

# PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022***



Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 	<u><b>BROXBURN</b></u> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Boylan & McGuinness Families	<u><b>WINCHBURGH</b></u> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon <b>2.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	<u><b>Feast Days</b></u> Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March 	<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	<b>Laetare Sunday</b> 
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Frank Smith ( <i>blessing</i> )	No Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>7 am Dawn Mass</b> Margaret Hill <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7am Dawn Mass</b> – People of the Parish <b>9.30 am Mass</b> –Mary Pringle <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	No Mass 	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Joyce Boyle	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Helena Simpson	<b>6 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Agnes Kane	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Fr Chris Gilfedder (93) <b>2.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Margaret Hill	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Paul Gebal <b>4.20pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Cathy Watt (nee Lavin)	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon	

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

### **Theme: "Feuding Sinners"**

We don't normally eat with the enemy. Jesus is criticised today for eating with sinners. Why does he choose to do this? Firstly, as a sign of hope, that God loves the sinner though not the sinner. Secondly, to challenge the self-righteous attitude of the Pharisees. Thirdly, to show that the Kingdom of God is like a heavenly banquet, where everyone is fed, no-one shall go hungry. Jesus crosses the threshold of hope that these tax collectors and sinners need not be lost. God does not seek to lose anyone from salvation. It is the disordered minds of the Pharisees, who in their self-righteousness selfishness seek to exclude anyone who does not measure up to their expectations. God is much more merciful.

### **Reflection: 'Eucharist'**

"Listen! I am standing at the door knocking: if you hear my voice and open the door. I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me". (Revelation 3:20).

"For Christians, to share in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, means to live as people who know that they are always guests – that they have been welcomed and that they are wanted. It is perhaps the simplest thing that we can say about Holy Communion, yet it is still supremely worth saying. In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ tells us that he wants our company". (**Rowan Williams**)

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **"Mothering Sunday"**

Mothering Sunday, often called 'Mother's Day', is a day when children give presents, flowers and home-made cards to their mothers. The origin lies in a centuries old tradition of people returning to their home or 'Mother Church' once a year. So, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone who was working away from home, would visit their 'mother church' – the main church or cathedral of the area. So, a blessed day to all Mothers on this day. We remember them and pray for them all on this day.



#### **SCIAF Sunday Today**

Today, traditionally on the fourth Sunday of Lent, we focus our minds and hearts on charitable giving to those most in need. Our obvious first priority is the emergency crisis in Ukraine. Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have been able to send £2,500.00 to help aid relief and save lives. The second collection goes towards the Ukraine SCIAF Appeal this Sunday. The funeral of dear Joyce Boyle on Friday raised over £300.00 for Ukraine. God rest her soul; still helping others, even in death. There is a Bishop's letter to be read out this weekend from Bishop Joe Toal, President of SCIAF. In it he states, "The faith and compassion of the Catholic people of Scotland reaches out with love far beyond its borders, to care for our sisters and brothers in the poorest parts of the world ... the work that is achieved by our contacts overseas is the living embodiment of the light of Jesus Christ that shines from every Parish ... and every Catholic across Scotland".

#### **'Making Homes Available for Ukrainians'**

An appeal has gone out to make empty or spare properties available to house the people of Ukraine who come to our shores for sanctuary. The Diocese is making spare capacity available for this purpose. If you think you can help at all, accommodation wise, please contact Fr Basil Clark of Caritas International on [pplorettoandstmichael@gmail.com](mailto:pplorettoandstmichael@gmail.com).

#### **Lent and 'Laetare' Sunday**

We are now about halfway through Lent. How are we doing with our Lenten promises? If we have stumbled, God give us the chance to redeem ourselves. There are still under 4 weeks until Easter, so plenty of opportunity to:

- (i) Come to Confirmation in either Parish
- (ii) Attend a 'Dawn Mass'
- (iii) Journey the Stations of the Cross
- (iv) Come to the Eucharistic Adoration



There are also great resources online for Lent. Check out Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow.

Note for your diaries:

- (i) **Chrism Mass - St Mary's Cathedral - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7pm**
- (ii) **Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper – 6pm Winchburgh, 7pm Broxburn**
- (iii) **Good Friday – 3pm Passion – both Parishes**
- (iv) **Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 6.30pm Winchburgh, 8.30pm Broxburn**



## **Sacramental Life of the Parish**

### **Primary 3 – First Confession**

The P3's made their First Confession this past week. Parents are encouraged to bring the children to Confession on a regular basis, i.e., once every six weeks. It gets them into a good habit.



### **Primary 4 – First Communion**

Parents are encouraged to keep doing the Homework book for the Easter holidays and keep bringing the children on a Sunday for the Children's Liturgy.

### **Primary 7 – Confirmation**

The Confirmation Registration should now be complete and the first of the Parents Catechism talks are after Mass this Sunday – 10.30am Broxburn/12.30pm Winchburgh – Theme: 'Baptism - Belonging and Growth'. Some children are still to receive their personal copy of the Creed. Please see Fr Jeremy about this.

## **School Holidays**

The Easter Holidays start early this year, two weeks before Easter. Please ensure that families still get to Mass in this very sacred time for the Church. If you are going away, we can get you information for masses in other locations. We hope all school staff have a well-deserved break.

### **New Head Teacher for Winchburgh Academy**

The new Headteacher for the non-denominational High School in Winchburgh has been announced in the West Lothian Council Bulletin. It is Mr Jonny Mitchell, former Headteacher at Chryston High School in North Lanarkshire. The new headteacher for Sinclair Academy is yet to be announced. We pray for all those involved.

## **Breaking News this Week**

### **"Holy Family Primary School Opens August 2022"**



The news came out from a Council Meeting on Tuesday this week that the Holy Family School new campus is opening in August 2022 for the new session. This is wonderful news and not only a new building, a new campus and a new nursery as well. We wish everyone involved every success in moving and making it work well.

### **Canon Hoban Hall Committee Meeting**

The Hall Committee will meet on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Lesser Hall at 7pm. We pray for a good meeting.

## **Hospital Night Calls**

Fr Jeremy will be on Night Calls at the hospital this coming week. Please note to ask the nurses on duty to 'Page' the Priest.

### **Eco-Congregation Scotland – Upcoming Events - 'Action Planning for a Greener Community'**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-8.30pm. Please join us in working together to look at how we can make our congregations and communities a little greener. <[ecocongregationscotland.org/event/action](http://ecocongregationscotland.org/event/action)>.

### **Appeal for New Gardeners!!**

Tommy Cannon, now in his early seventies, has been doing a lot of the gardening recently. The grounds at the Church in Broxburn are too much for one man. Please can you help ... even a couple of hours a week? Please let the Parish Priest know. Thank you.



**Lourdes Pilgrimage** - The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! Demand is expected to be high for this popular and life enhancing trip, so booking is now recommended. It takes place from 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July. More details at [www.edinburgh Lourdes.com/Lourdes22](http://www.edinburgh Lourdes.com/Lourdes22)

## **The Teaching of the Catechism – "The Domestic Church" – Para 1655**

"Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than 'The Family of God'. From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers, together with all their household. When they were converted, they desired that their whole household should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world".

**Housebound List Update** - Fr Jeremy is trying to update the 'Housebound List' for both parishes. If you think you know of someone who is no longer able to come to Mass and would appreciate a 'Home Visit', please let the parish office know. Thank you.

## St John Paul II – ‘Forty Years On’ – 1982/2022

Forty years ago, Pope John Paul II came to the UK, including a couple of days in Scotland. Here is an extract of his teaching to us. (Murrayfield, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1982).

***“Consequently, your lives cannot be lived in isolation and even in deciding your future, you must always keep in mind your responsibility as Christians towards others. There is no place in your lives for apathy or indifference to the world around you. There is no place in the Church for selfishness ... Do not let the sight of the world in turmoil shake your confidence in Jesus”.***

(St John Paul II Papal Flag 1982 is on display near the Sacred Heart altar in Broxburn).



### Scouts Appeal for Trees

The Scouts are appealing for donations of 3 or 4 fruit trees to help develop an eco-friendly garden at the side of the Church in Broxburn. If interested, please contact Philip Stuart, Scout Leader. Thank you. Email [philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk](mailto:philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk). Tel: 07785 525466.

### St Philomena’s Sunday teas and coffees

Please note there will be no teas and coffees after Mass on Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April on behalf of Marys Meals, we will resume the following week. Many thanks.

### Catholics in health and social care

If you work in health and social care and are interested in learning about the ethical challenges, register now for Catholics in Health and Social Care. It’s a Zoom event and is ideal for those who missed the same event which took place recently at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It takes place 11:30am-4:45pm on Saturday 14 May.

Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

### Confession

Please take the time in Lent to go to Confession to help you prepare for Easter. Our confession times are printed in this newsletter. The Archdiocese has put together a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven’t been for a while, which addresses common fears and misconceptions about the beautiful sacrament of penance. Watch it on YouTube: [bit.ly/archconfessionvideo](https://bit.ly/archconfessionvideo)



### 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 continues on 29 March and will feature a reflection from Fr Michael John Galbraith of St James’ Parish in St Andrews. Pray with clergy and parishioners for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/prolifeevents](https://bit.ly/prolifeevents)

### Mass for Vocations

Pray that more young people respond to God’s call to the priesthood and religious life at the monthly Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations. It takes place on Tuesday 5 April at 6:30pm in our parish SS John Cantius and Nicholas, Broxburn.



### African & Caribbean Mass

The monthly African & Caribbean Mass takes place at 1pm in St Patrick’s, Cowgate, Edinburgh on Sunday 3rd April. It will be concelebrated by several of our African clergy and all are welcome.

### Event for Married Couples

A testimony and reflection event for married and engaged couples takes place on Sunday 3rd 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](https://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

### Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 28th March 6pm**

**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 1st April 5pm**

**Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 43:16-21**

**Psalm: Ps 125**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil 3:8-14**

**Gospel: Jn 8:8-11**

