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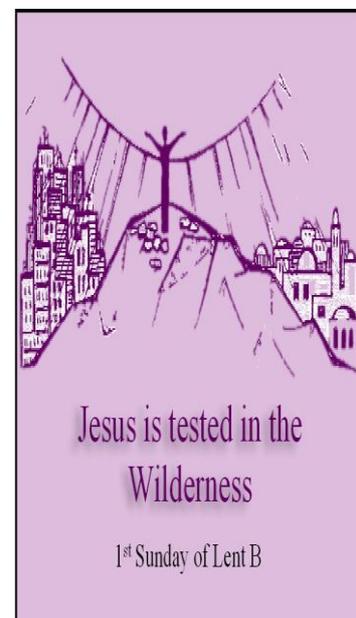
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**21st February 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent**



Saturday 20th February	<b>BROXBURN</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Chapman RIP	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> John and Audrey Borthwick RIP	Lent
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21st</b> <b>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	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  <i>First</i> SUNDAY IN LENT
Monday 22nd February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Shaun and James Watson RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feast of the Chair of St Peter
Tuesday 23rd February	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Rose Feerick RIP	Lent
Wednesday 24th February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Renee Ballantyne	6.00pm Rosary	Lent
Thursday 25th February	6.00pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Alison Nelson RIP	Lent
Friday 26th February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Catherine Callaghan RIP	6.00pm Rosary 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	Lent
Saturday 27th February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> James Barrett RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Pearl Watson RIP	Lent
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> William and Ellen Wynne RIP <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> John and Enid Nicholas	2nd Sunday of Lent  <i>Second</i> SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Theme: "Wild Beasts"**

When a human being commits a terrible crime, we call them 'A Beast'. What is a beast? The dictionary tells us it means 'brute', 'animal', 'creature', 'savage' or even 'monster'. The truth is that the animal kingdom is created by God just as we are created by God. As the Book of Genesis teaches us, 'the Covenant', signified by the Rainbow, tells us it is between God, you and every living creature of every kind. We refer to callous murderers as 'beasts', when in all honesty, the animal world has never carried out the cruelty on the scale of so-called humanity. By Jesus venturing out into the wilderness, living amongst the so called 'wild beasts', he confronted evil, not in the wild beasts; instead, he was tempted by Satan, the personification of evil. The delicate balance of nature in the desert proclaiming in abundance that creation has a wonderful power to overcome adversity as Jesus overcomes evil.

### **REFLECTION: 'A Prayer to the Creator'**

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity; pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects and shared dreams. AMEN.

(Fratelli Tutti – Pope Francis 2020).

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Lent is now here!'**

I want to remind you all that by the consequence of your baptism, you belong definitively to the People of God, otherwise known as the Church. As the Baptised People of God, your sacramental identity is presupposing a rejection of evil and a profession of faith in the Trinitarian God; The Father – the Creator; The Son – the Saviour and the Holy Spirit – the Sustainer. The question we should ask ourselves today, at the start of Lent, is this: 'Am I living faithfully and true to my Baptismal Promises? If there are difficulties in fulfilling my identity as a Catholic Christian Person, what are they? Is it my prayer life or lack of it? Is it my immoral attitudes? Is it materialistic obsessions? Is it my self centredness? Is it my lack of self worth? Now is the time to put things right. God Bless you all.

#### **Practical Action Points for Lent**

- (i) Daily Mass on Zoom.
- (ii) Weekday Family Rosary on Zoom
- (iii) Stations of the Cross – Broxburn Sundays 5 pm, Winchburgh Fridays 6.30 pm. (Or doing them privately at home).
- (iv) Lent 'House Group' – 'Tomorrow's Christian' by Fr Adrian Smith. Monday evenings from 1<sup>st</sup> March 6.30 pm.
- (v) SCIAF boxes and SCIAF appeal.
- (vi) Daily Reflections online.
- (vii) 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)>
- (viii) Sacred Heart Lenten 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).
- (ix) Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow – Lenten Retreat Material. See website.
- (x) Personal commitment to: Daily Prayer, fasting, giving up alcohol, a daily spiritual walk while praying the Rosary. Please contact the Parish for more Lenten resources.

### **33 Days of Consecration to St Joseph**

A parishioner has asked me to promote this 'personal devotion' to St Joseph in the year of his holy name. It takes place during Lent and is on Zoom every evening at 8 pm. Readings are from the Book of Consecration to St Joseph and it ends with the Litany of St Joseph (half hour service). Link: 986 400 51501 Passcode: 122013.

### **World Day of Prayer – 5 March 2021**

'Build on a Strong Foundation' Friday 5 March is the World Day of Prayer. Link on Zoom: 725-827-1735. Code: 850988.. The Service is written by the Christian women of Vanuatu.

### **St Joseph's Family Prayer Book**

This wee pocket prayer book is a result of ideas from some of the priests about our response to COVID. Its aim is to get people to pray at home at a time when they can't come to Mass. It is also a way for parishes to reconnect with those who might feel separated from the Church while places of worship are closed. The book will be distributed in the coming weeks. Free to all homes.

### **Death of Rose Feerick RIP**

Dear Rose of Dunn Place, Winchburgh, was a much loved member of St Philomena's Parish. Devoted to her family and well cared for by them; she passed away peacefully at St Michael's Hospital on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30am, with her body coming into the Church on Monday at 5.30pm. May she rest in peace.

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

#### **For all general pastoral enquiries (to speak to Fr Jeremy by phone or online)**

Broxburn: Tuesday 23rd February 5 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 26th February 6.30 pm (01506 891310)

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

**P7 Confirmations:** The P7 candidates will be enrolled at the Sunday Masses on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February (today). St Nicholas School at the 9.30am Mass and Holy Family School at the 11.30am Mass. Please would all households link in for these Masses.

**P4 1<sup>st</sup> Communions:** They will be presented online at the Sunday Masses with a copy of the 'Our Father' which will be sent by email to their homes.

**St Nicholas School – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am Mass.**

**Holy Family School – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass.**

Any family not able to connect with Zoom, please let Fr Jeremy know.

### **Offertory Collection Envelopes 2021-2022**

#### **Parish Finances**

As you appreciate, we must do all we can in these testing times to keep our parishes financially sustainable. It is well understood that many households do face financial uncertainty. If you do have an Offertory Collection set of envelopes to be collected for the 'New Tax Year', then please be in touch with the parish office by phone or email to have them sent out to you. If you would like to make your offering by standing order, please let the parish office know. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING!

#### **Fabric Report**

#### **Church Altar Rails – Broxburn Parish/**

Fr Jeremy is hoping to install a set of altar rails on either side of the Sanctuary in memory of his beloved parents. Draft drawings of what this will look like will be put on the parish website. The intention is to restore what was there before, whilst leaving open access on and off the altar. It will also be a health and safety facility for those coming up to read at the lectern. It will be funded in the main from his own resources but would welcome any donations to offset the total cost, which will be in the region of £6,500. He will raise it at the next PPC (Parish Pastoral Council).

### Rising Damp – Winchburgh

The major works at the front and rear of the parish house are all but complete: redecoration to be done. Thank you to Peter Keogh for managing it all. Total cost £2,700.

### Forthcoming Feast Days

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Feast of the Chair of St Peter. This is a feast that emphasises the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or ‘cathedra’ is the place where each bishop reaches his people and gives us the word ‘Cathedral’. The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches us the faith which unites us with each other.

### The Teaching of Catechism

#### Para 2128 – ‘Atheism and Agnosticism’

Atheism and agnosticism have many forms but essentially an atheist rejects or denies the existence of God, whereas an agnostic does not deny God’s existence but finds it impossible to affirm or deny. A certain form of aggressive or militant atheism is very much in vogue today. Its proponents seize every opportunity to make their dogmatic case. However, God’s existence and loving plan for us is in harmony with the deepest desires, aspirations and longings of the human heart. We pray for atheists and agnostics that they would come to a knowledge of the living God.

### Answers to Last 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? **Timothy**
2. What does this French phrase mean? “Qu’est-ce qui vous arrive”? **What is it that’s happening to you?**
3. What is the completion of this nursery rhyme ... ? ‘Jack Sprat could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean. And so between them ....’ **‘They licked the platter clean’.**

### This Week’s Quiz

1. Who captained Scotland during the 1982 World Cup Finals?
2. Which Saint is the Patron Saint of invalids and is generally depicted with a dog? (A railway works in Glasgow shares the same name).
3. In which mountain range is K2? (The second highest mountain in the world).  
a. Karakoram      b. Himalayas      c. Hindu Kush      d. Urals

### Diocesan Directory 2021 - £3.00

Copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory for St Andrews and Edinburgh are now available from the parish offices. Telephone or email if you wish a copy sent out or collected. Thank you.