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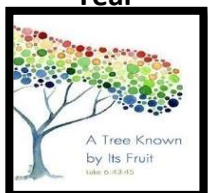
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7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 20th FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday 19th February	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil Mass Jacqueline Gordon	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Mary Kelly 3pm Vigil Mass Susan, Joe & Frank Dickie	Mas s of Our Lady 
Sunday 20th February <i>P4 Catechesis for Parents</i>	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 & John Tominey Snr	
Monday 21st February	9.30 am Mass Ellen Reddington	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 22 nd February	No Mass 6pm Rosary 	9.30 am Mass John Keogh (AV)	Feast of Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Wednesday 23 rd February	9.30 am Mass Manus McGuire	No Mass	Memorial of St Polycarp
Thursday 24 th February	No Mass	9.30am Mass James Cadman	Feria
Friday 25 th February	9.30 am Mass Tommy Grant (AV)	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 26 th February	5.30pm Vigil Mass Hugh Devine 	9.30 am St Peregrine Mass Eileen Stirling 3pm Vigil Mass Martin Owen O'Hara	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 27 th February <i>P4 Presentation of The Our Father</i>	9.30 am Mass Michael Coyle 5.00 pm Mass Sarah & Eleanor Glass	11.30 am Mass Christine & Thomas Drummond	8th Sunday of the Year  A Tree Known by Its Fruit MARK 13:23-25

Confessions Broxburn Saturday 5pm, Sunday 5.45pm,
Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am

Theme: "Love Your Enemies"

Today's Gospel is one of the most challenging that we hear from the mouth of Jesus. To love our enemies and do good without any hope of return. This is a supreme act of brinkmanship or unconditional love; that we don't go through life merely being good to those who are good to us. Instead, we build bridges, break down barriers and remove social stereotypes and taboos that prevent people from forming new friendships. The common cause of lack of loving those we find hard to love, is fear of losing face; that our act of reaching out will be rejected or spurned. Jesus shows the way by not being afraid to enter into the company of anyone and in the process, he changes the perception of many Jews that the 'People of God' are not just the twelve tribes of Israel but rather anyone who loves God and loves their neighbour.



Reflection: 'The Church – A Part of Humanity' – Philippe Bequerie

'The Church is not the whole world, but it is truly in the world, moreover, it is made of the flesh of the world. It is not the whole of humanity, but it is human, in all senses of the word. It is made up of women and men who live in the world and take part in its history, in the way that they live and in what they do, in their joys and hopes, their sorrows and their disillusionments, their interdependence and their struggles. It is that part of humankind which confesses that God has intervened in history in the person of his Son, Jesus of Nazareth, who died and has risen and which lives looking to the kingdom. So, the Church is the sacrament of salvation'.

Shared Parish News

'Hanging in There'

This is a time of year when you have to steel yourself not to lose heart, to 'hang in there' as we often say. Winter is taking its toll and we are seeking life beyond Covid. Economic uncertainty and fears at the rising cost of living perturb many vulnerable people. The gift of our faith inspires us to make wise choices and to see through prayer inner peace and simplicity in our actions. There, again, the community response of looking out for one another and recognising the opportunities to share our resources with a generous heart. There are many good-hearted folks still in our parish communities. THANK GOD.



Holy Water

Holy Water may now be used by those who wish as they enter and leave church. Hands should be sanitised before contact with the Holy Water and the Holy Water will be changed regularly depending on the number of parishioners attending. Blessing ourselves with Holy Water in church has always been a beautiful and treasured custom for Catholics. However, some of our young children will not have seen it for a long time now. This is a good moment for mums and dads to teach them how and why we do this and for everyone else to help the younger ones by their good example.

Plate collections

Parishes can return to plate collections during Mass. Those who distribute the plate will be asked to sanitise their hands before and after distribution.

Test & Protect

For Masses, services, or for parish-related activities in church halls (e.g., coffee mornings, children's liturgy, catechesis), there is no requirement to collect personal information for the purposes of test and protect. However, for formal hospitality events and external/community-wide organised children's activities, there is still a requirement to collect details. Please note, there are presently no plans to reinstate a "contact" sign of peace, so this should be limited to a respectful bow of the head. We will continue with good ventilation and remember that face coverings are still required to be worn unless an individual is exempt.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Wednesday 23 February 6.00pm

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Friday 25 February 10.00am

Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Lent Approaches – 10 Days to Go!

Now is an exciting time to look forward to the 'spiritual oasis' of Lent. To take more time for God, our prayers and a cleansing of mind, body and spirit. You could call it our annual service and MOT. "Not all of us can do great things" Mother Teresa said, "but we can do small things with great love". Thus, a secret daily sacrifice ordered toward the virtue we most struggle with; a charitable gift, though it may not get our name on a building; the sacrifice of some pleasure of the palate for someone with whom we find hard to love; the reallocating of time spent on a usual past-time to pray a rosary for all those who don't pray at all. Go for it!

Ash Wednesday – 2nd March: 7am Dawn Mass (Broxburn), 9.30am Mass (Broxburn), 9.30am (Winchburgh). School services arranged with Headteachers. 6pm Mass (Broxburn). Ashes can also be obtained by request from the parish houses.

Events for Lent 2022

Dawn Mass – 7am – Winchburgh – Tuesdays

Dawn Mass – 7am – Broxburn – Wednesdays

Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm – Broxburn – Wednesdays

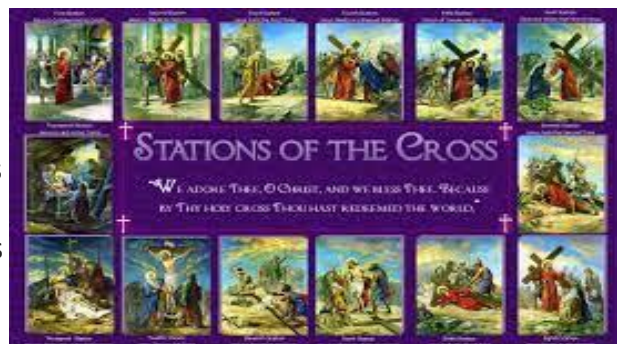
Stations of the Cross – 6.00 pm – Winchburgh – Fridays

Stations of the Cross – 2.30pm – Winchburgh – Saturdays

Stations of the Cross – 6.30 pm – Broxburn – Saturdays

Confessions – Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15 am

Confessions – Broxburn – Saturday 5.00pm, Sunday 5.45pm



Archbishop Cushley's Visit to the Parish

On Sunday 27th February, His Grace will come and be the main celebrant at the 11.30am Mass in St Philomena's. He will be there to promote the new Holy Family Primary School and the new Sinclair Academy. This is a good opportunity for parents who are seeking a place in these schools to hear what the Archbishop has to say and to celebrate these exciting developments for the future of Catholic Education. The Archbishop will be in the hall afterwards to meet the people. Let us give him a warm welcome and work together to make these schools a success story for the future.

Sacramental Life of the Parish

Primary 3 – First Confession 2022

Parents, please ensure you bring children to the Children's Liturgy and take time for their home workbooks.



Primary 4 – First Communion 2022

The parents have their first Catechesis this Sunday 20th February - 10.30am in the Canon Hoban Hall (Broxburn) and 12.30pm in the Church in Winchburgh. The theme is Holy Communion link to Passover. Presentation of the Our Father is on Sunday 27th February at 9.15 am & 11.30 am Masses.



Primary 7 – Confirmation 2022

This Sunday is the Rite of Enrolment Mass for the P7 candidates – 9.30am Broxburn and 11.30am Winchburgh.



Teas Coffees – Broxburn

Don't forget after Mass on Fridays from the 18th February we are starting teas/coffees in Canon Hoban Hall all welcome, come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, and afterwards if you like you can join a very gentle seated exercise and relaxation class, all in all a good start to the weekend!

African/Caribbean Mass

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

Online Retreat

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is hosting an online retreat in Lent. Each day features an episode from the life of St Ignatius, music, art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Details at <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

The Teaching of the Catechism -The Baptism of Jesus para 628

'Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him'.

Poland Pilgrimage

Booking Forms are now available in the porch to be collected and filled out. Please return to the parish office along with your payment of deposit. You can email broxburnandwinchburghparishes@gmail.com if you require any further information.

Lent – Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cusley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Vacancy

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is looking to employ a facilities manager. The job is 21 hours per week (£16,200 pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 4 March. Job description and how to apply at <https://www.s1jobs.com/job/facilities-manager-52764122>

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 this Sunday-Tuesday at St John's and St Mary Magdalene's in Edinburgh. For details see <https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/newsletters> Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

Synod Meetings

BORDERS MID/EAST LOTHIAN: Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality. For all the parishes in our Borders, Mid and East Lothian Deanery a meeting will be held at St David's, Dalkeith at 7:00pm on Tuesday 23 Feb. FIFE: Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality. For all the parishes in our Fife Deanery two events will be held at St Margaret's, Dunfermline: Preparatory Holy Hour – 7:30pm, 1 Mar; Meeting – 7:00pm, 8 March.

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 Day this week

Tuesday 22nd February – Chair of St Peter the Apostle – is a feast which emphasises the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or cathedra is the place from where each bishop teaches his people, and gives us the word "cathedral". The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches us the Faith which unites us with each other.

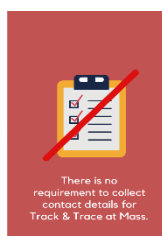
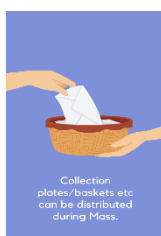
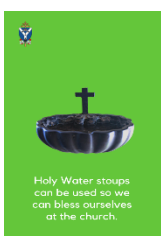
Wednesday 23rd February – Memorial of St Polycarp – he was a disciple of St John the Apostle, who made him Bishop of Smyrna, one of the seven churches of St John's Apocalypse. He visited Rome to consult with Pope Anicetus showing an early sign of respect for the Successor of St Peter. Shortly after returning he was arrested by officials of the Roman Empire. They burned him to death in the city stadium, at the age of 87.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. How old was King Henry VIII when he died? **56**
2. Who was the First Presiding Officer (Speaker) of the Scottish Parliament in 1999? **Sir David Steele**
3. In Greek mythology, who is the King of the gods? **Zeus**
4. Which director won an Oscar with 'Schindler's List' in 1993? **Steven Spielberg**

This weeks Quiz

1. What are the 3 cardinal virtues?
2. Which 2 students founded Google in 1998?
3. Charles Dickens wrote A Tale of Two Cities. What are the two cities?
4. Where was Prince Philip born?



Next Week's Readings 27th February:

- 1st Reading: Sir 27:4-7
Psalm: 91
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel: Lk 6:39-45