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3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2025

Sunday 26 th January	BROXBURN 9.30am Mass James Watson & Carol Gallagher 5pm Mass People of the Parish	WINCHBURGH 11.30 am Mass Patrick Storie	<i>Liturgical Calendar</i> 3rd Sunday of the Year
Monday 27 th January	9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.30 am Mass George Jackson	No Mass	
Tuesday 28 th January	No Mass 7-8pm Adoration & prayers for peace Reception of Coffin 5pm	9.30am Mass Anne Rice	<i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas</i>
Wednesday 29 th January	9.30am Requiem Mass David McKay	No Mass	
Thursday 30 th January	No Mass	9.30am Mass Jimmy Silcock	
Friday 31 st January	9.30am Mass Joyce Boyle	No Mass	<i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>
Saturday 1 st February	5.30pm Vigil Mass Jimmy Chapman	9.30am Mass Special Intention	
Sunday 2nd February	9.30am Mass Joe Mooney 1 st Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Josie Dean Av	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>

Confessions: Broxburn -Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – after Saturday 9.30am Mass

Mass Readings Sunday 2nd February – 1R: Mal 3:1-4 **Ps:** 24:7,8,9,10 **2R:** Heb 2:14-18 **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

Upcoming Funerals

David McKay's funeral is now on Wednesday 29th January at 9.30am in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church, thereafter to Uphall Old Cemetery. Reception will be at 5pm on Tuesday evening. *May he rest in peace.*

Sacramental Programme for January

Sunday 26th January – Primary 3 **Rite of Illumination** during this Sunday morning Masses, it is important that you attend this with your child if they are making their First Confession. Please bring their Baptism Candle.

Monday 27th January – Primary 7 children in Winchburgh parish making their **Confirmation**, parents meeting will be at 6.30pm in St Philomena's Church.

Sunday 2nd February – Primary 4 **Rite of Enrolment** during Sunday morning Masses, it is important that you attend with your child if they are making their Holy Communion.

Monday 3rd February – Parents Meeting for Primary 7 children in the Broxburn parish making their **Confirmation** this year, please come along to the Canon Hoban Hall at 6.30pm.

Novena of First Fridays

Pope Francis recently wrote a beautiful letter about the Sacred Heart of Jesus, called *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us). You can easily find it online. In response to this letter, and in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St Philomena's Church, I would like to invite you to participate in a Novena of First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart. To those who honour his Sacred Heart in this way, Jesus promised wonderful things. Speaking to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, he said "*I promise in the excessive mercy of my Heart that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on nine first Fridays of consecutive months the grace of final repentance: they will not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments. My divine Heart will be their refuge in their last moments.*"

For the next nine first Fridays, therefore, beginning 7th February, we will have a 7pm Mass at St Philomena's, with Confessions from 6:30pm, so that everyone who desires might take advantage of the Lord's wonderful promises. Heaven is on offer! More on this next week.

White Flower Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in last Sunday's White Flower Appeal from SPUC both parishes raised a total of £340.00.

The Scout Group

The Scout Group are doing the Teas and Coffees on Sunday 2nd of February after the Family Mass. To help get over the cold weather we are going to have Hot Rolls and some home baking. We are only asking for a donation, and we will be able to give you change so don't be afraid to ask for it. We look forward to your company.

Foodbank

They are in urgent need of the following – jars of curry sauce, diluting juice, dry cat food, dry rice, instant mash potatoes, male deodorant, shower gel, sponge pudding, spreads (chocolate/jam) tinned cold meat, toilet roll, vegetable stock cubes, washing up liquid. If you are able, please donate something for those in need, leave in our porch area in Broxburn. Many thanks.

Youth Groups

Junior Youth Group is on this Sunday at 6-7.30pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. This week it's Bingo night, look forward to seeing you all!

Senior Youth Group (S3-S6, AKA 'The Upper Room') will be in the refurbished band room (past the stage and up the stairs) from 7:30pm. We hope to strike a healthy balance of fun and faith. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy

We invite all school children to join us at our Sunday morning Masses in our parish halls for Children's Liturgy, this helps children understand the Bible and participate in the Mass more fully, our leaders make it fun to engage the children.

Tea Lights

We are looking for any donations of tea lights for our Broxburn parish, for fire safety they must be no longer than a 3-hour burn.

Heaters (Broxburn)

We have been having a problem with our heaters, but they are now working at the correct setting. If there is a problem with one of the heaters, let Fr John or Fr Paul know. Please don't adjust.

Afternoon retreat for couples

The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine's mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday 15 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25