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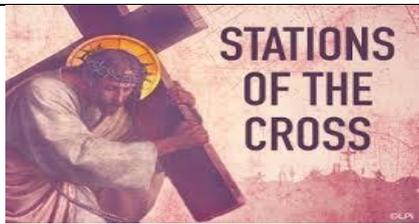
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7th March 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



Saturday 6th March	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Eric Copeland RIP	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass John and Enid Nicholas (Sick)	Lent
Sunday 7th March	9.30 am Mass Willie Dean RIP 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross	11.30 am Mass People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Lent 
Monday 8th March	9.30 am Mass Patrick Campbell RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Lent
Tuesday 9th March	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Alison Nelson RIP	Lent
Wednesday 10th March	9.30 am Mass Haydn (Taffy) Smith RIP	6.00pm Rosary	Feast of St John Ogilvie
Thursday 11th March	6.00pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Family of Sarah Green	Memorial of St Constantine
Friday 12th March	9.30 am Mass Pat Connolly RIP 12 noon Funeral Service Margaret Hogg RIP	6.00pm Rosary 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 13th March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Cecelia (Connolly) Smith RIP	9.30 am Mass Fr Sebastian Thuruthippillil	8 th Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis
Sunday 14th March	9.30 am Mass Jonathan Dobres RIP 5.00pm Stations of the Cross	11.30 am Mass Jack Pender RIP	4th Sunday of Lent 

Theme: "Christ and My Father's House"

We don't often hear of Jesus being enraged. However, there is a great sensitivity to the desecration of the holiness of God. When humanity loses a sense of the holy, we put the world on a serious and unstable path. Having a sense of the 'Sacred' means having a respect for God's presence. Every time a Catholic Christian person enters into a Church, we show that sense of the 'Sacred' by blessing ourselves with holy water and genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus takes holiness a step further by His cross and passion. The holiness of God is sacramentally transposed into every corner of the world, where the faithful focus on the real presence of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass... "When every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord".

REFLECTION: 'Is the Soul Immortal?'

"The body is moved by the soul and is animated by it from within. The soul is not added to the body as one stone cast next to the other, nor are the two mixed together. If this were the case, the soul would be made up of parts and it would not be intrinsically one and simple. The soul, however, is simple and consequently immortal. Just think, what is it that suffers corruption and dies? Answer: that which is made up of parts which exist in a state of tension with one another, tending to divide themselves up. The soul, since it is not composite, is indivisible in its very nature and, therefore, it cannot suffer corruption; in other words, it is immortal.

(Maximus the Confessor, 4th Century)

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'There is Light at the end of the Tunnel'

Well, here we are into the third week of Lent and Easter Sunday will be in four weeks time. Glimpses of Spring have been found and then perhaps hidden again. The spiritual momentum of Lent is very much there for us if we grasp the opportunity; daily prayer, daily Mass, fasting, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, worthy charity causes, are all part of the call to spiritual renewal. Now is the time of year our parishes gear up for a phased return to opening our doors to God's holy people. The respective laity volunteers as welcomers, sanitisers and 'Zoomers' are so crucial to our continuing operation. Let's hope and pray for doors to be opened in Holy Week.

Canon John Agnew Diamond Jubilee

In just over 10 days time, Canon John Agnew is due to celebrate sixty years in the Ordained Priesthood. We are very honoured that he is making this major milestone in our parishes. Many parishioners will be communicating their own personal intimations. His Diamond Jubilee Mass will be on Zoom at 11am and will be recorded, please God, for others to see. Archbishop Leo Cushley will make a 'virtual appearance' and I'm sure the Holy Father, the Pope, will chip in too. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with him. NOTE THE DAY – 18th March 1961 - 18th March 2021. He doesn't want gifts thanks for himself but delights if you support Mary's Meals on his behalf. THANK YOU!

Mothering Sunday – 14th March

Please note that next Sunday 14th March is 'Mothering Sunday'. Inspired by the Mother of God, Our Lady, we prepare to honour our own mothers, living and dead. The children will be busy making Mothers Day cards and no doubt many will create an animated one on their home computers. The important thing is to pray for our mums and express how much we love them.

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

Next Sunday is SCIAF Sunday. If you wish, you can send funds direct to them or drop it off at the parish office or put it in your SCIAF box and hand it in at the end of Lent. THANK YOU!

Margaret Hogg RIP

The funeral will take place at Thomas Brown Parlour on Friday 12th March of Margaret Hogg RIP. Much loved wife of Alastair and mother of Gary (RIP) and Sylvia. Born in County Mayo, she spent most of her life in Scotland and Australia. May she rest in peace.

Volunteers for Parish Gardening

As the grass begins to grow and the sap is rising in trees and plants; a renewed appeal is going out for willing volunteers to help with our huge but lovely parish garden in Broxburn. Anyone willing to help while respecting COVID safety practice, would be much appreciated – wise to bring your own garden tools – thank you.

Prayers Please for:

Margaret Hill, Irene Boyke, Lawrence Stevenson, George Finlayson, Jim McCabe, Jerry Cannon, Liam Shade and Manus Maguire, who are very sick at this time, plus all our sick loved ones.

Edinburgh Women's Aid "Kilt Walk"

This will take place this year from 23rd to 25th April. The Kilt Walk has become a life-changing event for many small Scottish Charities. One possible beneficiary is the Edinburgh Women's Aid. This year it is being done 'virtually' – check out details online.

Parish Finance Meeting

An online Finance Meeting will take place on Monday 15th March at 7.15pm for Broxburn Parish. Contact Fr Jeremy for the link.

Stations of the Cross – Lent – on Zoom

Every Friday evening at 6.30pm in Winchburgh. Every Sunday evening at 5pm in Broxburn – Mass Zoom link. (Fr Jeremy has decided to keep both time slots going during Lent).

Saints Days this Week

10th March: Feast of St John Ogilvie. Jesuit priest martyred at Tollcross, Glasgow in 1615 for celebrating mass in secret. He was born in 1580 near Keith, Aberdeenshire. Educated a Calvinist, he became Catholic in France. He reconciled many to the 'Ancient Faith'.

11th March: Commemoration of St Constantine – King of Cornwall – 6th Century. Founded a monastery at Govan, Glasgow. Martyred in 590 AD.

Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021

P3 1st Confession/Reconciliation: Because of the delayed re-opening of Churches in Scotland, the P3 children will not make their 1st Confession in March as provisionally arranged. Instead, as in 2020, they will be called in small family groups, after Easter, to attend the church, either on a Saturday morning in Winchburgh at 10am, or Saturday evening in Broxburn at 6.15pm. The home learning, as guided by their teachers, should continue as planned.

P4 1st Communions: The parents should have their home learning and Fr Jeremy continues to provide talks for the classes online.

P7 Confirmations: The candidates should be thinking carefully by now of their Saints name and their chosen 'sponsor'. The sponsor should be a church committed Catholic, who is living in accord with the Church's moral teaching and is a good role model for the child. Also, I have just received a letter from the Bishop stating that Confirmations this year will be carried out by the Parish Priest due to COVID restrictions.

West Lothian Interfaith Forum

Fr Jeremy attended a regional meeting last Thursday and represented the Catholic Church online re Interfaith matters and the consequences of Pope Francis' teaching on 'Fraternal Love' amongst World religions.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 328

What is the effect of the ordination to the priesthood?

'The anointing of the Spirit seals the priest with an indelible, spiritual character that configures him to Christ the priest and enables him to act in the name of Christ the head. As a co-worker of the Order of Bishops, he is consecrated to preach the Gospel, to celebrate divine worship, especially the Eucharist from which his ministry draws its strength, and to be a shepherd of the faithful people'.

Readers Rota – Broxburn Parish

There is a new rota published now by Helen Mooney. Any issues/changes, please get in touch with her. Thank you.

Scottish Pro-Life Report

8th March – Pro-Life Stations of the Cross – <https://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.co.uk>
Again on 15th, 22nd and 29th March at 7.45pm. Please join us. New Pro-life film "Roe v Wade" by John Voight. See trailer: <https://www.roevwademovie.com>.

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries (by phone or online)

Broxburn: Tuesday 9th March 7pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 12th March 5pm (01506 891310)

Vocations – Religious Life/Priesthood

If you think you may have a Vocation, please contact Sr Mirjam Hugens – 0131 623 8902 – Religious Life. Fr Andrew Garden 0131 663 4286 – Priesthood.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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

This Week's Quiz

1. What city is the religious capital of Ireland?
2. Which was the first UK single to sell more than 2 million copies?
3. What kind of animal is a 'Moke'?
(a) Monkey (b) Donkey (c) Sheep (d) Dog