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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>BROXBURN</b> 9.30am Mass Lily Byrne 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> 11.30am Mass James McFarlane	<i>Liturgical Calendar</i> 
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Agnes & Hughie Ward	<b>No Mass</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7am Mass</b> Frank & Linda Fairley <b>7-8pm Adoration &amp; prayers</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> John Hill	<i>Feast of St John Ogilvie</i>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Pat Connolly Av	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Mary Forsyth	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Celia Smith <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> William Davis Av	<b>9.30am Mass</b> James McFarlane	
<b>Sunday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Marie Steele Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<b>11.30am Mass</b> John & Catherine Finnigan	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <b>SCIAF Sunday</b>

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Readings** **1R:** 1Sm 16:1b, 6-7.10-13a **RP:** Ps 23 **2R:** Eph 5:8-14 **Gospel:** Jn 9:1-41

**Collections:** Broxburn: £ 1236.00 Building Fund: £304.00 Winchburgh: £248.00 Centenary Fund: £109.00

### **Announcement of Death (Winchburgh)**

Joseph Sinnet has recently died, funeral details to follow, please keep Tom and his family in your prayers.

### **Presentation of the Creed Primary 7**

We welcome our Primary 7 Confirmation candidates this weekend at the Sunday morning Masses.

### **Special Collection this weekend**

At Canon John's request and as an anniversary gift, we'll be collecting for Marys Meals on 7/8<sup>th</sup> March. Both parishes. N

### **First Scrutiny for our Catechumens**

Over the next three Sundays, those preparing for Baptism will undergo their scrutinies. Continue to keep them in your prayers, please!

### **Reconciliation Service**

This is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. In addition to Fr John, Fr Paul Lee will attend as a guest confessor. It's important that we make time for a good Confession prior to Easter.

### **Choir Loft Clear-Out (Broxburn)**

We are looking to clear out the choir loft by the end of the month. Could the choir/musicians please take a look to see what we should keep? Jacqui will leave a box for anything that's to be kept. The rest will be... "recycled". The reason we have to do this is our recent fire risk assessment.

### **Monday Evening Faith Talk/Discussion**

Fr Paul's talk was due to happen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> but has been rescheduled to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7-8pm, at the Canon Hoban Hall. Fr Paul will be looking at paintings of the crucifixion and helping us interpret them.

### **Readers -Winchburgh**

We are looking for a few readers for our Easter Vigil which is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, if you are able to volunteer, please speak to Deacon Douglas or Jacqui at the office

### **Dates for your diary**

- Come along after Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March to our halls, Broxburn & Winchburgh. That'll be our official goodbye to Fr Paul.
- Canon John's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11am, thereafter to Canon Hoban Hall.

### **Sacramental Programme March**

#### **Primary 3 First Confessions are as follows**

Winchburgh - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm St Philomena's Church

Broxburn – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church

**Presentation of the Crucifix** – Primary 3 – Sunday Masses 22<sup>nd</sup> March



#### **St Philomena's Hall**

Come and join the Broomhill Freddie's to celebrate St Patrick's Day in the hall from 3-6pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, all welcome.

#### **Clothing Sale (Winchburgh)**

The Mary's Meals Ladies are having a clothing sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 11-3pm. Please come along as they have New/nearly new ladies' clothes. All proceeds will go towards Mary's Meals.

#### **Canon Hoban Hall – Kitchen Refurbishment**

Work to refurbish the Canon Hoban Hall kitchen will begin shortly. Please note that the cooker will be removed after 18<sup>th</sup> March, and the final teas and coffees before the works start will be served on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The kitchen is expected to be out of use for the whole month of April, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we improve our facilities for our parish community.

#### **Canon Hoban Hall – Security Reminder for All Users**

All groups and individuals using the Canon Hoban Hall are kindly reminded to ensure that the side door is double-locked when leaving and that the alarm is activated whenever the building is vacated. Your care and attention help keep the hall safe and secure for everyone.

**Special Collection** - On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund, which supports various good causes. Last year £32,067 was raised from this collection in the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your support.