

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 6th FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday 5 th February	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil Mass Walter Robertson	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Bridget D'Alton 3pm Vigil Mass Margaret Campbell	Feast of St Agatha 
Sunday 6th February	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
Monday 7 th February	9.30 am Mass Kit Grant RIP(AV)	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 8 th February	No Mass  6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Peter Geraldine	Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita
Wednesday 9 th February	9.30 am Mass Eileen (McCann) Sloan RIP	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 10 th February	No Mass 	9.30am Mass Robert Tait RIP 5pm Reception of Coffin Jeremiah Cannon RIP	Memorial of St Scholastica
Friday 11 th February World Day of Prayer for the Sick	9.30 am Mass Frank Reilly RIP (Bromborough)	11am Requiem Mass Jeremiah Cannon RIP 	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 
Saturday 12 th February	5.30pm Vigil Mass Pauline Hughes (O'Leary) (AV)	9.30 am Mass Sisters of Mercy London 3pm Vigil Mass Paul Marshall RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 13th February P3 Parent Catechesis	9.30 am Mass Anne Maud 5.00 pm Mass Paul Gebal RIP	11.30 am Mass Ross Baxter RIP	6th Sunday of the Year

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

Theme: "I am Sinful and Unclean"

In the Mass today, we hear Isaiah cry out "I am a man of unclean lips" and we also hear St Peter cry out "Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man". If the prophets and saints admit their own frailties and unworthiness, then who are we to even think we are beyond reproach. St Paul himself admits, or perhaps laments, that he does not deserve the name of apostle, after his past sinful life. In all three men of this world, we find that they have been chosen by God, in their imperfections, to be his instruments of evangelisation. God does not choose self-righteous 'Prima Donnas', instead God takes repentant sinners and empowers them to become prophets and saints. So, the score is, 'Heaven – three points/Hell – zero points'.

Reflection: 'For the Love of Christ I Do' – St Gregory the Great

'A Watchman always takes up a position on the heights so that he can see from a distance whatever approaches. Likewise, whoever is appointed watchman to a people should live a life on the heights so that he can help them by taking a wide survey. Who am I? What kind of watchman am I? I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement. I languish rather in the depths of my weakness. And yet the creator and redeemer of mankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and power to speak effectively of it'.

Shared Parish News

'The Threat of Global Conflict'

Now is the time to pray for the avoidance of war in Eastern Europe and The Balkans. Tension in the world is 'brewing' and the political leaders are struggling to maintain peace and stability. It is time for the world to turn to God in prayer; that prayer brings hope and hope brings promise and promise brings a desire for universal peace. At Mass this coming week, we will have, hopefully, Eucharistic Adoration to pray that the peace of Christ may prevail in a troubled and uncertain world. Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.

COVID 19 UPDATE

With immediate effect parishes may dispense with the taking of contact details of people attending Mass for the purposes of Test and Protect. This has been a voluntary practice for some months. Wearing a face covering in church is still a legal requirement (unless an exemption applies). Also please keep sanitising your hands in and out of the church. However, we will still have the welcome ministers in place to help any parishioners and to sanitise the pews afterwards. Further advice on such things as: use of holy water stoups and other matters is being sought and updates will follow.



Sinclair Academy – August 2023

As construction work continues at a pace, it is right that we pray more often to The Venerable Margaret Sinclair. As your Parish Priest, I will mention her more frequently at Mass and pray through her intercession for the fruitfulness of the new High School. His Grace, the Archbishop, will be coming to celebrate the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 27th February, in order to raise the profile of the new High School and the new Holy Family Primary School. These are exciting times in West Lothian. Let us embrace our new 'Faith Schools' that offer so much to our young people and, please God, their Catholic formation.

The World Synod – Pope Francis

As the consultation process continues in parishes throughout the world, I encourage all of you to get your responses to the questions asked, back to the parish office as soon as possible, either by email or surface mail. The Deanery Synod meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th February and 7pm in the church hall, St Mary's, Bathgate. All Parish delegates should strive to be there by 6.45pm. Please let Fr Jeremy know if you need transport. He will be leaving the parish house in Broxburn at 6.30pm (prompt).

Death of Jeremiah (Jerry) Cannon RIP

Dear Jerry, was a big part of the St Philomena's Parish community for many years, especially in his huge commitment to St Philomena's Parish Hall. His total dedication was an inspiration; often in attendance 7 days a week. It will be a hard challenge to 'fill his shoes' and he will be sadly missed in and around Winchburgh. A long-time neighbour to the late Margaret Hill RIP, his Requiem Mass will be on Friday 11th February at 11am in St Philomena's, with an evening reception on Thursday 10th February at 5pm. His committal will be at Winchburgh Cemetery at 12.15pm on the Friday. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Our condolences to the Cannon Family, especially May, Frances and Tommy his helpers.

Prayers please for Fr John Morrison

Fr John has been in the Western General Hospital for some time recently – he served in Broxburn 30 years ago. Please keep him in your prayers.



Combined Parish Pilgrimage to Poland - September 2022

The numbers are increasing of those who would like to join the party. The next planning meeting is Monday 7th February in the small hall at the Canon Hoban Hall. We intend to firm up the itinerary and flight and hotel details. One of the important elements of a pilgrimage group is trying to keep the group together as much as possible. Estimated cost for 4 nights in hotels in Cracow, plus flight and breakfast, is around £4,000. Please arrange own travel insurance.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Please remember that Friday 11th February, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us remember that we have well over 50 people in our parishes who are sick and housebound, both at home and in Care Homes. It is one of our primary responsibilities as Catholic Christian people to care for our sick brothers and sisters. The 9.30am Mass in Broxburn will be a special opportunity to reflect on this theme. Please may we also pray for the pilgrimage shrine of Lourdes in France which has been decimated in recent times by Covid-19.

Winchburgh Community Development Trust

The Trust has a new Development Officer in the name of Ms Leigh Lauder. WDT has launched a book on 'The Big W – A Public Art Plan'. The book is said to be 'Amazing'. Interested? Contact Penny@winchburghdevelopments.com.

Called and Gifted Workshop - Archdiocese

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 19th February at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. To register: <bit.ly/calledgifted>.

Night Calls – St John's Hospital

Fr Jeremy is on Night Calls this coming week at St John's. Please remember to ask the hospital to page/contact the 'on call' priest for someone who needs spiritual care in the hospital. Please don't leave messages on the parish house answer machine as it may be several hours before they are picked up. This includes Tippethill, Maple Villa (Livingston) and St Michael's, Linlithgow.



Sacramental Life of the Parish

Primary 3 – First Confession 2022 - This Sunday 6th February, Fr Jeremy will give a talk after Mass to the P3 parents on "How do I Repent and receive forgiveness"?

Primary 4 – First Communion 2022 - The children should be getting their workbooks from the Primary School.

Primary 7 – Confirmation 2022 - The Enrolment Mass is now moved to 20th February – 9.30am Broxburn and 11.30am Winchburgh.

Start of Teas and Coffees – Café - Broxburn

As a way of reaching out to the wider community and to make more use of our beautiful Canon Hoban Hall, there will be Friday morning teas/coffees in the 'small hall' after the 9.30am Mass. It will be a chance to reconnect with one another in a safe environment and especially help those who live alone to have more social interaction. (Volunteers to help 'Brew Up' would be appreciated). Get the kettle on!

West Lothian Deanery Clergy

A Deanery Meeting will take place in East Calder, St Theresa's Parish, on Wednesday 9th February. Plans will be made for helping each other over Lent and reducing energy costs.



Broxburn and Uphall Churches Together

There will be an Ecumenical Meeting of Church representatives at the Baptist Church, Freeland, Broxburn, at 2.30pm on Wednesday 9th February. Anyone wishing to attend, please let Fr Jeremy know. Creena Docherty is presently our willing sole representative.

Primary One/Two Tour of St Philomena's

The infants of Holy Family School will, weather and Covid permitting, be seeing round the Church on Tuesday 8th February. We will also welcome new artwork to the back of the Church.

Dedication of new Defibrillator

The new Church Defibrillator in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church will be dedicated in memory of Joan Coghill RIP, at her Mass on Sunday 6th February at 5pm. Her family will be there to unveil it. Joan was a tireless prolife campaigner and a loving support to the 'broken-hearted'. It is fitting we dedicate this life saving tool in her memory. Training for the defibrillators – Saturday 19th February 11am Broxburn Hall.

Ellen Reddington RIP

Dear Ellen has very kindly left a generous donation in her will to St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish. We are very grateful to receive these funds at a challenging time. May she rest in peace. The candlesticks on the altar were also donated by her.



Events for married/engaged couples

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead-up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. Register at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

Sunday 6 March 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo

Sunday 3 April 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella

Sunday 8 May 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine

Wednesday 18 May 2022, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples

Vacancy

The Archdiocese is recruiting an **Adviser in Religious Education (primary schools)**. While the post is full-time, applicants looking for part-time or flexible working patterns are also encouraged to apply. Please see archedinburgh.org.uk/news-events for full details.

Making Disciples Seminar

Learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others in this three-day seminar. It will sharpen your evangelisation skills and show how each of us can be an instrument in God's hand as we walk as His disciples. It takes place from Friday 25 - Sun 27 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register and for more info visit bit.ly/disciplesseminar



Saints Days this coming Week

Tuesday 8th February – St Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947) – Kidnapped from her village in Sudan and sold into slavery, rescued by Italian diplomat family. Joined the Canossian Sisters in Venice and trained missionary sisters for Africa. As doorkeeper at the convent for 42 years, she grew to be much loved by the locals. Her prayerful intercession drew great power.

Thursday 10th February – St Scholastica – 5th Century. She was the twin sister of St Benedict. Set up a community of religious women at Monte Cassino. Famously insisted on, during a storm, staying a night with her brother before the following day dying and departing from this world.

Friday 11th February – Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes – It commemorates the 18 appearances of Our Lady to St Bernadette in 1858. Our Lady called on the faithful to come and pray, wash in the waters and do penance. St John Paul made this day a 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick'. Many confirmed miracles have come at this holy site.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 1514 – Who receives and who administers the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick



'The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are on the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him/her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his/her health, they can receive the sacrament again'.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The claim that the Southern ape of Africa represented an early stage of human evolution – later rejected.
2. A Grand Prix Racing Driver – won World Championship in 2005.
3. Mel Gibson
4. 3 or 4

This Week's Quiz

1. Who was Gentile Bellini? 2. What did Grace Darling do to become a heroine? 3. When did Poland join the EU? 4. What is a 'Proselyte'?

Next Week's Readings 13th February: 1st Reading: Jer 17:5-8 Psalm: Ps 1 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:12.16-20 Gospel: Lk 6:17.20-26



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Thursday 10th February 7.00pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 11th February 5.00pm

