

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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EASTER SUNDAY – 17TH APRIL 2022



Saturday 16th April	<u>BROXBURN</u> 8.30 pm Vigil Mass Robert Lawson	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 6.30pm Vigil Mass Jim McCabe Jr	
Easter Sunday 17th April 	9.30 am Mass Jeremiah Cannon 5pm Mass Joan Coghill (AV)	11.30 am Mass Frank Connor	
Easter Monday 18 th April	9.30 am Mass Chris Mullarkey (AV)	No Mass	Easter Monday
Tuesday 19 th April	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Anne Hancock (AV)	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 20 th April	9.30 am Mass Gerard Devenney (AV)	No Mass	Easter Wednesday
Thursday 21 st April	No Mass	9.30am Mass Jim Doherty	Easter Thursday
Friday 22 nd April	9.30 am Mass Gordon Clarkson 2pm Wedding Caitlin & Nathan	No Mass 	Easter Friday
Saturday 23rd April	5.30pm Mass Tom Pegg 	9.30am Mass Jerry Cannon 3pm Mass Francis Ferguson	Easter Saturday
Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April	9.30 am Mass Philomena Gordon (Cannon) & Deceased Cannon Family 3pm Divine Mercy Sunday Margaret Callander/ Val McGhee/Joan Coghill	11.30 am Mass Alex Renton (AV) 	

Confessions: Broxburn - Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm,

Winchburgh – Saturday 10.00 am

Theme: "Let's Get Cracking, Christ Is Risen"

As Easter Sunday dawns on the world, we remember the moment in Holy Scripture when, before dawn, the women went to the tomb of Jesus and discovered it to be empty – the realisation to the world that the Jesus, the Son of God has risen on the 'Third Day' as he promised. As is proclaimed in the 'Exultet'. (The Easter Proclamation) 'This is the night when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. O wonder of your humble care for us! O, love, O Charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!'. The 'hard face' of humanity needs to be 'cracked open' to see for itself what God has done for the world. That as a chick appears out of a cracked egg, so too Christ appears from the enclosed tomb; the stone is rolled away; the revelation of redemption is laid before us. Christ is alive!

The Lord Has Risen!

Reflection: Intimations Of Immortality" (William Wordsworth)

'Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
The Soul that rises with us, our Life's Star
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home: Heaven lies about us in our infancy!
Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing boy,
But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,
He sees it in his joy.'



'We experience the power of the resurrection by counting ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus'. **(Roman 6:10)**

'We experience the power of the resurrection by asking God to pour out the Spirit of love into our hearts'.
– 'Go forth and set the world on fire'. **(St Ignatius of Loyola)**

SHARED PARISH NEWS

"At Last, We Can Celebrate!"

This Easter we rejoice that Christ Jesus gives us the opportunity to celebrate his glorious resurrection. We recognise that the world is wounded and fatigued due to plague, tempest and war-; in the midst of these temporal concerns, God invites us to raise our minds and hearts to his Beloved Son. May the undefiled power of Christ's teaching drive forward an enlightened teaching into people's consciousness; so that we may discover a renewed attitude of healing and peace. Please know that God desires your faithful presence at his 'Holy Altar' and the renewing of your baptismal promises. The Easter Triduum starts on Holy Thursday and through Good Friday to the Easter Vigil. – The climax of Christ's redeeming power. Celebrate your faith come to the Triduum!!!

<u>Holy Thursday</u>	<u>Winchburgh</u>	<u>Broxburn</u>
Mass of the Last Supper	6.30pm	7pm
Night Prayer	10pm	11pm
<u>Good Friday</u>		
Passion	3pm	3pm
Stations of the Cross	6pm	7pm
<u>Holy Saturday</u>		
Easter Vigil	6.30pm	8.30pm



Easter Message

Canon John Agnew and Canon Jeremy Bath both wish to extend an Easter Blessing upon our two parish communities at this sacred and glorious Paschal Celebration. We are an 'Easter People'. We have the truth of the Resurrection in our faith; let's not be ashamed to celebrate for the next 50 days of Eastertide. I wish, as parish priest, to thank Canon John and members of both parish communities for all the dedicated service in these 40 days of Lent, leading up to Holy Week. (Much is done behind the scenes). God bless you all, your families, friends and neighbours and especially those who live alone, **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

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- (I) The local family who are taking in a Ukrainian Family are very grateful for all the kindness, donations and support, including toys, clothes and funds. The family are due any day now, visa permitting.
- (II) The Aid to the Church In Need have sent a letter of thanks for the £800.00 sent from the 2 Parishes Well Done! (Straight to Ukraine)
- (III) SCIAF emergency Fund for Ukraine are also acknowledging the £2,500, sent on your behalf. Helping to save lives.

Please pray for Catilin and Nathan



Caitlins is due to be Confirmed on Easter Sunday and Catilin and Nathan are both due to be married on Easter Friday. Along with Elias, they move house too, in a few days' time. God Bless their love, faith and energy!

Forthcoming Baptisms

- (i) Please pray for Max and Indie Finnigan who are due to be baptised at St Philomena's on Easter Sunday afternoon. God bless children, parents and godparents.
- (ii) Please pray for Isaac and Ada MacRoberts who are due to be baptised on Easter Saturday, the 23rd April. God bless their parents and godparents on this very special day.

Sacramental Lives

Confirmations – P7

Please would parents and candidates note that there is a short catechesis class on **Sunday 24th April after the 9.30am Mass in Broxburn & the 11.30am Mass in Winchburgh**. The theme is: "Witness of faith".

There is also a P7 Parents meeting in preparation for the Confirmations as follows:

Winchburgh Sunday 24th April 12.45pm (in the church) Broxburn- Tuesday 26th April 6.30pm (in the church)

It is important that parents attend this meeting and the children have now chosen their sponsors and saints names. Remember that the sponsor must be 16 years old or older and in good standing with the Church.

Divine Sunday Mercy – 24th April

Since the papacy of St John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday has been the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, otherwise known as Low Sunday. The timetable for the afternoon is:

2.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (During this time Confessions)

2.40pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

2.50pm Benediction

3pm Mass (Confessions can resume after Mass)

4pm Teas in the Hall



Fortieth Anniversary of St John Paul's Visit to Scotland (1982)

This coming week marks the 40th Anniversary of the visit to the UK, including two memorable days in Scotland. Many of us aged 50 or older will fondly remember this time. I now quote a short extract from his sermon at Bellahouston Park which speaks to us today:

"The new Spirit is to be gentle, generous, simple, and above all sincere. To avoid being arrogant, censorious or self-seeking. The disciples of the new Kingdom must seek happiness even amidst poverty, deprivation, tears and oppression. To aim for the Kingdom requires a radical change in outlook, in mentality, in behaviour, in relations with others".

Please note we have Pope John Paul's papal flag from his visit in 1982 outside the Confessional in Broxburn.

Situation Vacant

The University of St Andrews is looking for an Assistant Chaplain. Salary £34,304-£40,927 per annum-pro rata. Part time 18.4 hours per week. Start date: Sept 2022. Interested? Contact Rev Dr Donald MacEwan Tel: 01334-462865 email: dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk Closing date is 12th May 2022.

Save the date:

- (i) New statue of St Gianna Beretta Molla, Patron Saint of Physicians, mothers and unborn infants Thursday 28th April Carfin Grotto at 7pm.
- (ii) Newman Society of Edinburgh Talk. Thursday 28th April Mayfield Church, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ. Canon Kenneth Owens, "Experiencing being Synodal"- all warmly invited to attend.

Save the Date (continued)

Saturday 30th April – Annual Gathering of Eco-Congregation, Scotland. St Blakes Church of Scotland, Dunblane. Helping to care for the earth. Contact details: Steve Curran 0141 423 4671.



Marys Meals – Backpacks

A big thank you to Pauline Steyn, Kathleen McGarvey, May Renton and all other volunteers who have helped to gather over 1,600 backpacks in recent years that have gone out all over the world to the poorest children. – What a great sign of hope! The fundraising for Mary's Meals goes on even if we are not allowed to send in 'backpacks' just now. Thank you to all the donors for their great generosity. Thousands of pounds have been raised in both parishes over the years.

Altar Servers Practise – Winchburgh

On Sunday 1st May after the 11.30am Mass there will be an Altar Servers Practise for all those who would like to serve on the altar. Fr Jeremy will ensure it is a clear explanation of how to serve at Mass. Please let him know if you would like to serve.

****Family Rosary -Tuesday 6pm on Zoom -** The next Family Rosary will be on Tuesday 19th April at 6pm. Please come and join us! The world needs prayers. Apologies for last Tuesday. Zoom Link: 725-827-1735.

The Teaching of the Catechism (Para 65-67)

'By his preaching, and by his death and resurrection, Jesus is both the revealer and the revelation of God. Who with the Father is, is shown in his Son, Jesus. As the revelation of God, Jesus is both God's approach to human kind and our path to God.

New Parish Group for Prayer- Broxburn

On Tuesday 3rd May there will be a chance to come together for prayer. The World needs prayer more than before. If you would like to come along it will include the Rosary, Meditation and Reflection on Scripture. It will start at 6.30pm in the small sacristy and go on till 7.30pm. Know that you are warmly welcome. Fr Jeremy – It is intended to make this every week on a Tuesday evening. Teas after!

Message from SSVP

"Thanks for all donations to the *World Day of the Poor* collection which took place in November. The money you donated will go a long way to helping people in need. It is being split evenly between two initiatives run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in the Archdiocese: *Furniture Project* – helps furnish homes of those who cannot afford basic commodities; *Caravan Project* – provides a caravan break for families who often do not have a holiday. Special thanks to the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission which kindly earmarked the donations for these projects." - **Richard Steinbach, president of SSVP in our Archdiocese.**

Event for Married Couples

The Archdiocese is hosting an afternoon retreat for married couples at 3pm, 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

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>

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! 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

Easter Family Quiz

1. Who is the New Archbishop of Glasgow?
2. At the head of which famous Scottish Loch did Bonnie Prince Charlie raise the Jacobite standard?
3. In what year was the Good Friday Agreement signed?
4. What is the common animal's name for a 'Oryctolagus cuniculus'?
5. In which country in Europe was Aspirin developed?



Divine Mercy Sunday: 1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16 Psalm: 117 2nd Reading: Rev 1:9.17-19 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31