

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 1ST MAY 2022



	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
Saturday 30 th April	5.30pm Mass McAuley & Jones Families	9.30am Mass The Mercy Associates 3pm Mass Lorraine Payne	
Sunday 1st May 	9.30 am Mass Rita Gallagher & Patrick Campbell 5pm Mass The Pegg & Thompson Families	11.30 am Mass Jim Doherty 	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday 2 nd May	9.30 am Mass Kathleen Healy	No Mass	St Athanasius
Tuesday 3 rd May	No Mass 6pm Rosary 	9.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon	Ss Philip & James Apostles of Jesus
Wednesday 4 th May	9.30 am Mass Catherine Sheilds	No Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 5 th May	No Mass	9.30am Mass Sara Buchanan	Eastertide
Friday 6 th May	9.30 am Requiem Mass Bohdan Rudzenski	No Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 7 th May	5.30pm Mass Daniel J Gordon & Deceased members of Gordon Family	9.30am Mass Fr Jim Dean (Glasgow 70) 3pm Mass John & Mary Muir	Eastertide
Sunday 8th May World Day of Prayer	9.30 am Mass Agnes Kane 5pm Mass Mary, Harry & Eamon Dawson	11.30 am Mass James O'Hara 	

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

Theme: "There Stood Jesus"

There stood Jesus ... What a sight! What a revelation! Think about it. Some of those on the shore had never seen Jesus alive since the passion. The full magnitude of the spectacle is hard to imagine. Is it not curious that Jesus starts his ministry to the world on the seashore, when gathering his apostles, like Andrew and Simon Peter; now he brings to fulfilment his Messianic triumph, again on the shore of the sea, in the company of fishermen. Thereafter, the sacred text speaks of fish, loaves of bread and 'feeding my sheep'. The core of the apostolic life is faith and love, expressed in a eucharistic celebration with a pastoral commission. Jesus stands as the Messiah for the mission of feeding the world and, as shepherd, leading us home to the heavenly kingdom.

Reflection: 'To Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of St John Paul II's Visit to the UK – 1982'

'For a New Culture of Human Life'

"Within the people of life and the people for life, the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love. Here it is a matter of God's own love, of which parents are co-workers and, as it were, interpreters when they transmit life and raise it according to his fatherly plan. This is the love that becomes selflessness, receptiveness and gift. Within the family, each member is accepted, respected and honoured precisely because he or she is a person". (Extract from *Evangelium Vitae* 1995).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

"Eastertide – A Sacred Season of Resurrection and Celebration"



The Forty Days of Lent and the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, lead us into a period in the Church's year where sacraments are celebrated; the long period of preparation and catechesis is brought to a beautiful and glorious fulfilment. In the coming weeks, we have many celebrations of baptism, infants and children; we have more weddings; then the sacrament of Confirmation (40 candidates) and the sacrament of Holy Communion (34 candidates). Please pray for all those involved and, in a world, dejected by Covid and war, the Church beckons a beacon of hope and beautiful light.

Fr John Morrison RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of one of our Archdiocesan priests. Fr John was ordained in Edinburgh in 1990 after studying at the Beda College in Rome. A former deputy prison governor of Wormwood Scrubs Jail in London, he had seen the sharper end of humanity. He served as a Curate in Broxburn thirty years ago alongside Bishop Kevin Rafferty. He went on to be Parish Priest of Jedburgh and of Loanhead parishes. One of the most memorable members of the senior clergy, quick witted and upholder of the less fortunate. The Requiem Mass for Fr John will be celebrated at midday on Thursday 5 May at St Margaret Mary Church, 8 Boswall Parkway, Granton, EH5 2JQ, followed by interment at Mount Vernon Cemetery at around 1:00pm. May he rest in peace.

May – The Month of Our Lady

The Rosary is encouraged as a powerful instrument of communal and intercessory prayer, especially at this time in the world. Our Lady, in her apparitions, has often called on the people of God to 'pray, pray, pray' and to repent for our sins. During the coming days of the Month of May, we sing hymns to Our Lady, the Legion of Mary are promoting the rosary in schools and we often pray the rosary before Mass, as well as the 'Family Rosary' every Tuesday at 6pm on Zoom. If you are not familiar with the rosary, why not try praying a decade each day, offering it up for a special intention?

Never underestimate the power of prayer.



'Cultural Event' - Broxburn

Please be aware that there is a parade at Stewartfield of various Loyalist Bands at 3pm on Saturday 30th April, before a march along the Main Street to Strathbrock. The event is due to end by 5pm at the latest, therefore, access to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass in Broxburn should be feasible. Hopefully inconvenience should be kept to a minimum.

New Prayer Group in Broxburn Church

Every Thursday evening at 6.30pm in the Church Sacristy and or at the Sacred Heart altar, there will be an opportunity to come together for prayer, reflection and quiet meditation, this includes using Holy Scriptures. It will finish about 7.45pm, followed by tea and coffee. After two and a half years of Covid, this is the perfect antidote for our souls. Please come along.

Sacramental Update

Primary 7 – Confirmation

There are less than four weeks till the Confirmations on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm in Broxburn Parish. Both Parishes will be combining for this celebration. As there are 40 candidates, their sponsors and their families, there is no room, unfortunately, for parishioners to pop along unexpectedly.

There are two more catechetical talks for the parents:

Sunday 8th May – 10.30am Broxburn/12.30pm Winchburgh.

Sunday 22nd May – 10.30am Broxburn/12.30pm Winchburgh.

Please pray for the candidates, their sponsors and all those involved. The parents are encouraged to bring the Confirmation children to Confession before they make the Sacrament with the Archbishop.



Primary 4 – First Communion

The children should be progressing well by now with their Home Study Book in conjunction with parents and teachers. There is a final parents talk to be given on **Sunday 15th May – 10.30am Broxburn/12.30pm Winchburgh.** The First Communion Masses are as follows:

St John Cantius & St Nicholas - Saturday 28th May 10.00am

St Philomena's – Saturday 4th June 11.00am

NB: Parents, please do not organise private parties on Sunday 29th May or Sunday 5th June in the morning as the First Communion children have their 'Mass of Thanksgiving' on those respective dates and a breakfast in the parish hall.



Primary 3 – First Confession

On **Sunday 15th May at 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and 11.30am Mass in Winchburgh,** the P3 children who made their 1st Confession in March will be presented with a crucifix to remind them of how much Jesus loves them and seeks their lives to be healed from sin. Parents are encouraged to help the children to come to confession on a regular basis, i.e., every 6-8 weeks.

Death of Bohdan Rudzenski RIP

Sadly, on Monday morning 25th April, the life support machine had to be switched off on the life of this much-loved father and brother, who was here on holiday from Poland to meet his family. His Requiem Mass will be at St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church on Friday 6th May at 9.30am, followed by a Cremation at West Lothian Crematorium at 11am. His body will be received into the Church at 6pm on Thursday evening. Please pray for his seven children. May he rest in peace.

Celebration of Infant and Child Baptism

I am delighted to announce that there are a big crowd of Baptisms taking place this weekend in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church and St Philomena's, as follows: **Theodore Alexander Zapolski-O'Neill, Amelia Deborah Bayliss, John James Bayliss, Ava Claire Bayliss** (All on 30th April) then: **Michael Robert Bowgierd, Evie Norma Turnbull.** Please pray for all 6 children, their parents and godparents. May they form them well in the way of their Catholic Christian faith. Alleluia!



Teas & Coffees Winchburgh

All Welcome to come along each Sunday to raise funds for Mary's Meals - tea, coffee and a wee biccyy too!

Important Notice for Broxburn Gif Aiders

A Stewart & E Greenan please contact Canon Jeremy or the parish office as soon as possible to update our records. Many thanks.

Other Events Nationally

Local Government Elections

Please remember to exercise your free democratic vote in the local council elections. Making you aware that there are now candidates for the 'Family Party' which has a manifesto that stands for parental rights re sex education, the right to life of the unborn child and the right to life of the elderly.

Talk: 'Mary the Mother of Jesus in the Catholic and Muslim Traditions'

Dr Mary Cullen and Sr Sumeia Younes – Friday 6th May at 7pm on Zoom:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/E/Mary>.

A Statistic to Know: Every school day, 2,279,941 children are fed by donors to Mary's Meals throughout the world.

The Cyrenians in West Lothian: Helping active lives for older people. Contact them on opal@cyrenians.scot. Telephone 01506 815815. Every Thursday 10.00am to 12 noon in Strathbrock Activity Centre, 189A West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5LH. (Newsletter in church porch).



Interfaith Peace Walk – Edinburgh

On Sunday 22nd May at 1pm outside St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, come along and walk to all the main religious centres of worship in the centre of the city. The theme of the day is 'World Peace'.



Open Evening (online) -MA in Applied Catholic Theology

The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the key skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at the online Open Evening on Tuesday 17 May, 6-7pm. Register at bit.ly/smu_openevening

Wedding Anniversaries

Archbishop Leo will celebrate a Mass for Married & Engaged Couples on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. All married and engaged couples are welcome on the night but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, the Archbishop would like to send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne: vemarriage@staned.org.uk or at 0131 334 1693.

Event for Married Couples

The Archdiocese is hosting an afternoon retreat for married couples at 3pm on Sunday 8 May at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It will be led by Brian & Maureen Devine, a Catholic couple from England renowned throughout the UK for hosting inspiring retreats. Register for this free event at bit.ly/ArchEvenbrite or register by phone at 07833 208 211.



African & Caribbean Mass

This monthly Mass takes place at 1pm on Sunday 1 May in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. All welcome!

Safeguarding vacancies

The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is looking to appoint a Director of Safeguarding and a Head of Safeguarding Training. Details at <https://www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/News/Vacancies>

The Teaching of the Catechism – The Penny Catechism

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a Sacrament by which we receive the Holy Spirit, in order to make us strong and faithful Christians and 'soldiers' of Jesus Christ.

How does the Bishop administer the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The Bishop administers the Sacrament of Confirmation by praying that the Holy Spirit may come down upon those who are to be confirmed and by laying hands on them, making the sign of the cross with chrism on their foreheads, at the same time pronouncing certain words.

Saints Days this Coming Week

Monday 2nd May – Memorial to St Athanasius: Third century saint and Bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Fought many battles with the Arian heresy (verbally). However, he suffered for his defending of the true faith, was forced out of Alexandria on 5 occasions, spending 17 years in exile.

Tuesday 3rd May – Feast of St Philip and St James, Apostles of Jesus: Philip spread the faith in Greece and Turkey – martyred in AD80. James (The Lesser) was Bishop of Jerusalem – martyred in AD62. Wrote the lovely and powerful Letter of St James in the bible.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Wednesday 4th May 6pm

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Thursday 5th May 7pm

Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Answers to Easter Family Quiz

1. ***To represent the blood of Jesus 2. Marzipan 3. Lily 4. Lamb***

Easter Quiz: 1. How many people were in Noah's Ark?

2. When was the Feast of Christ the King instituted? (a) 1894 (b) 1908 (c) 1927 (d) 1945
3. What in Scotland is a 'Clarsach'?
4. What was the first 'Talking Movie'?

4th Sunday of Easter: 1st Reading: Acts 13:14.43-52 Psalm: 99 2nd Reading: Rev 7:9.14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30