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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

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

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

Christmas Masses

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



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 3rd December** in the Canon Hoban Hall at 6.30pm, Holy Family School- **Monday 11th 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 13th 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 **Shoebbox Nativity competition!** Make your own Nativity scene→ When finished please place at the porch in the Church by the 17th 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 17th 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.

Broxburn Sings' Christmas Concert is on Saturday 9th December at 7pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. Tickets cost £6 and can be purchased – website: <https://www.etickethub.uk/broxburnsings/event/christmasconcert>

Save this Date -SSVP Post Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday, 28th January in the Canon Hoban Hall, 1-4pm. 3 course lunch and entertainment. Notice at SSVP Notice Board and Sign-up sheets will be nearer the date.

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 4th 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 - <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

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