

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



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***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022***



<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 	<b><u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Mass Tom Pegg</b>	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Jerry Cannon 3pm Mass Francis Ferguson</b>	<b><u>Feast Days</u> Easter Saturday</b>
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Philomena Gordon (Cannon) & Deceased Cannon Family <b>3pm Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Margaret Callander/ Val McGhee/Joan Coghill	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Alex Renton (AV) 	
Monday 25th April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Emma & George Murphy	No Mass	St Mark -Apostle
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon	Eastertide
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Kenneth Cameron	No Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> The Mercy Associates	Eastertide
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Walter Robertson	<b>No Mass</b>	St Catherine of Siena
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> McAuley & Jones Families	<b>9.30am Mass</b> The Mercy Associates <b>3pm Mass</b> Lorraine Payne	Eastertide
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Rita Gallagher & Patrick Campbell <b>5pm Mass</b> The Pegg & Thompson Families	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Jim Doherty 	

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

### Theme: "Peace Be With You"

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we hear those merciful words of the resurrected Jesus, 'Peace Be With You'.

In the early drama and disbelief of the resurrection revelation Jesus chooses to enter into the 'closed space' where his disciples were hiding; he knows they are anxious, confused and also guilt ridden. The expected human response could have been anger and resentment for having deserted Jesus at his time of suffering; instead, Jesus comes to reassure them with his Divinely Merciful love, expressing it most beautifully in that opening greeting, 'Peace Be With You'. Doubting Thomas, the apostle, represents all the cynics and sceptics of the risen Christ; Jesus in his merciful love does not hesitate to reveal to him that he is the same Jesus who died on the Cross..." My Lord and My God!"



### Reflection: 'Letters From the Desert' Carlo Carretto

"Joy or sadness, war or peace, love or hate, purity or impurity, charity or greed, all are tremendous realities which are the hinges of a person's interior life. Everyday things, relationships with our fellow-men and women, daily work, love of our family – all these breed saints. Jesus at Nazareth taught us to live every hour of the day as saints. Every hour of the day is useful and may lead to divine inspiration, the will of the Father, the prayer of contemplation – holiness. Every hour of the day is holy. What matters is to live it as Jesus taught us. It is enough to accept these realities of life...the whole person must be transformed by the Gospel message".

### SHARED PARISH NEWS

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

St John Paul II promulgated that the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, known traditionally as 'Low Sunday', should now be called, 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. A moment in time for the Church in the World to collectively pray for Divine Mercy; you don't need to look far to see how much we need to call upon mercy to take place, not just in Ukraine, but in the wider world. The programme for Divine Mercy Sunday today is (In St John Cantius & St Nicholas, Broxburn)

**2pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

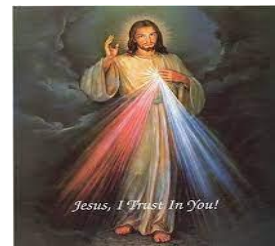
**2-15pm -2.40pm** Opportunity for Confession

**2.40pm** The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**2.50 pm** Benediction

**3pm** Mass

**4pm** Teas in the Hall (Confessions still available)



#### Prayer of Contrition – (In preparation for Confession)

*O' my Jesus, I love You over and above everything else! For the Love of You I am sorry for all my sins. O merciful love I ask pardon for the sins of the world. United with the Immaculate Heart of our Heavenly Mother, I ask pardon for all my sins and for all the sins of my brother and sisters that have been committed and will be committed until the end of the world. My dear Jesus, united with Your Holy Wounds I offer my life to the eternal Father according to the intention of the Sorrowful Mother, Virgin Mary Queen of the world, Mediatrix of humanity, our refuge and hope, pray for us.*

#### Thank You

- (i) To all who assisted in our two parishes with the Holy Week and Easter Triduum sacred ceremonies. It was lovely to see so many people involved and the churches looking so beautiful. We were blessed with the weather for the Easter Fire.
- (ii) Canon John and Canon Jeremy are grateful for all the kind cards, messages and gifts for Easter. – the prayers and moral support of God's people really encourage us in our vocations.
- (iii) Our last 60 bags have now been collected by Mary's Meals for the Backpack Appeal. This appeal has now ended as with rising costs it is no longer practical to continue. Pauline Steyn wishes to thank all who generously contributed to this appeal through the years. Over 1600 bags have been sent. WELL DONE! (**Pauline Steyn**)

#### SCIAF – Lenten Boxes

If you decided to support the 'Wee Boxes' for Lent please hand them in before the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your generosity. If you Gift Aid your offering, remember to fill in the form on the box, thank you.

## Sacramental Life

### Primary 7 – Confirmation



Today, Sunday, the P7's will be presented with a copy of Luke's Gospel, to encourage them to know and love the Holy Scriptures. After the respective 9.30am and 11.30am Masses there is a short Catechesis for the parents. Also, **P7 Parents Meeting in Winchburgh this Sunday in the church at 12.45pm, Broxburn Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm** Canon Jeremy will meet the parents to discuss final arrangements for the Confirmations. By this stage all Confirmation Candidates should have chosen their saints name and their sponsor. Sponsors must be 16 years old or older, baptised Catholic and living in Conformity with church teaching. The parish office will email parents in the next 10 days to get the saints names and the sponsors names. ***Please respond promptly to this request.***

### Primary 4 – First Communions



The children and parents should be progressing well with their home workbooks. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May will be the final Parents catechesis in preparation for the Holy Communions. The dates are as follows-

***St John Cantius & St Nicholas - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am***

***St Philomena's – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11am***

The last parents meeting to prepare for the First Communions is: ***Winchburgh- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12.45pm, Broxburn- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm.*** Both meetings in the respective church.

We have 3 Communion dresses available if needed please contact parish office.

## Congratulations – Golden Wedding

We congratulate John and Mary McWilliams who celebrate their Golden Wedding on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. God Bless them both.



### Fabric Report

A start will be made over the next two weeks on essential steeple repairs in Broxburn. Hopefully causing the minimum of disruption. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Saints Days this coming Week

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Feast of St Mark – Apostle** – martyred about 68 A.D – he is identified as the writer of the first and shortest Gospel, influenced by the time spent with St Peter. He also accompanied St Paul on his first missionary journey. He is also reputed to have founded the early Christian community in Alexandria.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Feast of St Catherine of Siena** – 14<sup>th</sup> Century Dominican tertiary. While still young she had mystical experiences that led her to have the stigma. She was an inspired spiritual writer that led her to be a Doctor of the Church. She inspired the exiled Pope of Avignon to return to Rome and she was not afraid to inspire Church leaders. Made Patron of Europe in 1999.

### The Teaching of the Catechism

#### 'Youcat' Para 337 'How are we saved?'

No person can save themselves. Christians believe that they are saved by God, who for this purpose sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world. For us salvation means that we are freed by the Holy Spirit from the power of sin and have been brought back from the realm of death to a life without end, a life in God's presence. 'God never gives less than himself' -St Augustine.



### Altar Servers Practise – Winchburgh

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

### New Parish Group for Prayer- Broxburn

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

### 40 Hours' Devotion

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues at St Mary & St David Hawick, from Friday 29 April to Sunday 1 May. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at [bit.ly/40hourschedule](http://bit.ly/40hourschedule).

### Pro Life Chain is Back

Next Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, do join us at Scotland's National Pro-Life, in Edinburgh. There are 3 events for you. Just come to any and all of them as you wish: **10am – Rosary with Archbishop Cushley** at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, EH3 9DJ. You can [register for this here](#) – or just turn up! **11am – SPUC's Pro-Life Chain** – assemble by the Usher Hall, on Lothian Road, **1.15pm – Lunch and drinks**. There will be a soup lunch nearby we'd love you to stay for a drink, it's always good when pro-lifers get together. This is the first Pro-Life Chain for a couple of years so it will be great to see everyone.

### 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 the names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne: [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), 0131 334 1693.

### 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](http://bit.ly/ArchEvenbrite) or register by phone at 07833 208 211.

### Xavier Society for the Blind

Do you know someone who would benefit from having readings, prayers and responses to Mass in Braille or large print? Visit Xavier Society for the Blind online at [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org). It has provided free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired people worldwide since 1900.

Email [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

### 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>

### Parade on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Please be aware that there is a parade taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, the main road through Broxburn will be closed from 3pm -5.30pm, so please make plenty time to get to Vigil Mass. We apologise for the late notice as we were not advised about this parade.



### Vestry Hour

*(For all general pastoral enquiries)*

Broxburn Parish – **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

Winchburgh Parish – **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 6pm**



### Collections for the Month of March

**Broxburn:** Coll: £1764.00 B/F: £907.00 **Winchburgh:** Coll: £ 1875.00 B/F: £ 741.00

Copy of Accounts for Broxburn are at the back of the church/Winchburgh to follow

### Answers to Easter Family Quiz

1. **William Nolan**
2. **Loch Shiel**
3. **1998 10<sup>th</sup> April**
4. **A Rabbit**
5. **Germany**

### Easter Quiz

1. Why are some eggs dyed red at Easter?
2. What goes on top of a simnel cake?
3. What is the traditional flower of Easter?
4. What meat is traditionally eaten at Easter?



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5:27-32.40-41

Psalm: Ps 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

