it on a Sunday, try on a Saturday or another weekday. Flow test regularly and don't come out if you have symptoms. God Bless you all – Here's to a brighter year in 2022.

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

This is a good opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises and give thanks for our own baptism into the People of God. Remember to request a baptism for your recently born children, adults too are welcome to receive the sacrament. The first two instructions of Jesus after the resurrection to his apostles was to proclaim the Good News and baptise all nations in my name. Catholicity values all nationhood.

Thank You!

- (I) Canon John Agnew and Canon Jeremy Bath wish to thank all the people of both parishes for their warm greetings, and kind gifts over the Christmas season. The generosity of the People of God knows no bounds. This includes food and clothing for the homeless project in Edinburgh and the help of the St Vincent de Paul Society. (25 turkeys delivered!!)
- (II) Both churches were beautifully cleared and decorated for Christmas. The cribs will stay up a bit longer. The crib s offerings will go to help Fr Younis to look after Orphan children in his Pakistan parish.
- (III) A six stringed banjo, made in the 1960's in the USA, has been donated to help raise funds for parish causes. If anyone would be interested in acquiring it, please let the parish priest know. Thank you to the anonymous owner.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries



Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Monday 10th January at 5pm.

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Wednesday 12th January at 4pm.

Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Sacramental Life of the Parish

At this time of year, Covid permitting, the sacramental life of the parish restarts. Please keep a note of the following dates and times.

Primary 3 – First Confession

Canon Jeremy will see the P3 parents after the Sunday morning Masses 9.30am Broxburn, 11.30 am Winchburgh this weekend (9th January) for a short talk “What does Jesus teach us on forgiveness?” - Remember to bring attendance sheet.



The Rite of Illumination will take place as follows – **Winchburgh – Sunday 16th January 11.30 am, Broxburn Sunday 23rd January 9.30 am** (Please bring child's Baptismal Candle)



Primary 4 – First Communion

A letter will go out through the schools inviting the parents to register their child for First Communion this summer. Parents meetings will take place prior to registration as follows:

Winchburgh – Sunday 16th January 12.30pm Broxburn – Tuesday 18th January 6.30pm both in the church.
All guidelines will be in place at the parents meeting to keep everyone safe.



Primary 7 – Confirmation

A letter to parents will be sent out through the primary schools on Monday 24th January advertising parents meeting in each parish followed by registration.

Winchburgh – Parents Meeting – Sunday 30th January 12.30pm
Broxburn - Parents Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 6.30pm

The World Synod of the Church

The Holy Father has called on us all to pick up the ‘Baton’ of Synod in the next ten weeks and make submissions via the Archdiocese to Rome of what are the key issues the Church must face up to in terms of ‘Mission’ and ‘Sacred Presence’ in the World. The Holy Father encourages wide consultation and honest feedback. On Saturday 22nd January after the 3pm Mass in Winchburgh and on Sunday 23rd January after the 5pm Mass. – The key questions for this session, open to all are:

- (i) To what extent have we in Scotland transgressed from the model of Church laid down by Peter & Paul?
- (ii) What can be done to reverse the decline in Christian Morality today?



Recent Deaths & Forthcoming Funerals

Jimmy Burns RIP – Jimmy was a St Peters Livingston parishioner but regularly came to the Masses of St Peregrine in Winchburgh and Masses in Broxburn too. He was wonderful woodturner and at one time helped the late John Sweeney RIP repair the parish house dining room table, his requiem Mass is on Wednesday 12th January at 11am in St Peters. May he rest in peace with his wife Patsy and son James.

Helena Simpson RIP – Helena's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 13th January at 11am in St John Cantius & St Nicholas, her body will be received into the Church on Wednesday at 5.30pm. Helena was married for over 60years to Bill and worked in Halls. She has lived for many happy years in Stewartfield, Broxburn. May she rest in peace.

Family Rosary for January on Zoom

This is a good time of the year to come together in the ‘Family Rosary’ on Tuesday at 6pm on Zoom, the link is as follows ID 725 827 1735 Passcode: 850988. We encourage different families to lead the rosary and pray for the needs of our time. New joiners always welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJeFB1QT09>

Proposed Pilgrimage to Poland -September 2022

A proposed pilgrimage to Poland, Covid permitting is being launched on Monday 17th January at a meeting in the ‘Lesser Hall’ of the Canon Hoban Hall at 7pm. The plan is to visit the shrine and church of St John Cantius, to visit the church of St Faustina of Divine Mercy, Czestochowa (Our Lady, Queen of Poland) and if possible, Zakopane – a mountain resort. All is in or around the beautiful city of Krakow. Provisional prices would be provided. Flying from Edinburgh to Krakow.

Hall Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Canon Hoban Hall Committee is on Monday 24th January at 7pm in the ‘Lesser Hall’ – New Volunteers welcome to attend and help keep our hall in good shape.

Training For the Defibrillators

The new defibrillators are now installed thanks to your generosity in the two churches and the Canon Hoban Hall. Training will be enacted in the next few weeks, so we have dedicated people who know how to operate them; helping save lives.



Children's Liturgy Help Needed!

We are looking for people to help with our Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning in Broxburn at 9.30am, anyone interested please speak to Canon Jeremy, Andrea Stuart or any of the Liturgy group.

Envelope 25 – St Philomena's Church Gift Aid

If you have green envelope 25, please could you contact Canon Jeremy after Mass or Jacqui at the parish office to complete some paperwork. Many thanks.

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity – 18 – 25th January

The theme for the 'Week' this year is from Matt 2:2 "We saw his star rising in the East'. We are encouraged to inter-relate with our Christian brethren of the other churches and be also aware of Christian churches in the near and far east who need our prayers and support.

Saints Days this Coming Week:

Thursday 13th Jan – Feast of St Kentigern (Also known as St Mungo) 6th century. His mother, St Enoch, was a Lothian princess who became pregnant due to being raped; her father had her cast onto the Firth of Forth after she had survived being thrown off a cliff. She survived the seas and was rescued at the shore by the monks at Culross. When grown up he took priestly vows and became the first Bishop of Glasgow. At one time he went into exile in Wales due to political turmoil in the kingdom of Strathclyde. A man of faith, courage, leadership and legend. His tomb is still to this day in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral. (Pre-Reformation church).



The Teaching of the Catechism:

Para 1269 – The Effects of Being Baptised

'Having become a member of the Church, the person baptised belongs no longer to him/her self, but to him who died and rose for us. From now on, he/she is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to respect the teachings of the faith. Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptised person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church'.

Christian Meditation

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>

Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

"Crazy Christmas Quiz Answers"

1. Christmas Carol 2. Kasper, Balthazar and Melchior. 3. Indian Ocean – West Australia 140km square
4. Green

New Year Quiz

1. Where in the world is Chicoutimi?
2. What is the more common name for the medical condition 'Seborrhoea'?
3. Who were the 'Mennonites'?
4. In the world of music what does the term 'Rhapsody' mean?

A Wee thought for the Day:

A powerful picture – Don't judge anyone until you have walked in their shoes.



When you are unhappy with your life, remember this picture

Offertory & Building Fund Totals for November as follow:

Winchburgh: £2196.00 Broxburn: £3630.00

Next Week's Readings: 1st Reading: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm: Ps 28

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17