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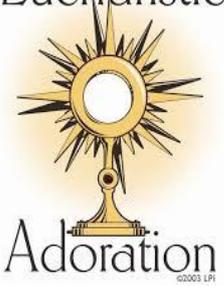
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**



Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March  	<u><b>BROXBURN</b></u> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Pat Connolly (AV)	<u><b>WINCHBURGH</b></u> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Fr James Cadman <b>2.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Bishop John Cunningham	<u><b>Feast Days</b></u> Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of                      Lent</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Izabella Krakowiak <b>4.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Paul Gebal	<b>11.30am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon RIP <b>12.30pm Start of 40 hours                      Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <b>12.30pm -7pm</b>	
<b>Monday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Special Intention <b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <b>10am-7pm</b> <b>8pm-7am (overnight)</b>	Eucharistic 
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>  	<b>7 am Dawn Mass</b> Special Intention <b>9.30 am Mass</b> John & Catherine Finnigan & Finnigan Family <b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <b>7.30am-6.30pm</b>	Adoration <small>©2003 LPI</small>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7am Dawn Mass</b> Mr David B Peffers <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Mary Doyle <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	No Mass  	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Vincent McKeown	St Patrick
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Talayeh Farzad	No Mass <b>6 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Confessions: Broxburn - Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – Saturday 10.00 am**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Paul Gebal	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Canon Colin K Golden <b>2.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Helen & Willie Muir	St Joseph
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John Cavanagh <b>4.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Margaret Wright	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Johnston Renton AV  	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex</b> <i>3:1-8.13-15</i> <b>Psalm: Ps102</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1</b> <i>Cor 10:1-6.10-12</i> <b>Gospel: Lk 13:1-9</b>

**Theme: "Look Up!"**

In the Holy Scriptures today, God inspires us to look up to Heaven; to gaze upon the celestial heights, beyond the stars, and dwell upon the immensity of creation, space and time. In the First Reading from Genesis, Abram is invited by God to look up to heaven and count the number of stars. In the Gospel, Peter, James and John go up Mount Horeb and look up to see Jesus transfigured before their eyes. Both were an insight into better times to come, a future enshrined in a covenant between God and humanity. Both Abram and Jesus were called to be leaders of God's people – the difference with Jesus is that He is God and man, therefore, the voice from heaven calls on us to look up and listen to Him now.

**Reflection: 'Listen to Christ' by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

"To listen to him in the word, preserved in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the very events of our lives, trying to read in them the messages of providence. To listen to him ... in our brothers and sisters, especially in the little ones and in the poor, for whom Jesus himself asked our concrete love. To listen to Christ and to obey his voice. This is the only way that leads to joy and love".

*"The Power of Faith is enormous. It is so great that it not only saves the believer; thanks to one person's faith, others are saved". (St Cyril of Jerusalem, 4<sup>th</sup> Century).*

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**The War in Ukraine**

Most of us don't remember a War in Europe, since most of us have been born since 1945. However, due to modern weaponry, especially nuclear and chemical warheads, the stakes are much higher. The world is becoming a more crowded and finite place. To have a world that is fit for our grandchildren, we all need to live more simply, take less natural resources from the earth and share what we have equally. Covid and war and climate change are no respecters of land borders. Let us awaken our awareness of our co-dependence on one another and allow our collective faith in God to build a global respect for the right of one another to exist; to love to co-operate and to die in peace, so we may rise to eternal life. God Bless and help all those affected by the war in Ukraine, on all sides of this terrible conflict.

**Emergency Appeal for Ukraine**



The people of our Parishes have been so, so generous in giving clothes, blankets, medical supplies, etc, that the International Aid warehouse is overwhelmed. Instead, it may now be more practical to send funds to support the main charities operating to save lives, i.e., Aid to the Church in Need, Caritas International, SCIAF and The Red Cross. Contact details are on the internet. We can also relay your donations through the parish. £700.00 was collected last weekend.

**Thank You**

- (i) For all the generosity and kindness in response to the Ukrainian War disaster - medical supplies, clothing, blankets, etc. The International Aid warehouse in Edinburgh is now overflowing. The advised best route for help is through the main charities involved in the conflict.
- (ii) For those who supported the World Day of Prayer in both parishes. The Winchburgh Service raised £135.81 for charitable causes.
- (iii) For supporting the Rosary Appeal for a Bosnian Family. £440.00 sent out to help relieve poverty. Still some beautiful rosaries for sale.

**Fabric Report**

**Broxburn Parish:** The 'old baptistry' has had plaster repair work undertaken and will then need redecoration. Thank you to Ted for attending to this. The side door into the church from the home is needing replacing. It does not comply with fire safety regulations and should open out the way.



**Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries**  
**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Monday 14th March 7.30pm**  
**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 - Friday 18th March 3pm**  
**Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible**



**St Nicholas Parent Council**

I wish to thank Claire Roxburgh for all her conscientious and devoted work as Church Rep on the Parent Council for the last few years. It is much appreciated.

**Forty Hours Exposition in Winchburgh**

St Philomena's Parish is hosting the 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration on **Sunday 13th, Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March**. The central focus of our prayers will be the tragic war in Ukraine and earnestly praying for a peaceful solution, the welfare of the wounded and refugees and for the souls of the dead. Fr Jeremy is open to keeping the Church vigil going through the night from Monday to Tuesday morning if others are prepared to watch for an hour. The times are:

**Sunday 13th March – 12.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Monday 14th March – 10.00am to 7.00pm**

**Monday 14th March – 8.00pm to Tuesday 7am (overnight)**

**Tuesday 15th March – 7.30am to 6.30pm**



Please sign up and pray for our world. Thank you. The primary school children will also join us.

**Sacramental Life of the Parish**

**Primary 3 – First Confession**

The First Confessions are coming up for: **Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 22nd March 6.30pm (in the Church)**  
**Winchburgh Parish – Thursday 24th March 6pm (in the Church)**

Fr Jeremy will carry out rehearsals beforehand. Parents, please help your children by practising the Sign of the Cross and the Act of Sorrow. It would be inspiring for the children if Catholic parents also give good example and go to Confession themselves.

**Primary 4 – First Communion**

The next session of Parents Catechesis is on Sunday 20th March after 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. Hopefully the children are progressing well with their Family Workbooks in company with their parents.

**Primary 7 – Confirmation**

The candidates will be presented with a copy of the Nicene Creed at the Sunday Masses. This is to encourage them to know and understand what they believe in as Catholic Christian young people. On Sunday 27th March after 9.30am and 11.30am Masses there will be a short Catechesis session for the Parents. (Broxburn in the Hall/Winchburgh in the Church).

**Confessions in Lent**

Lent is traditionally a time when Catholics make their 'Easter Duties'. This means making an effort to be reconciled from our sins. A good time also for the P4's and P7's preparing for the sacraments to be reconciled before Easter. Confessions are – **Broxburn – Saturday 4.45pm and Sunday 5.45pm. Winchburgh – Saturday 10.00am.**

**Lenten Stations of the Cross**

Please note that you can do the Stations of the Cross on your own or:

**Broxburn – Wednesday 6.30pm\*, Sunday 4.20pm**

**Winchburgh – Friday 6.00pm, Saturday 2.20pm**

**\*Parish groups have been assigned to help lead the Stations each week.**



**The World Synod of the Church**

All submissions to the Synod must be submitted to the parishes by 25th March. Then they will be passed on by the Archdiocese to the Vatican Secretariat for reception by the Holy Father. The final formal session is after the 3pm Mass on Saturday 12th March in Winchburgh.

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

**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”?***

**Canon John Agnew**

Congratulations to Canon John who celebrates 61 years in the priesthood on 18th March. God Bless him. We are blessed to have him in our parishes.



**Fr Younis – Faisalabad Celtic**

Fr Younis is trying to start up a Junior Seminary Celtic Faisalabad Football team in Pakistan. He has 30 students in the Seminary aged 16 to 20 years old. If anyone is willing to donate some Celtic jerseys, small to medium adult build, please let Fr Jeremy know. They can be second hand – it makes no odds. Thank you.



### The Cyrenians

The Winchburgh Companions Groups would like to promote a 'Social and Activity' Group in the area. Come along and have a chat. For all aged 50 and over. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1pm to 3pm in Winchburgh Community Centre, EH52 6RW. More information contact Kate 01506 891099.

### Broxburn Parish Finance Meeting

This will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm in the rear of the Church. Reps, please from Bookkeeping, Money counting, Stall, 59 Club and Hall Committee. Challenging times now for all in managing our costs. Thank you for your stewardship.

**Safeguarding Training:** This will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. All volunteers who need to update their training should attend.

### Forthcoming Funerals

**Emma Murphy RIP:** St John Cantius and St Nicholas - Reception of Coffin – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. Requiem Mass Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 11am. Burial at Loaninghill 12.20pm.

**Joyce Boyle RIP:** St John Cantius and St Nicholas – Reception of Coffin – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 5pm. Requiem Mass Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am. Burial 11.15am at Loaninghill.

**'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'.**



### The Teaching of the Catechism – Youcat for Kids

“What does Confession do for me? Answer – Confession reconciles me with God and with the community of the Church and gives me a new beginning. It frees me to express openly and honestly the sins I have done”.

### Saints Days this Coming Week

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick:** 4<sup>th</sup> Century Briton. He was kidnapped while very young and taken to Ireland, where he put to work looking after sheep. On the lonely hillsides he learned to pray. He escaped and was called to the priesthood. He was fearless in facing opposition from powerful pagan rulers. He practised regular penance.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph:** A wise and just man, who had worked out the kindest way to deal with Our Blessed Lady's mysterious pregnancy and who could then accept the will of God, which pointed out a different path, even when it contradicted his life plans. Patron saint of husbands and a happy death.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the new financial year have arrived for both parishes. For Broxburn please go to the sacristy and Canon Jeremy will hand out to you after Mass, for Winchburgh Vivienne will leave at the back of the Church with your name on the box to collect. Please take a moment to update your personal details with Canon and Vivienne as we haven't been able to do so for a few years because of Covid.

**Energy conservation Advisor:** Canon Jeremy is looking to reduce our energy costs, so is looking for someone who can help in the role of an energy Conservation Advisor. If you are knowledgeable in this area and think you can help, please get in touch with Canon Jeremy to discuss.

**ACN EMERGENCY UKRAINE APPEAL:** *Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is dispatching €1m (more than £830,000) in emergency help for churches and religious communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following the Russian invasion. Bishops, Priests and Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings. Please pray for Peace.*

*To support the ACN Ukraine emergency appeal or to find out more, please visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org).*



### Event for Married Couples

A Holy Hour for married and engaged couples takes place on Sunday 3 April at 4pm in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It features a testimony from Anton and Angela Collela, a Catholic couple from Glasgow who will discuss the spirituality of marriage and the importance of faith in family life, based on their own experience of 34 years' marriage. Register at [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](http://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

**The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back!** Demand is expected to be high for this popular and life-enhancing trip so booking now is recommended. **It takes place from 8-15 July and will be led by Archbishop Cushley.** All the details you need are at [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22)

### A prayer for peace in Ukraine:

*O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity.*

*Amen*