

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 30TH January 2022

Saturday 29 th January	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Mass Deceased members of the Farrell Family	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Robert Tait 3pm Vigil Mass Veronica Toal	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 30th January Primary 4 Rite of Enrolment	9.30 am Mass Eileen Valentine RIP 5.00 pm Mass Hilda McAlonie	11.30 am Mass Eileen (D'Alton) Erskine After Mass Primary 7 Confirmation Meeting	4th Sunday of the Year 
Monday 31 st January	9.30 am Mass Fr John Byrne RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St John Bosco
Tuesday 1 st February	No Mass 6pm Rosary 6.30pm P7 Confirmation Meeting	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Finnigan Family	Memorial of St Brigid of Ireland
Wednesday 2 nd February	9.30 am Mass Teresa Coyle RIP	No Mass	 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2 nd
Thursday 3 rd February	No Mass	9.30am Mass Josie Dean (AV) RIP	Memorial of St Blaise
Friday 4 th February	9.30 am Mass Antonia Purves RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 5 th February	5.30pm Vigil Mass Walter Robertson	9.30 am Mass Bridget D'Alton 3pm Vigil Mass Margaret Campbell	Memorial of St Agatha
Sunday 6th February Primary 3 Parent Catechsis	9.30 am Mass Kathleen Finlayson RIP 5.00 pm Mass Joan Coghill RIP	11.30 am Mass Susan Jones 	5th Sunday of the Year 

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

Theme: "Tell the Truth"

The land of Judah was in a frightening state when Jeremiah was born; even when being formed in the womb, God had chosen him to be a true prophet. What is a 'true prophet'? Someone who sees clearly ahead and is not afraid to speak the truth, however painful and alarming it may be. The Land of Judah was going 'to the dogs', the monarchy was corrupt, the people were abandoning the laws and commandments of God and even worshipping false gods ... and pagan cults. Does this ring a bell with our present times?

So, society was sent a brave prophet in Jeremiah who told the truth; that Jewish life was heading for catastrophe and the people weren't prepared to accept it. Just as today some do not acknowledge the gravity of the world's issues.

Reflection: 'Vacating the Throne' by Ruth Chou Simons

'The cure for an anxious heart is not building confidence in your own abilities to overcome today's worries and concerns; it's submitting your heart to an almighty and loving Father who will transform your greatest weaknesses into a display of his perfect provision. When our Father replaces fear with strength and humility with honour, it begins with replacing our temporary earthbound perspective with His eternal one.

So vacate the throne and set aside the temporary fixes of self-assurance and authority. Our mighty God invites you to cast all your anxieties on Him'.

Shared Parish News

'War and Peace'

There is a growing fear of war breaking out in our world today, especially in Eastern Europe, between Russia and Ukraine. It seems that no generation is allowed to pass without the effect of war somewhere in our midst. As we have just acknowledged 'Holocaust Memorial Day', let us never forget the potential of people to be utterly evil towards their neighbour. This coming week, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple of Solomon; Mary and Joseph presenting the child Jesus. The response of the Simeon is ecstatic; he has now seen the Messiah, the Light to the Nations. May Jesus today help all nations to be enlightened in their co-existence on earth. Our Lady Queen of Peace, help us to find that peace that only God can give us.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord – 'Candlemas'

This wonderful feast that marks the end of Christmastide, takes place on Wednesday 2nd February. There will be Masses in both parishes, with Broxburn at 9.30am and Winchburgh at 6pm. At each Mass candles will be blessed. If you wish candles to be blessed from home, please bring them along. PLEASE NOTE that the following day, 3rd February, is the Feast of St Blaise and the 9.30am Mass in Winchburgh is a chance to have your throat blessed. (Keeping to all current safety conditions).

Synod – Deanery Meeting

The Archbishop has requested a Deanery Forum to further the Synod process in the Archdiocese. Each parish in West Lothian is requested to send five delegates to the joint session in St Mary's, Bathgate. The preliminary gathering on Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm is a Holy Hour in St Mary's Church to prepare for the Deanery Synod. The actual Deanery Synod exchange of ideas will be in St Mary's, Bathgate, on Tuesday 8th February at 7 pm. Several people have been approached to represent each parish but if anyone else is keen to attend, please let Fr Jeremy know. There are Parish Synod gatherings as follows:

Sunday 30th January 9.30 am Mass – Broxburn

Sunday 6th February 11.30am Mass – Winchburgh



All contributions valued. Submissions to the parish office please. As Canon John said last Sunday, you can submit individual comments, ideas and opinions also directly to the parish office, for onward transmission (by letter or email) to the Archdiocese and to Rome.

Adult Catechesis (for Baptism and Holy Communion)

One to one Catechesis is now available for adults who seek instruction in order to be received into the Church, with a view to receiving candidates into the Church at Easter.

Archdiocesan Directory 2022

The new directory for 2022 is now on sale at the back of the Church. Full of useful information and only £3.00 per copy.



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Tuesday 1st February 5.00pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 4th February 5.00pm



Sacramental Life of the Parish

Primary 3 – First Confession 2022

The last of the Parents Catechetical talks before Lent begins, will be on Sunday 6th February after 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and after 11.30am Mass in Winchburgh. The theme is 'How do I repent and celebrate forgiveness'?



Primary 4 – First Communion 2022

The Rite of Enrolment for the children will take place on Sunday 30th January at the morning Masses in both parishes. Parents, please let Fr Jeremy know if you need to attend another Mass for enrolment.



Primary 7 – Confirmation 2022

The letter to parents to start up the programme has already gone out to the schools for onward transmission to the parents.



St Philomena's, Winchburgh – Parents Meeting – Sunday 30th January after 11.30am Mas

St John Cantius and St Nicholas, Broxburn – Parents Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 6.30 pm in the

Church. If your child did not get baptised in Winchburgh or Broxburn, then please remember to bring proof of Baptism.

Training for Teachers in a Catholic School

A day dedicated to aspiring Principal Teachers in a Catholic School – including effective Management and Leadership. Tuesday 22nd February 9.00am to 3.30pm. Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld, G68 0EW. Book via S.C.E.S. mail@sces.uk.com.

Friday Morning Teas and Coffees after Mass

The post Covid rules are now allowing teas and coffees after Mass in our Parish Halls, with ventilation and giving each other space. The Sunday teas have started again in St Philomena's (in aid of Mary's Meals). In Broxburn, we shall try first to have teas and coffees after Mass on Friday morning at 10am to bring folk more together and rebuild community life. Anyone interested in helping, see Fr Jeremy. Starting on Friday 11th February at 10am. All welcome.

Joint Parish Pilgrimage to Poland - September 2022

The next planning meeting will be in the Canon Hoban Hall on Monday 7th February at 7pm. More details will be given out about accommodation and a programme of visits.

Thank You

Bill Simpson, the husband of Helena Simpson RIP, would like to thank all the parishioners for their kindness and support after her funeral took place on 13th January. The collection for Marie Curie raised £460.00, which is much appreciated.

10th Anniversary of John McQuade RIP

On Wednesday 2nd February at 6pm Mass in Winchburgh, a 10th Anniversary Mass will be held in memory of John, who was killed suddenly in a tragic road accident on the M74. We pray for his parents, Frank (RIP) and Betty, and all the family.

'Beginning Experience' – St Mary's, Kinnoull

A special programme of support for those suffering the bereavement of separation, divorce, or widowhood. During the weekend of 25th-27th March. Participants are given the opportunity to deal with their feelings; begin to come to terms with their loss and grief; start to live again and not just exist. If interested, please contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com. Applications in please by 12th March.



Fr John Ryan – 'Beyond Science – Prayer and Answers'

Fr John Ryan, now Bishop Ryan, has written an inspired work on Prayer. With a PhD in Maths, he has a grasp of science and theology. He writes in this beautiful work, "When we talk about prayer, it is important for us to grasp how connected everything is. To bring out this connectedness, it is symbolically (maybe realistically) expressed in the idea that a butterfly flapping its wings in the rain forest of Malawi, can have an effect on a tornado in Mexico. This is how related everything is. This opens up vast vistas". (His book features in the current 'Africa' magazine).

Cyrenians Walking Groups

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the Linlithgow or Bathgate Wanderers inclusive walking groups which are open to all abilities, please get in touch via 01506 0815815 or email:

opal@cyrenians.scot

Canon Hoban Hall

The Hall Maintenance Team have been busy updating the electricals – New LED lighting which cost £750.00, also getting the heating serviced costing £200.00. We have the best parish hall; now is the time to start using it again more often. Now, here is the challenge, we have a small committee to run the maintenance of the building but we don't have anyone to run the social life of the hall. There's all sorts of activities we could have; Mothers & Toddlers Group, Drop in café, Games nights, Concerts, auctions, etc. So, if you are prepared to care and help, please get in touch. Canon Jeremy will be very pleased to hear from you.

Safeguarding Training

Just to keep you updated on the training currently on offer as there is still a high volume of volunteers still due to do each type of training, please book yours today:

Online Induction Part 1 Training (Duration approx. 90 mins) Induction Part 1 must be completed before Induction Part 2 is done. (Induction Part 2 should be completed approx. 18 months after Induction Part 1 has been done). Friday 4 February 2022 at 7pm, Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7pm

Trainer: Margaret Andow - margaret_andow@outlook.com

Online Induction Part 2 Training (Duration approx. 90 mins) 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 10am, Saturday 12 March 2022 at 10am, Thursday 24 March 2022 at 6pm

Trainer: Julie Brechin - julie.brechin@staned.org.uk



Called and Gifted Workshop

You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you at the *Called and Gifted Workshop*. It takes place from 8:30am-5:30pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit bit.ly/calledgifted

Pro-Life opportunity

Do you have experience in Adobe, particularly in Design and Photoshop? Could you help Stanton Healthcare, a new pregnancy support charity, with their images and brochures? Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office - paul.atkin@staned.org.uk

Saints Days this Week - Monday 31st January – St John Bosco – 19th Century Saint who dedicated his life to the street children of Turin, finding them shelter, food, spiritual nourishment and education. To help this apostolate, he founded the Salesian Fathers and Sisters which is now a worldwide religious order.

Tuesday 1st February – St Brigid of Ireland – Abbess of Kildare, born 450 AD. Set up a monastery which in time counted 13,000 religious' vocations in Ireland. Brigid was a modest, humble, kind-hearted person. A friend to the poor, animals, a poet and her favourite desire was to relieve human despair. St Brigid's Cross is a famous symbol of faith.

Thursday 3rd February – St Blaise – Bishop in Armenia in the 4th Century. Persecuted by Emperor Licinius, he is said to have hidden in a cave and blessed sick or wounded animals. Once a woman brought him a boy on the point of death with a fishbone stuck in his throat, whom he healed. When Blaise was later in prison, the same woman brought him food and candles, hence the blessing of the throats with candles. He was beheaded at martyrdom.

Saturday 5th February – St Agatha – 3rd Century. Lived in Sicily. She vowed her virginity to Christ. The consul, Quintinian, issued edicts against Christianity to attempt her seduction. She was handed over to Aphrodisia, who kept a brothel. There she was tortured and had her breasts cut off. She died in prison. Patroness of diseases of the breast.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. **Diamond**
2. **A flower from Switzerland**
3. **The Tent of Meeting where Moses met with God**
4. **The Foyle River and Sperrin Mountains**

This Week's Quiz

1. What was the 'Dart Controversy'?
2. Who is Fernando Alonso?
3. Which famous Australian actor directed the film, 'Passion of Christ' in 2004?
4. How many valves does a tuba musical instrument have?



Next Week's Readings 6th February: 1st Reading: Is 6:1-8 Psalm: Ps 137 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11