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28th FEBRUARY 2021-2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 27th February	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass James Barrett RIP	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Pearl Watson RIP	
Sunday 28th February	9.30 am Mass William and Ellen Wynne RIP	11.30 am Mass Ray Devlin RIP (1 st Anniversary)	2nd Sunday of Lent 
Monday 1st March	9.30 am Mass Family and Friends of Tommy & Margaret Cannon	6.00 pm Rosary	Feast of St David of Wales
Tuesday 2nd March	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Sarah Green RIP	Lent
Wednesday 3rd March	9.30 am Mass Niall Sweeney RIP	6.00pm Rosary	Lent
Thursday 4th March	11.00 am School Mass 6.00pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Susan and Joe Dickie RIP 11.00 am School Mass Patrick MacNamara	Commemoration of St Casimir
Friday 5th March	9.30 am Mass John Higgins' Mother RIP	6.00pm Rosary 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 6th March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Eric Copeland RIP	9.30 am Mass John and Enid Nicholas (Sick)	
Sunday 7th March	9.30 am Mass Willie Dean RIP	11.30 am Mass People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Lent

Theme: "Real Faith"

Do I have real faith in God? It's one thing to declare that I believe in God but is that to the same degree that I believe my numbers will come up in the lottery next week? True faith, as in the case of Abraham, the so called 'Father of Faith', is that utter trust in God's will. God takes it to the ultimate extreme by testing Abraham to the point of instructing him to sacrifice his own son. What this biblical account tells us, is that Abraham truly trusts in God. Alongside trust goes dependence; like a child trusting in a parent not to let them fall as they learn to ride a bicycle. In the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, the three chosen apostles are entrusted with a beatific or heavenly vision of Jesus. This extraordinary sign lets them see that beyond all the forthcoming trials up to Jerusalem, all will be made well by God, for those who have real faith.

REFLECTION: 'The Christian and his unbelieving neighbour'

"Gracious Father, I thank you for the gift of faith. It is due to your grace and patience that, in spite of the lag between my faith and my life, no rupture happened; and under the favourable impact of so many wonderful believers, my faith could grow and become more deeply rooted. Praised be graciousness forever! Help us to understand our unbelieving or seemingly unbelieving neighbour. Let us, when possible, tell him or her the right word, at the right time, and let us accept the challenge of this situation, by making a firmer decision to live according to our faith, deepening it in all dimensions. Inspire us to form a more lively community of believers and to seek light and strength from the celebration of the sacraments of faith".

(Fr Bernard Haring CSsR)

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Scottish Government Announcements - COVID'

In light of this week's announcements from Holyrood, we are still hoping that we can be open, even on a limited scale, for Holy Week and Easter. It seems reasonable if you can get a haircut by 12th April, you should be able to go to Mass the week before. We think too of all the school children and their desperation to see their friends once again at school. Limited and controlled access to nursing homes is another crucial step in the right direction. The staff at our local homes have done so much to keep the residents COVID free.

Appointment of New Head Teacher – St Nicholas

West Lothian Council Education Department have announced the appointment of Mrs Siobhan Kelloch as the new Head Teacher of St Nicholas Primary School. She is presently the Head Teacher of St Mary's, Polbeth. We look forward to welcoming her to the school and the parish. May I take the opportunity of thanking Mrs Karen Brown for her many years of dedicated service to St Nicholas School and to Mrs Louise Maguire who served the school with equal dedication as Principal Teacher, Deputy Head and subsequently as Acting Head. God bless them all at this time of change. St Nicholas, pray for us.

World Day of Prayer – 5th March at 2pm

If you are able to go online at 2pm that day by Zoom Link 852 6863 3162 Passcode 562604, you can take part in the annual Ecumenical World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and comes from the Christian Women of Vanuatu in the Pacific. These 84 islands are 83% Christian. In 2015 the islands were hit by Cyclone Pam and 76% of the crops were destroyed. In 2018 the Government banned the use of plastic bags.

Stations of the Cross - Lent

Fr Jeremy has decided to concentrate on having Stations this Lent on every Friday at 6.30pm after Rosary. The Sunday afternoon at 5pm is sadly not working out, due to an online Prayer Retreat at 4pm and the challenge of getting someone to host it at 5pm. So please still say the Stations at 5pm in your homes.

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries (by phone or online)

Broxburn: Tuesday 2nd March 7pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Wednesday 3rd March 7pm (01506 891310)

Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021

P4 1st Communions: This Sunday, 28th February, the P4 children will be presented via the internet with a copy of the 'Our Father', the prayer that Jesus gave us. Copies of the Rite is in the School App to follow along with the Mass. Please would parents/guardians ensure that this special prayer is recited at home, especially at night time. God Bless all our 1st Communion Candidates.

P7 Confirmations: Fr Jeremy thinks he now has all the list of 2021 Candidates. Please would any parents who have not yet registered, contact the parish office as soon as possible.

P3 1st Confession/Reconciliation: A wee prayer book will be sent out to the families of all those registered for the sacrament. Please parents, help your child to learn to make the sign of the Cross and say the 'Act of Sorrow/Contrition' prayer.

St Joseph's Family Prayer Book

This wee pocket prayer book is aimed to get people to pray at home as a family at a time when they cant come to Mass. It is also a way for parishes to reconnect with those who might feel seperated from the Church while places of worship are closed. The book will be avaiable in the coming weeks for you to have, I will send out details of how to get yours as soon as they arrive.

Hospital Night Calls – St John's

Fr Jeremy is on night calls at the hospital this week. Please keep in your prayers, Jerry Cannon, James McCabe and Manus Maguire. Mary Donnelly (Beach) is now home. Also, please pray for Liam Shade who is seriously ill in the ERI after a serious incident in Livingston.

St Philomena's - Winchburgh

There is a proposed meeting on Wednesday 10th March at 8pm with the COVID-19 Group to help assist the return of Church opening in the future. Meeting by Zoom online.

St John Cantius and St Nicholas - Broxburn

Fr Jeremy hopes to meet soon with the COVID-19 Group in view of a possible limited reopening of Churches at Holy Week.

Lenten House Group – 1st March 6.30pm

After the Rosary on a Monday evening, Fr Jeremy will read from a book by Fr Adrian Smith on 'Tomorrow's Christian', inviting us to think about what it means to be a Christian in the world of today. The first topic is 'a questioning person' – in other words, do I think deeply about my faith?

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 5150 Passcode: 122013.

The Teaching of the Holy Father

'Lacking a Plan for Everyone'

(Extract from Pope Francis's encyclical Fratelli Tutti. Published 8th December 2020)

Para 17 – 'To care for the world in which we live, means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single-family dwelling in a common house. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits. Often the voices raised in defence of the environment are silenced or ridiculed, using apparently reasonable arguments that are merely a screen for special interests. In this shallow, short-sighted culture that we have created, bereft of a shared vision, it is foreseeable that once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims'.

Abortion and Poverty

Paul Atkin, as Diocesan Officer for Pro-Life, has asked me to advertise a valuable initiative to you in Lent. In addition to the Pro-Life Rosary on Monday evenings at 7.45pm, there is the crucial issue of poorer women being targeted for abortion. See: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abortion-poverty-scotland-the-reality-tickets-138948271019>.

Zoom: Help Required

If you can help host our Masses please could you get in touch with Fr Jeremy, any training will be given. If you are able to use a computer it is very straight forward.

Emergency Appeal

Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal for aid for Tigray, Ethiopia where millions of people have been displaced as a result of civil conflict and are lacking food and basic necessities. Donations can be made at www.marysmeals.org.uk.

Saints Days this Week

Monday 1st March: Feast of St David, Patron Saint of Wales (6th Century). When born, his father dreamed that he would receive 3 gifts – a stag, a fish and a swarm of bees. The stag represented the son's power over the serpent, the fish his abstinence and honey from the bees, his holiness.

Thursday 4th March: Commemoration of St Casimir (15th Century). He became heir to the Polish throne but preferred to live what turned out to be a short life of prayer and penance. He is a patron of Poland.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 2175/76

'Sunday – Fulfilment of the Sabbath'

For the Christian, Sunday is above all an Easter celebration, wholly illumined by the glory of the risen Christ. It is the festival of the new creation. Sunday then is a blessed and holy day upon which, in the celebration of the Eucharist, we enter into the rest of the Lord.

Lent event 1: INSPIRE prayer talks

Register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE talk series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. All talks on Zoom, 7-7:45pm. If you miss a talk you can find it at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

TALK 2: *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours*, with Brother Joseph Carron. 7pm, Tue 02 Mar. Register: bit.ly/LentCarron

TALK 3: *Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*, with Sr Sally Rollo. 7pm, Tue 16 March. Register: bit.ly/LentRollo

TALK 4: *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. 7pm, Tue 23 March. Register: bit.ly/LentCushley

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/>.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Who captained Scotland during the 1982 World Cup Finals? **Graeme Souness**
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). **St Roch**
3. In which mountain range is K2? (The second highest mountain in the world).
a. Karakoram b. Himalayas c. Hindu Kushd. Urals **Himalayas**

This Week's Quiz

1. Who wrote 'Das Kapital'?
(a) Lenin (b) Stalin (c) Trotsky (d) Marx
2. What is a comptometer?
3. What former alcoholic collapsed and died in a Dublin street on Trinity Sunday 1925 and was declared Venerable fifty years later?

Next Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Ex 20:1-17 Ps: 18

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

Parish Accounts/Expenditure: will be at the end of each month. Thank you for your continued generosity at this time it is greatly appreciated. God Bless you all.

