

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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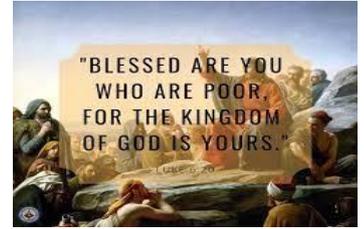
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6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 13th FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday 12th February	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil Mass Pauline Hughes (O'Leary) AV	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Sisters of Mercy 3pm Vigil Mass Paul Marshall RIP	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 13th February	9.30 am Mass Anne Maud 5.00 pm Mass Paul Gebal RIP	11.30 am Mass Ross Baxter RIP	
Monday 14th February	9.30 am Mass Healing for hurt & damaged souls	No Mass	Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius
Tuesday 15th February	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Mercy Associates	Feria
Wednesday 16th February	9.30 am Mass John Conway	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 17th February	No Mass	9.30am Mass Margaret Hill RIP	Feria
Friday 18th February	9.30 am Mass Les Mitchell	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 19th February	5.30pm Vigil Mass Jacqueline Gordon	9.30 am Mass Mary Kelly 3pm Vigil Mass Susan, Joe & Frank Dickie	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 20th February P4 Catechesis for Parents	9.30 am Mass & P7 Rite of Enrolment Jim Fleming (AV) 5.00 pm Mass Willie Dean RIP	11.30 am Mass & P7 Rite of Enrolment Rita & Thomas Tominey Snr	7th Sunday of the Year 

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

Theme: "Trust Not In Man. Only In God"

When it comes to real faith in God, have no time for personal status and the importance of political power. Jesus teaches us today that most things we worry about, success, power, status and popular rhetoric, are all a waste of time. The key component is setting your eyes firmly on the Kingdom of God. Hence, Jesus declares to his disciples and apostles, 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the Kingdom of God'. In other words, all material gain is of nothing compared with the heavenly state. We are fickle and weak so we are easily distracted by status, promotion and self-importance. When we are taken to the hospital and preparing to meet God, nothing truly matters, except preparing our souls for the final judgement.

Remember Jeremiah, 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord'.

Reflection: 'Misericordiae Vultus' – Pope Francis 2014 – 'Mercy'

'As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete; intentions, attitudes and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible, that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy and peaceful.

This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel'.

Shared Parish News

St Valentine's Day

Monday 14th February is Valentine's Day: sadly nowadays, more of a commercial racket than a romantic moment, where the price of flowers goes up threefold. As Catholic Christians, we need to affirm that the commandment of love is not particular to any day in the calendar but applies, we pray, to every moment of our lives, however, recognise that falling in love and being in love is a wonderful gift from God and should be celebrated. Please note that the Church's calendar marks 14 February as the Feast of St Cyril and Methodius (read about them later on).



World Synod of Pope Francis

It was great to see so many people at the Deanery Synod meeting in Bathgate on Tuesday evening. Also, several parishioners have submitted their own thoughts by email. Please continue to send them in. The deadline for parish submissions to the Synod is by the end of March. Two further Synod meetings will be held, one in each parish, for parishioners to share, listen and submit to the Diocesan office.

Broxburn Parish – Saturday 5th March at 6.30pm (after Evening Mass)

Winchburgh Parish – Saturday 12th March at 3.45pm (after Vigil Mass)



Parish Pilgrimage to Poland - September 2022

Application forms will be issued this week for the Pilgrimage to Poland from 19th to 23rd September, based in beautiful Cracow. The provisional cost for the flights and the hotel accommodation is set to be around £450.00 (cheaper if you share a room). A deposit of £100.00 will be required by Monday 21st February to confirm a booking per person. This will enable us to book flights as from 22nd February with EasyJet. The longer we leave the flight booking, the more expensive they will become. Please contact the parish office during office hours for more information. **Broxburn – Monday 9am to 2pm, Wednesday 9am to 2pm, Thursday 11am to 2pm. Winchburgh – Tuesday 9am to 12 noon, Thursday 9am to 11am.**

Teas and Coffees in the Canon Hoban

Every Friday morning after Mass in Broxburn, come in for a cuppa to the hall and a chat. Two years of Covid have starved us of social interaction. Now, under safety guidelines, we can introduce this opportunity to support one another. Look forward to seeing you there!

Seated Exercise and Relaxation

Following on from the Coffees, Linda Donoghue will deliver a seated exercise and relaxation class for 45 minutes, to continue social interaction, on Fridays at 11am (starting Friday 18th February). All welcome to do some light seated exercise, followed by gentle relaxation, or just come along, listen to some music and enjoy the company.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Thursday 17th February 5.00pm

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 18th February 5.00pm

Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Sacramental Life of the Parish

Primary 3 – First Confession 2022

All the children should have their Sacramental Workbooks for home learning. Please would Parents ensure they give quality time to this.



Primary 4 – First Communion 2022

There is a P4 Parents catechism class on Sunday 20th February at 10.30am in the Canon Hoban Hall (Broxburn) and at 12.30pm in the Church in Winchburgh. All Parents should attend and bring their attendance sheets for stamping.



Primary 7 – Confirmation 2022

The Rite of Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 20th February – 9.30am Broxburn and 11.30am Winchburgh. Any parents without a registration form, please see the parish office.



Children's Liturgy

Parents please be aware that we have Children's Liturgy in both parishes so that your children can enrich their experience of being in faith - Sunday mornings in both parishes during the Sunday Mass. Don't miss out! Thank you to the volunteers for helping make this happen.

Defibrillator Training

This is due to take place on Saturday 19th February at 11am in the Canon Hoban Hall for both parishes. Representatives from both communities are urged to attend the training. Thanks to Jane Pettigrew for being willing to show us how to use these lifesaving machines.

Parish Pastoral Councils

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Councils are as follows:

Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 22nd February at 7pm in the Canon Hoban Hall

Winchburgh Parish – Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the Parish Church

Any items for the agenda, please give to the respective secretary – Broxburn - Peter Doolan, Winchburgh – Diane Boyle.

Lent Approaching

Two weeks on Wednesday (2nd March) we begin the wonderful sacred season of Lent. 40 days of focused encounter with Our Blessed Lord, in prayer, fasting and charitable work. In Brazil, the entire season from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, has been for centuries a time for walking with the Lord, for going in procession to contemplate what Christ has suffered for us, expressed in his Blessed Passion which always speaks to the human heart. Think now what God is calling you to do in Lent 2022 ... There will be Dawn Masses, Stations, Spiritual talks, Reconciliation services and Eucharistic Adoration.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March

The Ecumenical Day for combined services of prayer, praise and scripture is centred this year on the theme of 'I know the Plans I have for You', inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-14. The text of the service is composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. There will be joint services in Broxburn and Uphall, as well as in Winchburgh. More details will follow next week.

Family Rosary – Tuesday 15th February

As Fr Jeremy is on a visit to Kinnoull Monastery this week, it will be parishioners who will kindly lead the Rosary at 6pm. Thank you.



Saints Days this coming Week

Monday 14th February – Feast of St Cyril and St Methodius – They were brothers, born at Thessalonica in Greece and they both spread the faith in Moravia. They sought to translate Holy Scripture into the Slavonic language, using the Cyrillic alphabet, which they devised, still used in Russia till this day. St Cyril died aged 43 on a visit to Rome. St Methodius became a Bishop of Pannonia (present day Czech Republic). He was opposed by the local bishops and imprisoned for 2 years for promoting the vernacular in the sacred liturgy. Later admonished, he became Archbishop of Moravia. He is patron saint of ecumenism. They were both made co-patrons of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 544 – 'The Kingdom of God'

'The Kingdom of God belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to preach Good News to the poor. He declares them blessed. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the Cross. He experiences hunger, thirst and privation. He identifies with the poor of every kind and makes active love towards them the condition for entering his Kingdom'.

Safeguarding Training

Julie Brechin (PSC at ST Philomena's and diocesan trainer) will be offering face to face Level 2 Safeguarding Training in the Canon Hoban Hall on Sunday 20th March from 2pm - 4pm. This is open only to volunteers in both parishes who have still to complete Part 2. Please contact Julie or Karen to book a slot.

40 Hours' Devotion

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues from this Sunday at Star of the Sea, North Berwick and at St Margaret's, Davidson Mains, Edinburgh. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

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

African/Caribbean Mass

The new monthly African/Caribbean Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 1pm on Sunday 6 March. All welcome.

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

Rediscover Your Marriage

The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for the programme, which begins with a virtual weekend 3-6 March, call/text 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com The website is at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Who was Gentile Bellini? **A Venetian painter of the 15th Century**
2. What did Grace Darling do to become a heroine? **Rescued the crew of the Forfarshire ship in 1835 off the Farne Islands**
3. When did Poland join the EU? **2004**
4. What is a 'Proselyte'? **Someone who is not a Jew by birth but by circumcision and baptism becomes one by faith.**

This Week's Quiz

1. How old was King Henry VIII when he died?
2. Who was the First Presiding Officer (Speaker) of the Scottish Parliament in 1999?
3. In Greek mythology, who is the King of the gods?
4. Which director won an Oscar with 'Schindler's List' in 1993?



Next Week's Readings 20th February: 1st Reading: 1Sm 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23 Psalm: Ps 102
2nd Reading: 1Cor 15:45-49 Gospel: Lk 6:27-38