



PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday 23 rd February	<u>BROXBURN</u> 9.30am Mass David McKay 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 11.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Keogh Family	<i><u>Liturgical Calendar</u></i> <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>
Monday 24 th February	9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.30 am Mass Joyce Boyle Av	No Mass	<i>7th Week of the Year C</i>
Tuesday 25 th February	No Mass 7-8pm Adoration & prayers for peace	9.30am Mass Ann Wighton	
Wednesday 26 th February	9.30am Mass Betty Glen (nee Curran) 6.30pm Mass Bob Birrell		
Thursday 27 th February	No Mass	9.30am Mass Martin Philbin	
Friday 28 th February	9.30am Mass Ronald & Mary Duthie	No Mass	
Saturday 1 st March	5.30pm Vigil Mass Cavanagh Family	9.30am Mass Tony O'Neill Av	
Sunday 2nd March	9.30am Mass Fr John Byrne 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass James Lavin Av	<i>8th Sunday of the Year</i>

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

Next Sunday Readings: 1R: Sir 27:4-7 RP: Ps 92 2R: 1 Cor 15:54-58 Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

Key Dates for Sacramental Programme

Sunday 2nd Mar – Primary 4 **Presentation of the Our Father** during Sunday morning Masses

Sunday 9th Mar – Primary 7 **Presentation of the Creed** during Sunday morning Masses

Monday 17th Mar – **First Confession** for Winchburgh parish in St Philomena's Church at 6pm.

Tuesday 18th Mar – **First Confession** for Broxburn parish, St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church, 6pm.



Rite of Enrolment

This Sunday at the morning Masses will be the Rite of Enrolment for the children of Primary 7 making the sacrament of Confirmation. It is important you and your child attend this Mass, if you are unable to make it, please let us know by contacting the office.



Architects Display (Winchburgh)

As many of you know, we have engaged an architect with a view to improving the interior of our church. The architect has now come back with proposals, which we would like to share with you. Come along to the hall after Mass next week to see them up-close. Bear in mind, more work needs to be done around feasibility and costing. Even so, at this early stage, the PPC is eager to hear the thoughts of the wider parish.

SCIAF Wee Boxes Please take your wee box from the back of the church in the porch.

PPC Meeting (Broxburn) - PPC next meeting will be on Monday 24th February at 7pm in the Lesser Hall.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Deacon Douglas Robertson will be taking on the role of preparing families for their child's Baptism. Parents will be expected to attend one evening class prior to their child's Baptism (godparents are also encouraged to attend). Dates have been arranged for 2025 (see website for list of dates). Next class will be held in March at the Broxburn parish house.

Altar Servers Training

Please can I ask the Altar Servers to remain after Mass for some important training led by Fr Paul. Can we say next week (2nd Mar) for Winchburgh and the following week (9th Mar) for Broxburn? Thanks.

Youth Club/Senior Youth Club Our Youth Clubs are back this Sunday from 6pm-7.30pm and Seniors at 7.30pm till 9pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. For the seniors: if you have any board games that you love, bring them along this Sunday!

Family Mass (Broxburn) - Family Mass is next Sunday. If your child wants to get involved with bidding prayers or offertory, speak to one of the children's liturgy leaders.

Fire Drill (Winchburgh)

We will have a fire drill at the end of Mass on **Sunday 9th March at 11.30am**. More details will be given before the drill. This is a compulsory element of the diocesan fire safety strategy.

We have Fire Marshal's to direct you to the correct area.



Free creative employability programmes

Impact Arts are running free creative employability programmes at Bathgate Regal Theatre. For lone parents and ethnic minority parents who live in West Lothian, starting 19th February & 23rd April, Wednesdays from 9.30am-2.30pm. Gain employability skills and SQA qualifications, receive 1-to-1 support towards work, plus lots of creative arts activities to enjoy. Participants can receive up to £15 per day training allowance for attending the programme, plus travel costs (bus or train).

Teas & Coffees

This Sunday after the 9.30am Mass St Nicholas Parent Council will be serving teas/coffees and home baking. In Winchburgh we have the Mary's Meals ladies every week serving after the 11.30am Mass. Please spare some time and come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Cleaners – (Broxburn)

Please note that the henry hoovers will not be held in the sacristy cupboard but in the church house. If you need them for cleaning, please let Jacqui know in the office. The office is open Mon-Fri so if it is a day out with that get in touch and she will make sure it is available.

RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession

If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on Saturday 8 March at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/return2025

Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins at 7:45pm on Monday 10 March and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/Stations25

Last Sunday Collection: Broxburn £1036.00 Winchburgh: £380.00