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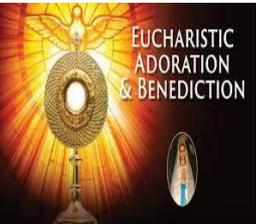
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 6TH MARCH 2022



	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
Saturday 5 th March 	5.30pm Vigil Mass Margaret Pleasance	9.30 am Mass Canon Philip Doherty 2.20pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Vigil Mass Bill Taylor	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 6th March	9.30 am Mass Agnes Kane RIP 4.20pm Stations of the Cross 5.00 pm Mass Ellen Glass & Diane Scovell	11.30 am Mass Catherine Callaghan RIP (AV)	1st Sunday of the Year 
Monday 7 th March	9.30 am Mass Dennis Langton	No Mass	St Perpetua & St Felicity
Tuesday 8 th March	No Mass 6pm Rosary	7 am Dawn Mass Fr Joe Murphy (92) Glasgow 9.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon RIP	1 st Week of Lent
Wednesday 9 th March	7am Dawn Mass Mrs Maureen O'Dowd USA 9.30 am Mass Peter Jordan 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	No Mass 	1 st Week of Lent
Thursday 10 th March	No Mass	9.30am Mass Margaret Hill RIP	St John Ogilvie
Friday 11 th March	9.30 am Mass Haydn (Taffy) Smith	No Mass 6 pm Stations of the Cross	1 st Week of Lent
Saturday 12 th March	5.30pm Vigil Mass Pat Connolly (AV)	9.30 am Mass Fr James Cadman 2.20pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Vigil Mass Bishop John Cunningham	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 13th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass Izabella Krakowiak 4.20pm Stations of the Cross 5.00 pm Mass Paul Gebal	11.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon RIP 12.30pm Start of 40 hours Adoration & Benediction	

Theme: "Being Good Causes Trouble"

The fact that Jesus of Nazareth was good, faithful and loving disturbs the 'devil' who is the personification of evil. The call to righteousness, as the letter to the Romans reminds us, disturbs all those who have not set their heart on God. It could be resentment, jealousy, guilt or a reluctance to be forced to change for the better. Hence, Jesus' forty days of walking in the desert catches the attention of Satan, who seeks to spoil Jesus' solitude with the Father and break His spirit. Hence, there is grace to be gained when we are sorely tested but thankfully do not give into that temptation. During these forty days of Lent, let's be able to say to the culture of evil, 'Bring it on ...' thereby putting ourselves to the test and be found worthy.

Reflection: Appeal by The Holy Father, Pope Francis I (In light of Invasion of Ukraine)

"My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Once again, the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God; who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some; who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising co-existence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute".

Do you want to Fast this Lent? (In the words of Pope Francis)

*'Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen'.*



'The Season of Lent is our yearly encounter with the Mercy of God'. (Fr Julian Green).

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Lent 2022- Theme: 'Jesus, Renew My Faith'

Here are the pastoral and spiritual provisions being made available for the sacred season of Lent:



- (i) **Catholic Life and Devotion:** **Dawn Masses** - each week there will be 7am Mass on Tuesdays in Winchburgh at Our Lady's altar in Latin and Wednesdays in Broxburn at the Sacred Heart altar. **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays 4.20pm in Broxburn. Stations in Winchburgh on Fridays at 6pm and Saturdays at 2.20pm. **Eucharistic Adoration** (Silent Prayer), Monday and Wednesday at 9am and Saturday 4.45pm in Broxburn. Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9am in Winchburgh.
- (ii) **Penance and Absolution:** There will be an opportunity for Confession on Saturday 4.45pm and Sunday 5.45 pm in Broxburn. In Winchburgh, on Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 12.45pm.
- (iii) **Faith Development and Catechesis:** For those who wish to develop their understanding of their faith, there is:
 - (a) The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow who are running an excellent Lenten Programme online. Beginning Ash Wednesday and centred on the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola 500 years ago. Get it on Google Play or download on App Store. See www.iscglasgow.co.uk
 - (b) Weekly Lent Bible Study on an Ecumenical level with the Churches in Broxburn and Uphall. The theme is 'The Chosen'. Mondays at 7.30pm on Zoom, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. Zoom link 921 3261 1288. Passcode 636987. Plus join our Cloud Video Meeting.

Fasting and Charitable Works: Church teaching on Fasting is as follows: 'Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat but not eggs, milk or condiments of any kind (salt, vegetables). Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years old but not yet 59 years old are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional small meals are permitted to maintain strength if necessary. Eating between meals is not permitted.' The link between fasting and charitable works means directing resources to other good causes that otherwise could not be met. In our parishes we have good charitable causes such as SVDP, The Mother Teresa Food and Clothing Project in Edinburgh, Mary's Meals, Fr Younis in Pakistan and the Food Project in Winchburgh. National charities include SCIAF and internationally, Aid to the Church in Need.

Emergency Aid for Ukraine

There has been a huge response to the appeal for emergency aid in Eastern Europe as a consequence of the war. Thank you to those who have kindly donated First Aid, Children's Clothing and other valuable items to help save lives. The collection centre in Edinburgh is now overflowing, so please hold back any immediate donations for the time being.

Planned Pilgrimage to Poland – September 2022

Due to the armed conflict in Ukraine, the escalation of death and injury, the mounting humanitarian crisis, it seems prudent to postpone the pilgrimage until September 2023. Therefore, any deposits will be returned to those who have already booked and we hope that we can go ahead with the pilgrimage in September 2023 when, please God, there will be a restored peace and stability in Europe. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Rosaries from Bosnia

A parishioner has obtained 200 handmade rosaries from Bosnia, sourced from a family that is struggling to survive when that country is still overshadowed by poverty and cultural and religious division, living very near to Medjugorje. The beautiful rosaries are £5.00 for the crystal ones and £3.00 for the wooden ones. Please support this worthy cause. Rosaries on sale at the back of the Churches. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for them.

Sacramental Life of the Parish

Firstly, my apologies, I gave out the 'Our Father' last Sunday in Broxburn to P7 instead of P4. This will be rectified in the school. Anyone still without an Our Father, please see Canon Jeremy on Sunday after Mass.

Primary 3 – First Confession

It is less than 3 weeks till the children make their First Confession. Parents, please ensure they know the 'Sign of the Cross' and 'Act of Sorrow'. The Home Workbook should be nearly complete.

Primary 4 – First Communion

Canon Jeremy will meet with the P4 parents in the Canon Hoban Hall after 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and the 11.30pm Mass in Winchburgh, for a short catechetical talk this Sunday 6th March.

Primary 7 – Confirmation

The students should have started their Homework book and be choosing their sponsor. On Sunday 20th March they will be presented with a copy of the Nicene Creed.



Forthcoming Funerals

Emma Murphy RIP: Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 14th March at 11am in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, followed by a burial at Loaninghill Cemetery at 12.20pm. Her coffin will come in at 4.45pm on Sunday 13th March. Emma was a long-time neighbour of Norma Connolly in Uphall Station and latterly a resident in Middleton Hall Nursing Home. We give thanks for all the care received from nursing staff, family and friends. Her dear husband George, drove the 'Flying Scotsman' and 'The Royal Train'. May she rest in peace.

Joyce Boyle RIP: Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 18th March at 10.00am in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, followed by a burial at Loaninghill Cemetery at 11.15am. Joyce, beloved wife of Eddie, was much loved at Cardross and in the wider community, sociable and kind-hearted. Her coffin will be received into the Church at 5pm on Thursday 17th March (St Patrick's Day). May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The World Synod

Please be aware there are two remaining meetings to feedback responses to the World Synod.

Saturday 5th March at 6.30pm in Broxburn

Saturday 12th March at 4pm in Winchburgh

The two questions are:

1. *"Where is the Holy Spirit inspiring a change of heart in the Catholic Church?"*
2. *"What do I need to appreciate more in my Catholic Faith?"*



Forty Hours Exposition in Winchburgh

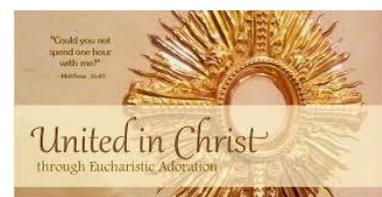
This is taking place on 13th, 14th and 15th March as follows:

Sunday 13th March – 12.30pm to 7.00pm

Monday 14th March – 10.00am to 7.00pm (possibly overnight) *

Tuesday 15th March – 10.00am to 6.30pm

*It would be lovely to keep the Church open through the night of 13th/14th March to pray for peace in Ukraine but people would need to let Canon Jeremy know that they are willing to help with that all-night vigil. The primary school children will join us on the Monday afternoon.



Parish Finance Meeting

The Broxburn Parish Finance Meeting has been postponed until Monday 21st March to allow other Lenten events to take place unhindered, starting at 7pm.

Congratulations – (i) To Canon John who celebrates his 61st Ordination Anniversary on 18th March.

(i) To Mario and Maureen Marzella who became grandparents for the second time recently.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Winchburgh

This will take place on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the Parish House. The agenda is not yet fixed so any other items please to Diane Boyle, the secretary, or Jacqui, the parish secretary. We need to start planning for the Parish's 100th Celebrations in 2025, as well as the new schools opening in 2022/2023.

Lenten Charities

In case you were still undecided about who to support during Lent, here are a few suggestions:

Mary's Meals, Aid to the Church in Need, Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's Nuns), Kiltegan Fathers,

The Cyrenians or SCIAF. Details can be found on the internet. Many of these charities, including Aid to the Church in Need, will be helping in Ukraine.



Lenten Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Please join the Archbishop for our first Lenten Pro-Life Stations of the Cross on Tuesday 8th March at 7.45pm. A priest of deacon will give a reflection. <https://bit.ly/prolifeevents>.

Parish Family Rosary

Please remember we have the 'Family Rosary' every Tuesday evening at 6pm on Zoom. The link is 7258271735 Passcode 850988.

Religions for Peace - UK Women of Faith

There is an important 'Inter-Faith' event for women by webinar on Thursday 10th March at 6pm to 7.30pm. Guest speakers include Debora Kayembe of Edinburgh University. To register, please contact

<https://www.rfpuk.org/ukwfn>.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 2308 – 'Avoiding War'

'All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defence, once all peace efforts have failed'.

Saints Days this Coming Week

Monday 7th March – St Perpetua and St Felicity: Arrested in Carthage in 203 AD and baptised in prison. Refused both them to renounce their faith, even though one of them was pregnant. They were thrown to the lions.

Thursday 10th March – St John Ogilvie: Born in Keith, Aberdeenshire, and educated a Calvinist, went to Holland where he met a Jesuit Priest who converted him to Catholicism. Ordained a Jesuit Priest in 1613. Shipped back to Scotland, he reconciled many back to the Catholic faith. In 1615 he was betrayed, arrested, imprisoned and tortured. Then he was hung at Tollcross Prison, Glasgow, in 1615. Canonized in 1976.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal

As well as your prayers please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church

is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>



Returning to Confession

The Archdiocese is inviting Catholics to experience the healing embrace and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance this Lent. *Returning to Confession* is a 45-minute event on YouTube led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. It is on this Monday (7 March) at **7:30pm**. No registration required - watch live at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lent with St Paul

The Archdiocese is hosting *Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent*. It's a 30-minute talk at 7:30pm on 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrews Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Pilgrimage

The inaugural Brecbannoch Pilgrimage will take place 11-13 June 2022. The Brecbannoch is a 50-mile pilgrimage undertaken on foot from Oban to Iona, with the special purpose of praying for the renewal of the faith in Scotland. Along the way, the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret will be carried, invoking their protection over the Church in these isles. Sign up at: www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Monday 7th March 4pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 11th March 5pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Next Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent: 1st Reading: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm: Ps26

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

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