

# PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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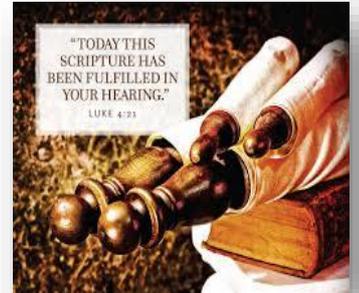
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 23 JANUARY 2022

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b> James Watson	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Deceased members of the Priests Fund <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Billy Mullen	Mass of Our Lady 
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Fr Gerry Prior <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Michael Coyle RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Tom & Brenda Timmins	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Taylor	No Mass	<b>Memorial of St Francis de Sales</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Patrick Storie (5 <sup>th</sup> AV)	<b>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Edward McLaughlin	No Mass	<b>Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass 	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Mrs Foodie RIP	Feria
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Margaret Brady	No Mass	<b>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas OP</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Deceased members of the Farrell Family	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Robert Tait <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Veronica Toal	Feria
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Eileen Valentine <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Hilda McAlonie	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Eileen (Dalton) Erskine	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>

**Confessions Broxburn**

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

**Theme: 'The Battle is On':**

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus lists those who are being rescued by the spirit of the living God, the poor, the blind, the captives, and the down trodden; in the second reading of St Paul to the Corinthians, he lists all those called by God who carry out this salvific work: the apostles, the prophets, the teachers, the healers, the helpers and the leaders. The call to conversion in Christ's name, through the Holy Spirit, is to ascertain what gifts of faith, that each and everyone of us have been blessed to receive and how willing am I to put to them into practice. Now is the time to act, to save lives and to save souls. Its no-good promising it to happen tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes. Be a true disciple today, and everyday by the help of God. The victory is ours if we are prepared to take it!

**Reflection: "Comes the Dawn"**

'After a while we learn  
the subtle difference between holding a hand  
and claiming a soul and we learn that love doesn't mean  
leaning and company doesn't always mean security.  
And we begin to learn to accept our  
defeats with head up and eyes ahead.  
With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child.  
And we learn to build our roads  
on today for tomorrow's ground is too  
uncertain for plans and futures have  
a way of falling down in mid-flight.  
And we learn we really can endure  
we really are strong; we really do have worth'.

*(Author unknown)*



**Shared Parish News**

**'Good Religion Restores Humanity'**

Now is the time to appreciate our faith and tradition. As the world strives to pick itself up from Covid-19, it is our religious traditions and Catholic way of life that will help to form the values and principles of the home and the family. As the mantra of our grannies would state, 'it all starts in the home'. The family prayers at mealtimes, morning and night prayers, the rosary, going to Mass, the blessing of holy water and the devotion to Our Lady and the saints. The collective communion spirit of the Catholic Parish Family should be celebrated and nurtured with other Church communities and be a vanguard against the erosion of Christian ethics in Scotland today. God bless you all.

**Sacramental Life of the Parish**

**Primary 3 – First Confession 2022**

This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, the P3 children in Broxburn receive the Rite of Illumination. If you haven't got the child's baptismal candle at home, we can supply one. After Mass on Sunday morning in both parishes, there is a short talk given to parents on 'What is Sin?'

**Primary 4 – First Communion 2022**

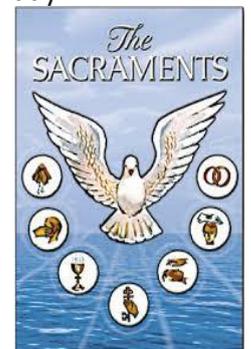
Enrolment forms have now been handed out in both parishes and information given to parents. The enrolment masses are on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January when parents will present the completed forms. Thank you.

**Primary 7 – Confirmation 2022**

The letters to parents are going out this week and enrolment takes place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We journey together with Christ Jesus in faith.

**Proposed Pilgrimage to Poland - September 2022**

An outlying meeting was held last Monday to lay down the basic plans for a combined parish visitation to Cracow, Poland, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, Covid permitting. The estimated cost for the five-day visit is around £400.00, including flights and accommodation, though it could be cheaper if pilgrims choose to stay in Church run hostels rather than hotels. There are already 15 people signed up for it and the party will be limited to a maximum of 40. The application forms will go out in February and the next planning meeting is in the Canon Hoban Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. We look forward to seeing one of the most beautiful parts of Poland and its Catholic heritage.

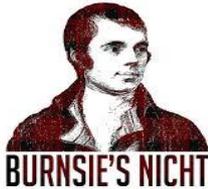


### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Holocaust Memorial Day

The Edinburgh Inter Faith Association on behalf of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, invites you to register for an event on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. This event will be held online. We will pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, including Bosnia and Rwanda and Cambodia. This is an attempt to learn the lessons from humanity's dark past. To register to receive the link go to Edinburgh Inter Faith Association website <edinburghinterfaith.com>.

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night

Many Burns Suppers have been postponed due to Covid; however, it doesn't stop us enjoying the beauty of Scottish poetry and poets around the world. It was said that Burns 'saved the seeds' of social justice in Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In fact, he used to meet with Bishop Geddes, a Catholic Bishop, in the coffee houses of Edinburgh in secret, to discuss the meaning and significance of life for the Scottish people.



*"Keep the name of man in mind  
And dishonour not thy kind.  
Reverence with lowly heart  
Him, whose wondrous work thou art.  
Keep His goodness still in view –  
Thy trust and thy example too".*



(Burns – Extract from 'Friars Carse Hermitage')

### New Catholic High School – Winchburgh

As 'Sinclair Academy' takes shape and is due to open in August 2023, we pray for the forthcoming appointment of the new Head Teacher, which will then help to shape the whole life of the school. We pray for someone with great vision on how to create the Catholic ethos in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Scotland.

### Funeral for Baby Connall Tierney RIP

The funeral will take place in Winchburgh this coming week and will be joined by family and close friends, including Fr Jock Dalrymple who baptised him in hospital. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Family Rosary on Zoom – Tuesdays 6pm

Please remember to join us for 'Family Rosary' on Zoom link 725-827-1735 passcode 850988 every Tuesday at 6pm. It is a chance for us to draw spiritual strength in communal prayer at this challenging time.

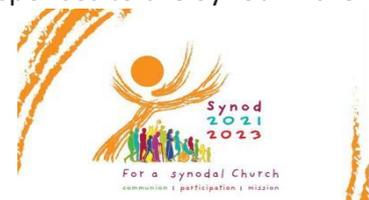
### The Worldwide Synod of the Catholic Church

Please note in your diaries the further opportunities for you to submit responses to the Synod in the coming weeks. **After 3pm Mass - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Winchburgh**

**After 5pm Mass - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Broxburn**

**After 9.30am Mass - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Broxburn**

**After 11.30am Mass - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Winchburgh**



The questions submitted to promote further discussion are as follows:

- (i) To what extent have we in Scotland transgressed from the model of Church laid down by Peter & Paul? (Acts 2)
- (ii) What can be done to reverse the decline in Christian Morality today?

It is good to know that teachers in our Catholic schools are also taking part in the Synod.

### Conference – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am to 4.30pm – "Liberation Theology Today"

Fifty years after the publication of Gustavo Gutiérrez's work, 'A Theology of Liberation', there are four leading thinkers from the USA, Catalonia and Scotland, to explore the origins and relevance of 'Liberation Theology'. It is aimed at those who have an interest in Catholicism. Contact [editor@openhousescotland.co.uk](mailto:editor@openhousescotland.co.uk) if interested.

### Alma Mater Fund

The Alma Mater Fund is an initiative of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, which provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at university to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. For more information, visit [almamaterfund.org.uk](http://almamaterfund.org.uk) or email [info@almamaterfund.org.uk](mailto:info@almamaterfund.org.uk).

**Marys Meals** – Don't forget **DOUBLE MONEY** until the 31<sup>st</sup> January so please continue to give generously to feed even more children. BIG thanks to *Whitburn Cosmetic Dental Clinic (Macaulay Practice)* who have donated 100 toothpaste tubes for our backpacks project in Broxburn.



**Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries**  
**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 5.00pm**  
**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm**  
**Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible**



**Lunchtime talks**

The Archdiocese’s mini-series of lunchtime talks on the Pope’s encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) concludes this Monday (24 January) at 1:30pm on Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/AmorisTalks](http://bit.ly/AmorisTalks). The talks will also be uploaded to the Archdiocesan YouTube channel [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

**National safeguarding update**

The new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has been established as an independent body to oversee the Church’s safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter provides details of what the agency will do (available at [bit.ly/3tyeInn](http://bit.ly/3tyeInn)). Lady Rae is looking to recruit people to act as Board Directors to support the work of the agency. Details at <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>



**Safeguarding Training**

Induction Part 2 Training should currently be done approx. 18 months after Level 1 or Induction Part 1 Training has been completed. Saturday 29 January 2022 at 10 am, Saturday 12 March 2022 at 10am, Thursday 24 March 2022 at 6pm. Trainer: Julie Brechin - [julie.brechin@staned.org.uk](mailto:julie.brechin@staned.org.uk) **How to register** - email [julie.brechin@staned.org.uk](mailto:julie.brechin@staned.org.uk), providing details of your parish and your role. *N.B safeguarding training currently only needs to be done by volunteers who are in a regulated role requiring a PVG.*

**The Teaching of the Catechism: ‘Scripture in the Life of the Believer’ - Para 131-133**

‘Sacred Scripture along with Tradition form the single deposit of revelation from God. One goal the Vatican Council had was to encourage all Catholics to study the Scriptures, learn from them, and use them for personal prayer. We must learn and question and choose the Word of God to be alive within us.

**End of Year Parish Accounts**

We are very fortunate to have generous givers, committed money counters, devoted bookkeepers and dedicated accountants to ensure our financial stewardship. The end of year accounts are now published for Broxburn Parish. (Winchburgh will come shortly). **Total Income for the Year 2021 - £87,960.33**  
**Total Expenditure for the Year 2021 - £76,453.76.** So, we are very relieved to be still in the ‘Black’ and financially solvent. The steep rise in energy costs and further levies from the Diocese will make this harder in the future but we continue to trust in God’s providence and your generosity. I think at least £4,000 went to support other charities.

**Saints Days this coming Week**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of St Francis de Sales** – 16<sup>th</sup> Century Saint who became Bishop of Geneva when it was a centre of the Protestant Reformation. Wrote an inspired spiritual work called ‘Introduction to the Devout Life’. Had a gentle and patient nature.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul** – This historic event is recorded twice in two separate occasions in the Acts of the Apostles. It gives great heart that persecutors of Christianity can become one of their great saints. God was determined to change him.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus** – They were two great followers of St Paul of who two beautiful letters were assigned to in the Canon of Scripture. Full of energy and zeal for the faith. Active in Ephesus and Crete.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas OP** – One of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages, he ran away from an aristocratic life in northern Italy to become a Dominican Friar. He wrote extensively on Theology, ‘The Summa Theologica’. Doctor of the Church. His writings still command great authority in the Church today.

**Answers to Last Week’s Quiz**

1. Michigan 2. Plant used to make blue dye 3. Guy Fawkes 4. St Augustine.

**This Week’s Quiz - 1.** What is Antwerp famous for? **2.** What sort of plant is a ‘Larkspur’?

**3.** Where was the first Tabernacle? **4.** Which River and mountains surround the City of Derry?



**Next Week’s Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer 1:4-5.17-19 Psalm: Ps 70 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

**Gospel:** Lk 4:21-30