

# PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>BROXBURN</b> 9.30am Mass Marie Steele Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> 11.30am Mass John & Catherine Finnigan	<i>Liturgical Calendar</i>  3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am Mass John & Maureen Boyle	No Mass	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	7am Mass Hugh Devine 7-8pm Adoration & prayers	9.30am Mass Tony O'Neill	<i>Feast of St Patrick</i> 
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Canon John Agnew's 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass Mary Agnew	No Mass	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass	No Mass	<i>Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am Mass Kevin & Mary Byrne 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	No Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	5.30pm Vigil Mass Hugh Campbell	9.30am Mass Johnston Renton	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30am Mass Hayden Smith 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Reginald Vincent Lim	

**Confessions:** Broxburn -Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – after Saturday 9.30am Mass  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Readings 1R:** Ez 37:12-14 **RP:** Ps 130 **2R:** Rom 8:8-11 **Gospel:** Jn 11:1-45

### Upcoming Funerals

**Thomas Norris's** Funeral Service will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** in St Philomena's Church, thereafter to Winchburgh Cemetery. *Please keep the family in your prayers.*

## 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, 9.30am and 11.30am **22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

### Mothering Sunday

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our parishes. We ask the blessings of the Mother of God in your lives; may she continue to guide and inspire you in your vocation.



### Thursday Morning Mass

There will be no Mass on Thursday at 9.30am will return back to normal next week.

### Second 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!

### Special Collection

This Sunday 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.

### Canon John Agnew

We warmly congratulate Canon on his 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Mass will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11am, all are welcome! We are lucky to have him in our parishes; may God bless him as he continues in his ministry! Special thanks for the amount raised for Canon's Mary's Meals collection last weekend: we raised in total between the two parishes and donations £1500! Thanks for all your generosity.

### Message from Fr Paul

'I want to thank all the parishioners St John Cantius and St Nicolas and St Philomena for giving me such a warm welcome, and for their continuing kindness. It is with real sadness that I say goodbye to a place that has become my home. I want to thank all the people who provide unstinting service to this parish, too many to name, and for their support to me personally. Finally, I want to thank Father John for his outstanding example of priesthood, as well as Canon John and Deacon Douglas for their friendly rapport. Your parishes will always have a place in my heart.' Come along and say goodbye to Fr Paul after Mass this Sunday in our halls, Broxburn & Winchburgh.

### 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.

### Musicians

Thank you to all our great musicians who help in our parishes every week! I'd like to invite the Broxburn musicians to a meeting on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 4pm, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Hope to see you there!

### Winchburgh SVDP

We are repeating our Steak Pie Tea for the housebound. It will be delivered on the 21<sup>st</sup> March between 4pm and 6pm. If you are housebound and have not yet been contacted by us or you know someone who is housebound and has not been contacted, please let us know. Our number is at the top of this newsletter.

### Scotland assisted suicide Bill - just days left until the final vote!

On Tuesday 17 March, the Scottish Parliament will hold the final Stage 3 vote on Liam McArthur's assisted suicide Bill. This Scottish Bill is even more extreme than the proposed change to the law in England and Wales. The Bill can be defeated. Every email you send to your local MSPs helps.

### Save the Date

The annual Day for Altar Servers will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to join Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Saturday 28 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm, St Andrew's Parish rooms, 77 Belford Rd Edinburgh. A faith-focused discussion on Holy Week. Holy Hour following, with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

**Church Cleaning Brox: Group 1 – 23/03 Group 2 – 13/04 Group 3: 27/04 Group 4- 11/05 Group 5- 25/05**

**Collections: Broxburn: £1140.00 Special Collection: £953 Winchburgh: £265.00 Special Collection: £317**

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