


PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 10 th December	<u>BROXBURN</u> 9.30am Mass Philip & David Gordon Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 11.30 am Mass John McTiernan	<u>Liturgical Calendar</u> 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday 11 th December	9.30am Mass Michael Rowberry Av	No Mass	2 nd week of Advent
Tuesday 12 th December	No Mass 7-8pm Eucharistic Adoration & prayers for peace	9.30am Mass Theresa O'Hara Av & Martin O'Hara	
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30 am Mass Mary Devenney Av (Mother)	No Mass	Memorial of St Lucy
Thursday 14 th December	No Mass	9.30am Mass Richard Curran	Memorial of St John of the Cross
Friday 15 th December	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass Deceased members of the Dunnigan Family	No Mass	
Saturday 16 th December	5.30pm Vigil Mass Helena Simpson Av	9.30am Mass Joan Ghent Av	
Sunday 17 th December	9.30am Mass Deceased members of the Brogan family 4.30pm Reception 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Joe Dean Av	3 rd Sunday of Advent

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

Next Sunday Readings: 1R: Is 61:1-2.10-11 RP: Lk 1:46-50.53.54 2R: 1 Th 5:16-24 Gospel: Jn 1:6-8.19-28

Upcoming Funerals

Mary (Creena) Docherty's Funeral is on Monday 18th December at 9.30am, thereafter to Loaninghill Cemetery. Reception is on Sunday evening at 4.30pm.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.



Sacramental Preparation - Primary 3

Holy Family School- Parents Meeting for Primary 3 children who wish to make their First Confession is on 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 Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 13th December, 6:30pm at Broxburn. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:30pm and reposed at 8:00pm. Confession will be available throughout this time.

PPC Members Winchburgh

At our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, we discussed the possibility of welcoming new members. The Parish Council meets with the Parish Priest four or five times a year. Its job is to think strategically: what are the most important priorities for the parish? How can they best be pursued? How can we carry out our mission as a parish more effectively? If this sounds like something you could contribute to, speak to Fr John or to Margaret Russell, our current PPC Chair.

November Challenge

Reminder to all children entering the Shoebox Nativity Competition to have your shoeboxes in the porch by Sunday 17th December.

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) selection boxes, sweets, cereal, biscuits, pasta rice, pasta sauces. Please put any items in our porch.

Diploma in Catechesis

We welcome Sr Miriam Ruth to our parishes this weekend to promote the Diploma in Catechesis course. Sister is our Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor and is taking over facilitating the Diploma.

Christmas Tree Festival (Winchburgh)

Opens 11am Saturday 16th December. Doors open until 5pm. Come along to this community Christmas event and see if you can spot the St Philomena's Christmas tree!

Sinclair Academy Christmas Concert

All parishioners are welcome to go along to our new high school Sinclair Academy for their first Christmas Concert on the 20th December at 2pm. We hope to see you there.

St. Margaret's Academy Concert

You are invited to our Winter Concert, Wednesday 13th December 2023 doors open: 6:30pm for Stalls, Raffle, Mince Pie and a Hot Drink. Concert will begin at 7pm. Tickets available on the night. River Kids will be in attendance on the night to receive toy donations of up to the value of £20.

Thank you - The Curran Family would like to thank Fr John, Canon Agnew and you all for the kindness, support and generosity shown to the family over the recent deaths of both James and Richard. The combined sum of £1472.50 was collected and has been sent to 'Action on Asbestos' and 'Alzheimer's Scotland'. May God bless you all.

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 selection boxes, sweets. Please put anything you can in our box in the porch in Broxburn church.

Poinsettias (Broxburn and Winchburgh)

We would like to decorate our altar with poinsettias. Please donate one from each family and place on the Altar after Monday 18th December, so they are still ok for Christmas. Thanks!



Christmas Clean (Broxburn)

Helpers needed for a big clean to have our Church ready for Christmas, if you can help after Mass on Wednesday 20th December that would be much appreciated.

Monday Evening Advent Masses – Cancelled

Sadly, due to diary pressures, I have had to call off this beautiful Advent tradition. Hopefully next year!

Archdiocese News - Advent Rosary for Life

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. To register please go to -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/pro-life-events-150559>

Collections this week: Broxburn: £1242.00 Winchburgh: £528.00