

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT – SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2022

Saturday 2 nd April 	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil Mass Agnes Kane	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Fr Chris Gilfedder (93) 2.20pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Vigil Mass Margaret Hill	<u>Feast Days</u> 5 th Week of Lent
Sunday 3rd April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am Mass Paul Gebal 4.20pm Stations of the Cross 5.00 pm Mass Cathy Watt (nee Lavin)	11.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon	
Monday 4 th April	9.30 am Mass Deceased member of the Bidwell Family	No Mass	5 th Week of Lent
Tuesday 5 th April	No Mass 6pm Rosary	7 am Dawn Mass Gladys Cleary 9.30 am Mass Sarah Buchanan (Nee Cannon)	5 th Week of Lent
Wednesday 6 th April	7am Dawn Mass – Dennis Langton 9.30 am Mass – George Duthie 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	No Mass 	5 th Week of Lent
Thursday 7 th April	No Mass	9.30am Mass John Keogh (AV)	5 th Week of Lent
Friday 8 th April	9.30 am Mass Josephine Assapardi	6 pm Stations of the Cross	5 th Week of Lent
Saturday 9 th April	5.30pm Vigil Mass Liz Kelly 	9.30 am Mass Mons. Thomas Canon O'Hare 2.20pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Vigil Mass Joyce Boyle	5 th Week of Lent
Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30 am Mass Kathleen McMahon 4.20pm Stations of the Cross 5.00 pm Mass Jerry Cannon	11.30 am Mass Elizabeth (Betty) Johnson	

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Monday 11 th April	<u>BROXBURN</u> 9.30 am Requiem Mass (Winifred) Freda Hughes	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> No Mass	Holy Week	
Tuesday 12 th April	No Mass 6pm Rosary	7 am Dawn Mass Fr Benard Spiral (AV) 9.30 am Mass Andrew Brown	Holy Week	
Wednesday 13 th April	7am Dawn Mass – Mrs Anne Catherine Peffers 9.30 am Mass –Margaret Dryburgh	No Mass 		
<u>START - EASTER</u> <u>TRIDUUM</u> Maundy Thursday 14th April	7pm Mass of the Last Supper Joyce Boyle 11pm Night Prayer	6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper Canon Benedict O’Keeffe 10pm Night Prayer		
Good Friday 15th April	3pm – The Passion 7pm Stations of the Cross	3pm – The Passion 6pm Stations of the Cross		The Passion of the Lord
Saturday 16th April	8.30 pm Vigil Mass Robert Lawson	6.30pm Vigil Mass Jim McCabe Jr		Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ
Easter Sunday 17th April	9.30 am Mass Jeremiah Cannon	 11.30 am Mass Frank Connor	The Resurrection of the Lord	

Theme: “Me? A Hypocrite?”

We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the Mass presents to us the Gospel event of Jesus saving an adulterous woman condemned to death. One of the powerful things that St John’s Gospel highlights, is that while Jesus’ accusers are insistently interrogating him, he bends down and starts writing with his finger on the ground. St Augustine portrays this as Jesus becoming the ‘Divine Lawyer’; remember God wrote the Ten Commandments with his finger on the stone tablet. Thus, Jesus is the Lawyer, come Judge. What then is the sentence proclaimed by Jesus, the merciful judge? ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her’. This statement disarms the hypocrites and opens consciences to a greater justice, enshrined in Divine Love.

Reflection: ‘The Master has Need of Me’ (Bishop Robert Barron)

“I once saw a prayer card for the ordination of a young priest – the motto was taken from Luke’s Passion, referring to the two disciples sent into Jerusalem to find a tethered colt. ‘The Master has need of it’ are the words they must use if they are questioned as to their actions. What matters is not the colt but the Master. What counts is not the impressiveness of the mission but the will of the one who is doing the commissioning. And so, it goes with any priest. Why does a young man accept the call to priesthood? Because he is filled with talents and potential success? This is not what matters. He accepts the vocation to the priesthood because Jesus has called him. What will he do as a priest? This is up to Jesus”.

SHARED PARISH NEWS

“Lent and the Approach of Holy Week”



In seven days’, time we reach Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. This is the most important time in the Church’s year and the climax to the 40 days of Lent. Since Lent began on 2nd March, we have been aware of the outbreak of war in Ukraine and the sacrifices and sufferings of so many people. When innocent people are wounded in war, so also the Church is deeply wounded by this reality. It highlights even more the Cross of Passion, death and redemption of Jesus. The call of all Christian people, Catholic or otherwise, is this Holy Week, to follow closely the way of the Cross and enlighten our lives to what Jesus Christ has done for us. Only through Christ is real reconciliation and redemption made possible.

Plans for Holy Week

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday: Normal Mass times. Reading of Luke's Passion. Blessing and Procession of Palm Crosses, Covering of Statues in the Churches.

Monday 11th April: Requiem Mass – Freda Hughes RIP (9.30am Broxburn). 7.30pm Canon Jeremy preaching at Ecumenical Holy Week Service in Broxburn Church of Scotland.

Tuesday 12th April: 7am Dawn Mass, Winchburgh. 9.30am Morning Mass, Winchburgh. 7pm Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Blessing of new oils for parishes.

Wednesday 13th April: 7am Dawn Mass, Broxburn. 9.30am 'Spy Wednesday' Mass, Broxburn. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross, Broxburn, led by Canon Jeremy.

Thursday 14th April (No Morning Mass) – START OF EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy/Holy Thursday – "Mass of the Last Supper" – Washing of Feet. Altar of Repose.

6pm Mass in Winchburgh. 10pm Night Prayer, Winchburgh (Altar of Repose).

7pm Mass in Broxburn. 11pm Night Prayer, Broxburn (Altar of Repose).

(Please would parishioners sign-up for the feet washing in both parishes. A list is available in the porch).

Friday 15th April – GOOD FRIDAY: 11am Ecumenical Good Friday Service outside the doors of St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, Broxburn.

3pm Passion – Winchburgh, 3pm Passion – Broxburn

(St John's Passion, General Intersessions, Veneration of the Cross – not kissing but spiritual bow to the Cross – Holy Communion from the Altar of Repose).

6pm – Stations of the Cross and Veneration – Winchburgh, 7pm – Stations of the Cross and Veneration – Broxburn

Saturday 16th April – HOLY SATURDAY

The Church 'sleeps' during the day – Easter Vigil begins in the evening.

EASTER VIGIL – 6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass, Winchburgh, Canon John, 8.30pm Vigil Mass, Broxburn, Canon Jeremy. The Easter Vigil includes:

Liturgy of Light, Easter Fire and Exalter.

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of Baptism (Renew Promises)

Liturgy of the Eucharist



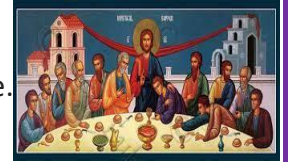
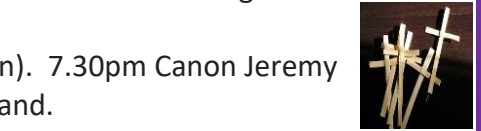
Note: These Masses replace the 3pm and 5.30pm Masses.

Sunday 17th April – EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Mass, Broxburn, with renewing Baptismal Promises, **Note: No 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday!**

11.30am Mass, Winchburgh, with renewing Baptismal Promises,

Please, please, please recognise as Catholic Christian people, that it is our key responsibility to participate in the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday to Good Friday to the Easter Vigil. This is not an opt-in ritual. This is the most important moment in the year to be identified as Catholic Christian People. To stay away would be a tragedy ... (People with serious health issues are dispensed).



Archdiocesan Vocations Mass

Broxburn Parish is hosting the Vocations Mass for the Archdiocese on Tuesday 5th April at 6.30pm. Please come along and pray for vocations that we desperately need at this time. Fr Andrew Garden will be the main celebrant. There will be teas and coffees in the Canon Hoban Hall. Please would people volunteer to serve the teas in the hall. Thank you.

Ukrainian Emergency Appeal

Thank you so much to all who have contributed to the emergency appeal. We sent away £2,500.00 last week and this week we have, thanks to you, raised **£447.43 in Winchburgh and £ 800.00 in Broxburn.** The Archbishop has published a letter highlighting the issues in Ukraine, copies in the Church porch. Time to pull together.

Wedding Bells



On Sunday 3rd April in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, Paul McGuire and Rosie Buchanan will be exchanging their wedding vows. Fr Jimmy Smith is the celebrant on the Sunday afternoon. We wish them every blessing and happiness. God Bless them both.

Church Cleaning – Broxburn - On Monday 11th April at 7pm, there will be a special cleaning of the Church for Easter. All volunteers are welcome. Thank you.

Forthcoming Funeral – (Winifred) Freda Hughes RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Freda Hughes of Loaninghill Park. God rest her soul. Her coffin will be received into the Church at Broxburn at 4pm on Sunday 10th April. Her Requiem Mass is at 9.30am on Monday 11th April, followed by a burial at Loaninghill Cemetery.

Sacramental Life of the Parish

The Primary Schools, as you know, break until 19th April, so the update is as follows:



Primary 3 – First Confession - Parents are reminded of their responsibility to bring children to Mass on every Sunday or Saturday Vigil. Please encourage them too with their prayers.

Primary 4 – First Communion - Parents are reminded of their responsibility to bring the children to Mass every Sunday or Saturday Vigil. Please help them to say morning and night prayers.

Primary 7 – Confirmation - Registration now closes for the Confirmations in 2022. Parents who didn't attend the Catechesis in St Philomena's last Sunday will get an email from Fr Jeremy. The next Parent Catechesis is on Sunday 24th April when the children are presented with Luke's Gospel.



Face Masks

The legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland will be removed from **Monday 4 April**. There is no need to wear a face covering in church from this date (*though you can continue to wear one if you wish*). Please continue to respect the space of fellow parishioners and remember to sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving church.

Safeguarding in the Archdiocese

Emma Boothroyd, the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, is retiring this summer. We are sorry to see her go and give thanks for all her hard work in raising the key issues of reform and improvement in ensuring we keep everyone safe. We wish her every blessing and good wish in her future life. (Copies of newsletter in porch).

Save the Date - *The Eco-Congregation Scotland Society are holding their AGM on Saturday 30th April at St Blane's, Dunblane. The key theme is "Caring for Creation – Unlocking the Door". Details on the website.*

The Teaching of the Catechism – "Jesus Christ Suffered" – Para 572

"The Church remains faithful to the interpretation of all the Scriptures that Jesus gave, both before and after his Passover: 'Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory'? Jesus' sufferings took their historical concrete form from the fact that he was rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes; who handed him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified".

Saints Days this Week – 4th-8th April

Tuesday 5th April St Vincent Ferrer OP: Optional Memorial – Dominican from Spain. 14th Century.

Thursday 7th April – St John Baptiste de la Salle: Optional Memorial – French, 17th Century. Founded the De La Salle Brothers.

Thank you from Eddie Boyle



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made my wife Joyce's Requiem Mass such a touching day for all the family. The Mass cards I received were overwhelming. A special thanks to Tommy Cannon, Alex and Pauline Donnelly and to both Canons, Jeremy and John. Joyce will always be in my heart but her heart and soul she gave to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. **(Eddie)**

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>

Ukrainian Appeal: We have learned that a Ukrainian family has moved into Broxburn and a kind local family have taken them in. We wish them a warm welcome. They are looking for any clothes or toys for 2 boys – 2 & 16 years old and girl of 7 years. If you have anything please hand over to Canon Jeremy, everything is greatly appreciated.



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 4th April 5pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 8th April 5pm



Palm Sunday: Proc: Lk 19:28-40 1st Reading: Is 50:4-7 Psalm: Ps 21 2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Lk 22:14-23:56