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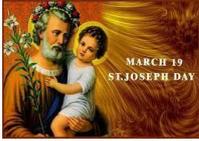
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**



Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Paul Gebal	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> <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	<b><u>Feast Days</u></b> St Joseph 
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	<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>Monday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Pat Devenney <b>10.30am Requiem Mass</b> Josef Kasilou RIP	No Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>7 am Dawn Mass</b> Dante Arthurs <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Elizabeth Melrose RIP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent  
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>7am Dawn Mass - Talayeh</b> Farzad <b>9.30 am Mass – Brogan Family</b> <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	No Mass  	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon RIP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Joyce Haluch	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Fr Jim Doherty <b>6 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Annunciation of Our Lord</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Boylan & McGuinness Families	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon RIP <b>2.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Gibbons & Linton Families <b>4.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> James Lavin	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Jimmy Burns RIP	

**Theme: "Stop your Nonsense!"**

Jesus today completely dispels the myth that tragic accidents and humanitarian disasters are a punishment from God. We must see beyond superstition and wake up to the truth that sadly, innocent people suffer and all humanity has the capacity to be fruitless in God's eyes and/or very evil and violent; just as we also through faith, can be truly compassionate and loving. (Note, however, God is perturbed when there is an absence of faith. The thing is that life goes on and all sorts of events happen around us, storms, famines, floods, wars and revolutions. In the midst of the triumphs and disasters of life, Jesus encourages us to know that God is always keen to give us another chance to redeem ourselves and until the day comes when the 'Fig Tree' is cut down, when death comes upon us, there is still a chance we can bear 'Good Fruit'. Amen.

**Reflection: 'The Eucharist'**

"A great mystery of our faith is that in the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is made real and present. Through the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist represents or makes present the sacrifice of the cross. Jesus' death and resurrection remains a once and for all event but his priesthood did not end with his death. At the Last Supper 'on the night he was betrayed', he left us the gift of the Eucharist. Through the ministry of the priest in the Holy Mass, this sacrifice is re-presented and remembered until the end of time. In the Eucharist we receive every spiritual blessing, every spiritual grace. It is indeed the light of God shining in the darkness. Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it short or long, is the best-spent time of our lives'. *(St Catherine of Genoa)*

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**Lent – A Sacred Season of Restoration**

The world seeks restoration, not devastation. The troubles of our world and beyond, manifest a discontent with the 'status quo'. When different ways of life or political systems come into conflict with each other, then many innocent people suffer. Many wars too are fought over natural resources such as oil, clean water and precious minerals. We all must think and pray universally and globally to make what we have be distributed as fairly and justly as possible. National interest is often short sighted. Covid, war and depression and nuclear radiation does not respect international borders.

***Remember, Jesus is the Saviour of the World.***



**'Lent – A time to be Reconciled'**

I particularly encourage everyone at this time to repent of our sins. Traditionally, Lent is a time for Catholics to undertake our 'Easter Duties', which means ideally coming to Confession before Easter. If we have grave or moral sins on our conscience, then we should not be coming to Holy Communion until we have received penance and absolution in Confession; otherwise, we are showing disrespect to Our Blessed Lord. Confession times are in this newsletter, or it can be gained by special request. This coming week, the P3 children make their First Confession in both parishes. St Nicholas School on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm and Holy Family on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Parents are encouraged to go themselves and give good example. There will be extra priests on hand to assist with the sacraments, so Primary 4 children due to make their First Communion in May/June are also encouraged to come, as are the Primary 7 children who are being confirmed in May.

**Be Prepared for Next Sunday!**

Please note that next Sunday has a lot going on, ***so be prepared***. Here is what to note:

- (i) The 27<sup>th</sup> March is 'Mothering Sunday'. That inspired by Mary, the Mother of God, we pray for our own mothers, living and dead. God Bless our Mums.
- (ii) The 27<sup>th</sup> March is the start of British Summer Time. Please remember to put your clock forward one hour the night before.
- (iii) The 27<sup>th</sup> March is also SCIAF Sunday. There is a special letter from Bishop Toal about International Aid. The second collection is for SCIAF. Thank you for your kindness. They are helping in Ukraine.

**Funeral of Josef Kasilou RIP**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am, we have a Requiem Mass in Broxburn for Josef, who was brought up in Gdansk, Poland, but spent the last 20 years in West Lothian. We pray for his soul and his beloved family. It is poignant that Josef is having his funeral so close to the Feast of St Joseph. He was a larger-than-life character and liked to make people happy. Note: the 9.30am Mass will go ahead as normal but please leave sharp to let the mourners in by 10.05am.

### Wedding Bells

We pray for Andrea and Philip Stuart's daughter, Iona, who is due to be married on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, St Joseph's Day, to Jason Cocksey. The wedding will be conducted by Fr Basil Clarke, former Parish Priest here. We hope they have a lovely day and a blessed married life together! They also have a son getting married later this year, Owain, ... so a busy year for the Stuart Family.



### Retirement of Jim Cameron

Mr Jim Cameron has been a leading figure in Catholic Education in West Lothian for many years. About 10 years ago he was appointed to the Education Department of West Lothian Council after being Head Teacher of St Margaret's Academy. Since then, he became a Director of Education and helped to facilitate the building of the new schools in Winchburgh. We wish him well in his active retirement. God Bless him.

### Sacramental Life of the Parish

#### Primary 3 – First Confession

This is the last Sunday before the P3 children make their First Confession. Parents, please ensure they know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Sorrow. Thank you.

**Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm**

**Winchburgh Parish – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6pm**



#### Primary 4 – First Communion

**This Sunday** after 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and 11.30am Mass in Winchburgh, there is a Parents Catechesis class on the subject of 'Jesus' Real Presence in the Host'. Parents are encouraged to come to Confessions too on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this coming week. (See previous feature on 'Confession').



#### Primary 7 – Confirmation

**Today, Sunday,** the Confirmation candidates will be given a copy of the Nicene Creed to Keep and read and believe. This is a summary of our faith.



### St Nicholas Parent Council

The next meeting has been deferred until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm. Fr Jeremy will be attending that session. Thank you again to Claire Roxburgh for all she has done to date.

### Broxburn Parish – Finance Meeting

Because of the clash with the revised Parent Council Meeting, the Finance Committee Meeting will now have to be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Church Sacristy, complying with Covid regulations. Thank you.

### Safeguarding Training

Stage 2 of the training is taking place this Sunday 2pm to 4pm. All those working with children and vulnerable adults who need to do it, should attend.

### Fabric Report

In Broxburn parish these actions are being taken:

- (i) Reversing the side door to the Church to make it fire safety compliant. Estimated cost of new door £700.00.
- (ii) Re-decoration of former Baptistry, now Church stall. Price to be confirmed but provisionally £1,200.00.
- (iii) Wrought iron gate instead of door to stall being quoted for, plus possibility of handrail at the sanctuary.
- (iv) First phase of steeple repairs now submitted. Estimated cost £8,513.00.



### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Feast of The Annunciation of Our Lady

This is a major Feast Day in the Church's calendar. The Shrine to the Mother of God will be open for the rosary after Mass in Broxburn. Also Mass at 9.30am in Winchburgh. The Holy Father is said to be considering the move of Consecrating **The Immaculate Heart of Mary** to Russia on that day, in light of the apparitions in Fatima 100 years ago. We pray for the right decision to be made.



### Date for the Diary

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7pm to 8pm is the 'Celebration of Archbishop Desmond Tutu' who died a few weeks ago. Held at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW. Organised by Edinburgh Interfaith Association. See their website for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE NO TEAS AND COFFEES at Canon Hoban Hall this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Back next week!**

### Gift Aid Envelopes

If you still use the envelopes for your Sunday collection, please pick up your box after Mass at the back of the Church. Any issues, please contact the parish office.

### The Teaching of the Catechism – “The Last Supper and Jesus’ Sacrifice” – Para 610

“Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the Twelve Apostles ‘on the night he was betrayed’, on the eve of his Passion, while still free. Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of humanity. ‘This is my body which is given for you. This is the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins’.”



### “The Teaching of St John Paul II – Forty Years after his Historic Visit” (Extract from Murrayfield Stadium – 31<sup>st</sup> May 1982)

‘It is not of primary importance what walk of life naturally attracts you, industry or commerce, science or engineering, medicine or nursing, the priestly or religious life, or the law, or teaching ... The principle remains always the same: hand the direction of your life over to Jesus and allow him to transform you and obtain the best results’.

### Ceilidh for the Climate

Interfaith Scotland welcome you to join them on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 3-6pm at Our Lady and St Ninians Church, Bannockburn, entry is free. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ClimateCeilidh>

### Mary’s Meals Backpack Project



Marys Meals have taken the difficult decision to end the Backpack project.

The project unfortunately no longer meets those important aspects of their mission. Therefore, they must focus solely on feeding hungry children living in the poorest countries with a nutritious meal each school day. All backpack donations must be received by the 22 April so they can make one final shipment to Malawi. Thank you for all your continued support in both our parishes.

### Scouts – looking for Tree donations

The Scouts are looking for any tree donations, if you would like to make a donation or want to buy a tree, please contact Philip Stuart first. You can contact him by email [philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk](mailto:philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk)

### Event for Married Couples

A testimony and reflection event for married and engaged couples takes place on Sunday 3 April at 4pm in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The testimony comes from Anton and Angela Colella, 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. To register and find out more visit [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](http://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)



### 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/>

### The Margaret Sinclair Story

The online Premiere of The Margaret Sinclair Story will be broadcast live on Tuesday 29 March at 7.00pm The Story of Venerable Margaret Sinclair, from Edinburgh, is vividly brought to life in this docu-drama. Watch live at <https://youtu.be/7LYFhRoRPz8> After the premiere, Rachel (who plays Margaret in the film) and director Stephen Callaghan will host a public Zoom chat from 8:00pm at <https://zoom.us/j/96814393754>

### 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 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrew 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](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)



**Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries**  
**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 21st March 3pm**  
**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Thursday 24th March 8pm**  
**Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible**



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Lent : 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jos 5:9-12, Psalm: Ps 33, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21,**

**Gospel: Lk 15:1-3.11-32**