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**14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Saturday 13th February	<b>BROXBURN</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Betty Algeo 'Al-Jo' RIP	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Manus Thomson RIP <b>Mass of the Sick</b>	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>14th</b> <b>February</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Forrester RIP <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Hugh & Mary McCaffrey	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Susan Jones	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 
Monday 15th February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Michael Duffin	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Tuesday 16th February	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John Mackle RIP	Feria 'Pancake Tuesday'
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Pauline Hughes ANV RIP	<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> <b>10.30 am Mass</b> Maria Toner RIP 6.00pm Rosary 6.30pm Mass Spec Int	<b><u>Start of Lent</u></b> <b>'Day of Fasting and Abstinence'</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Neil Boyle RIP	Lent
Friday 19th February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jim Fleming RIP	6.00pm Rosary 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	Lent
Saturday 20th February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Chapman RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John and Audrey Borthwick RIP	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21st February</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Miriam Thomas RIP <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Lent 

**Saints Days this coming week**

*There are no Saints Days this week on the Liturgical calendar.*

### **Theme: "Those on the Edge"**

Jesus leaves Capernaum to announce the Good News to the most isolated and ignored families in the whole country; the people on the 'edge of humanity'. There he finds the lepers. At that time leprosy was seen as a contagious disease. As a result, lepers had to live on the outskirts of the towns, far from the rest of the population. There was a distorted mindset among the Jews that leprosy was a punishment from God; therefore, all lepers were declared unclean. By the swift action of Jesus, the flesh of the leper becomes clean again. Thereafter, he would be treated like the majority of the population and people would no longer avoid him. In the process, the zealots would treat Jesus as unclean because he touched lepers and heals them. By his very actions, he radicalises our thinking.

### **REFLECTION: 'Remedy to Pride'**

#### **St Augustine's Sense of Gratitude**

'People travel to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars; and they pass by themselves without wondering ... Now let us acknowledge the wonder of our physical incarnation that we are here, in these particular bodies, at this particular time, in these particular circumstances. May we never take for granted the gift of our individuality'.

(Confessions – Chapter 10, Paragraph 35).

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Lent is now upon us'**

Yes, Lent 2021 is now almost here. This Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed at the Mass and you will be invited to administer them to each other and yourselves, using the ashes of blessed palms in your houses. (Please be careful with fire). Or you can pick up an envelope of blessed Ashes at the door of each church from Sunday onwards.

#### ***Things to note for Lent:***

- (i) 40 days of Fasting, Prayer and Charitable works – to gain Spiritual Renewal during COVID-19.
- (ii) Stations of the Cross – Broxburn Sundays 5 pm, Winchburgh Fridays 6.30 pm. (On Zoom – same link as mass).
- (iii) Lenten Masses each day as in the schedule.
- (iv) Lent 'House Group' – Monday evenings on Zoom after the Rosary. Starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6.30 pm. Check our book 'Tomorrow's Christian' by Fr Adrian Smith.
- (v) Diocesan Lenten Talks – Week 1 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Sr Anna Marie McGuan – 'Becoming Saints Today'. Diocesan Website Register: <[bit.ly/LentMcGuan](http://bit.ly/LentMcGuan)>
- (vi) Sacred Heart Lauriston – Jesuit Talks. 'What would Pope Francis Do'? Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm. Austen Ivereigh on 'Social Justice'. Zoom ID: 236 509 2814. More info: [edinburghjesuitcentre@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:edinburghjesuitcentre@jesuit.org.uk).
- (vii) SCIAF boxes can be collected as from Monday at the 'front door porch' in each Parish. The Rosary is being prayed Monday to Friday to bind up families during COVID in our 'Engine Room of Prayer'.
- (viii) Why not join us on 'Rosary' for families Monday to Friday 6pm on Zoom.

#### **Burning Down of Uphall Golf Clubhouse**

We as a Parish are very sorry to hear of the tragic destruction of this great community resource. Not knowing of the cause, we just pray for all those affected and that community spirit will see it rise from the ashes.

#### **Appeal for more Mass Zoomers**

It would be great if a couple more volunteers could 'step forward' to host the Weekly Masses online. If you are IT friendly and are willing to help, please let Fr Jeremy know.

### **Family of James Watson RIP**

Phil, his wife, would like to thank the Parish for the support given recently after his death; the funeral conducted in his memory by Fr Jeremy and all the Mass Intentions, Sympathy cards and flowers. Much appreciated.

### **Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021**

**P7 Confirmations:** Thank you to all the families who have registered online for the sacrament.

The enrolment mass will be on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Broxburn Parish – 9.30 am**

**Winchburgh Parish – 11.30 am** . Please log in for these masses in order to renew promises as Parents and Confirmation Candidates.

**P4 1<sup>st</sup> Communions:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates will be presented with the ‘Our Father’ online at the Mass on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Broxburn Parish – 9.30 am Mass. Winchburgh Parish - 11.30am Mass.**

**P3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions:** The children should have their ‘Workbooks’ by now.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

I realise that babies continue to be born during the time of the Lockdown and is important that they receive the sacrament of baptism as soon as possible. Parents are advised to contact myself soon after the birth to arrange baptismal registration and preparation online. Once the Lockdown is lifted we can then arrange a suitable date to arrange the sacrament. In the event of the baby being seriously ill the priest can be called to administer the sacrament in an emergency situation or the catholic parents can baptise the child themselves by pouring water and pronouncing the words “I baptise you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”.

### **Vestry Hour this coming week**

**For all general pastoral enquiries (by phone or online)**

Broxburn: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 5 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 19th February 3 pm (01506 891310)

(Can be contacted by phone or Zoom)

### **Heightened Security Vigilance during ‘Lockdown’**

We had a certain amount of vandalism on the boundary wall of the southside of the Winchburgh Church last week. Please be extra vigilant when passing our Church buildings during this time. If you spot anything suspicious, please report it to the Priest or the Parish office. Thank you.

### **How to Show Love of God**

I came across an inspiring article by David Torkington in the ‘Catholic Times’ on ‘Mystical Theology’ that I would like to share with you. (More info on [www.davidtorkington.com](http://www.davidtorkington.com)). In the section on ‘From Meditation to Contemplation’, he writes: “In the Christian Tradition, meditation took on a far more profound and genuinely religious form, because unlike any previous or subsequent religions, it depended on love, not on the search for intellectual knowledge. St John was clear that God is love and only through love, can we find love and then enter into him. For Christians, they pursue their search for union with God, therefore, by meditating on those memories of Jesus Christ, as contained in the writings of those who knew him personally, not just because their memories were unique, but because their memories and the way they wrote them down in Scriptures, were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**Please pray for:** Leo Barker – wee boy seriously ill in Sick Children’s Hospital.

(i) Joseph Goldie – recently dead. (ii) Jim McCabe and Mary Beach (Donnelly) in St John’s Hospital.

**The Teaching of Catechism -‘Youcat’** – Paragraph 437. ‘How should we treat animals?’ Animals are our fellow creatures, which we should care for and in which we should delight, just as God delights in their existence. Animals too are sentient creatures of God. It is a sin to torture them, to allow them to suffer, or to kill them uselessly. Nevertheless, humanity may not place love of animals above love of their sister or brother. (St Francis – Patron Saint of Creatures).

## SCIAF

This year we have SCIAF boxes available to collect at each parish church door from Sunday. Children born in the worlds poorest places deserve a chance to live a full life. With your donations we will help children with disabilities in South Sudan to access the education and support they need to build a bright future.

### Hospital Call Out during COVID-19

Please be advised that Fr Jeremy has now received his first dose of his Vaccine because he is St John's hospital Chaplain. He can be called out during the day between 8am -10pm if you ask the Nurse in duty in the ward to call out the Hospital chaplain. Do not phone the parish phone as the message can lie there for several hours or even into the next day. From 10pm-8am the priests for West Lothian Deanery are on a weekly night call rota. If you need a priest in the hospital during the night you must ask the ward nursing staff to call out the priest on duty. We do try to respond as soon as we can but during the bad winter conditions, we cannot guarantee an instant response.

### Job Opportunity

SPUC Scotland (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has an opportunity for a full-time Communications Officer (Content Production). The role sits in the Public Affairs Department and helps SPUC to gather and tell stories that captivate, inspire and compel action. For more information and details on how to apply please email [michael@spucscotland.org](mailto:michael@spucscotland.org)

### Lent resources

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>. The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. What Christian concept is feminine in Hebrew, neuter in Greek and masculine in Latin? **The Holy Trinity**
2. Which tv doctor was played by Sylvester McCoy?  
(a) Dr Kildare (b) Dr Finlay (c) Dr Who (d) Dr McCoy **Dr Who**
3. What nationality was Holst, the composer? **English, with Swedish ancestry**

### This Week's Quiz

1. In 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Thessalonians, which young man was sent by Paul to Thessalonica to encourage the Church?
2. What does this French phrase mean? "Qu'est-ce qui vous arrive"?
3. What is the completion of this nursery rhyme ...? 'Jack Sprat could eat no fat, is wife could eat no lean. And so, between them ....'

**Next Sundays Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gn 9:8-15 Psalm: 24 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

### Pray with SCIAF this Lent:

*Loving God, thank you for the beauty of your creation and for all the good things you graciously give us. We pray for more understanding of the difference between peoples and a recognition that we are all one in Christ. Thank you for making us all unique but still all created in your image. Help us look to Jesus as an example of someone who broke down barriers that excluded. Give us the strength and wisdom to work together and bring about positive change for those who are suffering. God of Compassion, hear our prayer. Amen.*

