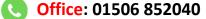
## PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	BROXBURN	WINCHBURGH	Liturgical Calendar
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am Mass	11.30 am Mass	
	John Reynolds Av	Deceased members of the	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
	5pm Mass	Ledgerwood family	
	People of the Parish		
Monday	9.30am Mass	No Mass	1st week of Advent
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Patrick Devenney AV		
	(grandfather)		
Tuesday	No Mass	9.30am Mass	
5 <sup>th</sup> December	7-8pm Eucharistic Adoration &	Special Intention	
	prayers for peace		
Wednesday	9.30 am Mass	No Mass	
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Kathleen Finlayson Av		
Thursday	No Mass	9.30am Mass	Memorial of St
7 <sup>th</sup> December		Patricia Armstrong	Ambrose
Friday	<b>9am</b> Rosary	No Mass	Solemnity of the
8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Mass		Immaculate Conception
	Teresa Quinn		of the Blessed Mary
Saturday	5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.30am Mass	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Paul Gebal Av	James Curran	
Sunday	9.30am Mass	11.30 am Mass	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Philip & David Gordon Av	John McTiernan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
December	5pm Mass		
	People of the Parish		

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

#### **Christmas Masses**

Dates		Broxburn	Winchburgh
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Eve Vigil	6.30pm	6.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols/Night Mass	9.30pm/10pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Day	10.30am	10.30am
	Mass		



#### **Sacramental Preparation**

#### **Primary 3**

Parents Meetings for children in Primary 3 who are making their First Confession in March are as follows – St Nicholas School – **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** in the Canon Hoban Hall at 6.30pm, Holy Family School- Monday **11<sup>Th</sup> December at 6.30pm** in St Philomena's Church.

If you are unable to attend, but still wish your child to receive the Sacrament, please contact the parish office in advance of the meeting.

#### Advent

For many people, this time of year is about parties, lights, music and a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. For the Church, by contrast, it's a period of waiting and longing for the Saviour. Christians celebrate Christmas at Christmas – not before! Let's live this Advent season in the right spirit as much as we can.

#### **Advent Giving**

Advent is a time of giving, so many people are struggling this year, so if you can please help our local Riverkids who support disadvantage children and ensure they are never going without - by donating some clothes or toys, they are located at 63-67 East Main Street, Broxburn.

#### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

I have pencilled this into the diary for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm at Broxburn. However, this event is subject to the availability of local clergy, whose availability has not yet been confirmed. We will update you on this in next week's newsletter.

## Family Mass (Broxburn)

This Sunday morning is our Family Mass, if you're child would like to be a part of this Mass once a month please speak to the Childrens Liturgy Team. All families and parishioners are invited for tea, coffee and kids' activities in the hall after the Mass.

## Children's Liturgy December Challenge (Broxburn)

This month we have a **Shoebox Nativity competition**! Make your own Nativity scene When finished please place at the porch in the Church by the 17<sup>th</sup> December and let a member of the Children Liturgy team know. Prizes will be given for infant, junior and

senior children. Father will announce the winners at after morning Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> December in the hall.

## **Education Sunday**

Thank you for your generous donations last Sunday for Scottish Catholic Education Services we raised in Broxburn £247.00 and Winchburgh £133.00

## Teas And Coffees (Winchburgh)

Teas And coffees are back on this Sunday in aid of Marys Meals in St Philomena's Hall. Please come along and support us, your all very welcome.

## **West Lothian Foodbank**

Items required this week are – tins of the following - potatoes, cold meat, fruit. Also, vegetable stock, curry sauce, custard, Juice (1L & 5Lt) also at this time of year any treats for children like advent calendars or selection boxes, sweets. Please put anything you can in our box in the porch in Broxburn church.

<u>Broxburn Sings' Christmas Concert</u> is on Saturday 9th December at 7pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. Tickets cost £6 and can be purchased – website: <a href="https://www.etickethub.uk/broxburnsings/event/christmasconcert">https://www.etickethub.uk/broxburnsings/event/christmasconcert</a> <a href="mailto:SSVP">Save this Date - SSVP Post Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday, 28th January in the Canon Hoban Hall, 1-4pm.</a> <a href="mailto:source-the-access-

## **Archdiocese News**

#### **Pro Life Rosary**

Pray with parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese at our Advent Rosary for Life. This online Rosary takes place each Wednesday in Advent at 7:45pm on Zoom. First one on 4<sup>th</sup> December to register visit - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/pro-life-events-150559

## **Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass**

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at midday on Thursday 28 December at 12.00 noon. He will celebrate Mass at St Margaret's Chapel in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

For more information on advent in the Archdiocese visit - <a href="https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/">https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/</a>

Next Sunday Readings: 1R: Is 40:1-5.9-11 RP: Ps 84 2R: 2 Pt 3:18-14 Gospel: Mk 1:1-8

Collections this week: Broxburn: £ 951.00 Winchburgh: £477.00