

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



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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>BROXBURN</b> 9.30am Mass Hayden Smith 5pm Mass People of the Parish	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> 11.30am Mass Reginald Vincent Lim	<i>Liturgical Calendar</i> 
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am Mass Winifred Hughes Av	No Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	7am Mass Ruth Vasey Av 7-8pm Adoration & prayers	9.30am Mass Fr Paul intentions 11am Funeral Service Thomas Norris	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am Mass Andrew Weir Av Reconciliation Service 7pm	No Mass	<i>Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass	9.30am Mass Jamie McFarlane	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	No Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm Vigil Mass Anne Johnstone, Sean Gallagher & Mary Forsyth	9.30am Mass John Flynn	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Mass Doherty Family (Belfast) 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Jim McCabe Jnr Av	

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

**Sunday 29/03 Readings:** Proc: Mt 21:1-111R: IS 50:4-7 RP: Ps 22 2R: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66

### 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.*



*Holy Thursday – Broxburn 7pm, Winchburgh 7pm,  
Night Prayer 10pm in both parishes  
Good Friday – Broxburn 3pm, Winchburgh 3pm,  
Stations of the Cross- 6.30pm in both parishes  
Easter Vigil – Winchburgh 6.30pm, Broxburn 8pm  
Easter Sunday – Broxburn 10am, Winchburgh 10am  
Please note NO 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday*



### **Presentation of the Crucifix**

We will present to our Primary 3 children this Sunday at our morning Masses 9.30am and 11.30am.

### **Third Scrutiny for our Catechumens**

Please continue to keep our catechumens as they approach the sacraments of new life.

### **Solemnity of the Annunciation**

Although not a day of obligation, this is one of the great Christian feasts. Come to Mass if you can!

### **Timetable Change**

Please note, this week Fr John will be off on Friday, meaning there will be no Mass on that day.

### **Reconciliation Service**

This is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Broxburn. In addition to Fr John, Fr Paul Lee will attend as a guest confessor. I would appeal especially to those who have not been to Confession for a long time: come back to the Sacrament, you will not regret it! The Lord offers us Confession as a wonderful opportunity to lay down our burdens and experience the joy of coming home.

### **Altar Server Training**

We will have rehearsals prior to our Holy Week services, details to follow.

### **Canon John's Celebration**

Thank you to all who helped make this occasion so special and meaningful: visiting priests, our local schools, musicians, those who prepared and served food, all those who helped with behind-the-scenes organization, Ellen who baked the cake, Emenda who painted the wonderful painting Canon received... and of course (once again) thanks to Canon John for his valued support to our parishes.

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

Thank you to everyone that helped set up the Clothing Sale for fundraising for the Centenary Fund, it was greatly appreciated and we raised £545.00. Thank you to those who came along and bought something!

### **SSVP Broxburn**

Our last collection for old towels and cereal bars will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> March for the Sisters of Mercy. Please donate what you can before next Sunday.

### **No Teas & Coffees Broxburn (for the next few weeks)**

The kitchen is expected to be out of use for the whole month of April, apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we improve our facilities for our parish community.

### **Chrism Mass**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. All are welcome to attend this beautiful Mass.

### **Assisted Suicide Vote (Scotland)**

From Archbishop Leo: "I am deeply grateful to the MSPs who voted in favour of life on Tuesday at Holyrood. The outcome of the vote reflects a careful and compassionate approach to a deeply sensitive subject, one that touches the dignity and vulnerability of all of us. Well done to everyone who contacted their MSPs. May we now go forward, committed to making Scotland's palliative care the very best in the world."

### **Live Streaming Notice**

See Live Streaming notice (displayed in churches) for more details. Live streaming is carried out during some of our services. Camera focus only on the sanctuary area and the immediate area in front of it. If you do not wish your image live streamed, please bear this in mind. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact – Julie Brechin in Winchburgh or Karen & Stephen Neilson in Broxburn.

### **Street Parking**

A member of the community has notified us that people are parking over their driveway on the Main Street during Mass and they are unable to exit. Please park carefully and be aware of your surroundings so as to not block anyone from leaving their house.

**Collections: Broxburn: £868.00 Special Collection: £471.00 Winchburgh: £276.00 Special Collection: £251**