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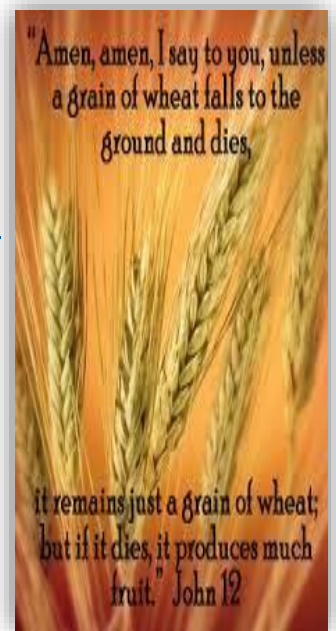
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**21st March 2021 – 5th Sunday of Lent**



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| Saturday<br>20th March                       | <b>BROXBURN</b><br><b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>Rosemary & Margaret<br>Sweeney         | <b>WINCHBURGH</b><br><b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Patrick McNamara  | Lent   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>21st</b><br><b>March</b> | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>People of the Parish<br>5.00pm<br>Stations of the Cross         | <b>11.30 am Mass</b><br>Johnston Renton RIP<br>(Anniversary)  | 5th Sunday of Lent<br> |
| Monday<br>22nd March                         | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Benedetta Franchi RIP   | 6.00 pm Rosary  | Lent   |
| Tuesday<br>23rd March                        | 6.00 pm Rosary   | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Maurice Whitelaw   | Commemoration of<br>St Turibius  |
| Wednesday<br>24th March                      | <b>9.30am Requiem Mass</b><br>Laurence Stevenson<br>RIP                                | 6.00pm Rosary   | Lent   |
| Thursday<br>25th March                       | 6.00pm Rosary  | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Marion (Mavis)<br>D'Alton RIP  | Solemnity of the<br>Annunciation   |
| Friday<br>26th March                         | <b>CHURCHES REOPEN</b><br><b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Special Intention -<br>Esther         | <b>11.00 am Holy Family</b><br><b>Zoom Mass</b> - Hugh &<br>Annabelle Whyte<br>6.00pm Rosary<br>6.30pm Stations of the<br>Cross |                       |
| Saturday<br>27th March                       | <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>Leonard Dowds   | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Special Intention<br><b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>Canon Willie McDade                                    | Lent   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>28th March</b>           | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Walter Robertson<br><b>5.00 pm Mass</b><br>People of the Parish | <b>11.30 am Mass</b><br>McTiernan and<br>Nugent Families  | Palm Sunday<br>       |

**Theme: "All I have is Yours"**

You can't be a true disciple of Jesus if you're into self-preservation; it's impossible to be a narcissist (loving yourself alone) and at the same time giving yourself in the cause of others. St Oscar Romero preached at the Mass minutes before his assassination (in 1980) these words: "If you want your life and mission to be fruitful like mine, do as I. Be converted into a seed that lets itself be buried. Let yourself become a martyr. Do not be afraid. Those who shun suffering will remain alone. No one is more alone than the selfish". The ultimate price of martyrdom is being willing to risk your whole life in the cause of truth and love. Jesus forewarns the world, as did St Romero, that this is to take place and it is a price worth paying for the salvation of the world and the conquering of sin and evil.

**REFLECTION: 'Die to self to become a good listener'**

**Fratelli Tutti – Para 48**

"The ability to sit down and listen to others, typical of interpersonal encounters, is paradigmatic of the welcoming attitude shown by those who transcend narcissism and accept others, caring for them and welcoming them into their lives. Yet today's world is largely a deaf world ... At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying ... St Francis of Assisi heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that St Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many". (Pope Francis).

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**'The Re-opening of our Churches'**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.00 am till 12.30 pm, the Parish Office will be open for those wishing to book by phone or Eventbrite for Masses the following Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March – 50 people per Mass in Broxburn, 36 in Winchburgh. The Palm Sunday Masses are as indicated on the front of the newsletter: ***Vigil Masses (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March): 3.00 pm Winchburgh. 5.30 pm Broxburn. Sunday Masses (28<sup>th</sup> March): 9.30 am Broxburn. 11.30 am Winchburgh. 5.00 pm Broxburn. Office hours open Tuesday 10.00 am till 12.30 pm Winchburgh. Office hours open Wednesday 10.00 am till 12.30 pm Broxburn.*** The Eventbrite links for each Mass are as follows:

Sat: Winchburgh - 3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146725003435>  
Broxburn - 5.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146725771733>  
Sun: Broxburn - 9.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146726425689>  
Winchburgh - 11.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146726136825>  
Broxburn - 5pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146723422707>



We will continue to Zoom the Sunday morning Masses for those who can't get to the Church. As prior to the lockdown, we re-establish the PPE guidelines, Track and Trace, face masks, sanitising in and out, and cleaning of Church after each Mass. NB: In St Philomenas, due to tighter spaces, parishioners leave after receiving communion at the end. In St John Cantius and St Nicholas, please leave after the final blessing.

**Confessions:** Winchburgh (from 27<sup>th</sup> March) after the 9.30 am Mass. Broxburn after the Saturday Vigil Mass (5.30 pm) (from 27<sup>th</sup> March).

Fr Jeremy will also be available for Confession after the Sunday 11.30 am Mass in Winchburgh. Sunday 5.00 pm Mass in Broxburn or by prior arrangement.

Blessed Palms (next Sunday) 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March will be made available on the way out of Mass and left outside the Church for additional collection. Live music can be played again in the Church but with only one soloist singer.

**Scottish Bishop's Conference Guidelines for Holy Week and Easter**

Sadly we can't have feet washing on Holy Thursday – it will be done symbolically. On Good Friday we will venerate the Cross from our places in the pews. At the Easter Vigil there will be no distribution of candles and sprinkling of Holy Water will only be done from the Sanctuary. Sadly on Easter Sunday, no handing out of Easter eggs at the end of Mass! However, I'm sure they will be found from other sources!

**Vestry Hour this coming week**

**For all general pastoral enquiries (book for telephone or online if that helps)**

Broxburn: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm (01506 891310)

## Holy Week and Easter

Here are the public Masses/Services for Holy Week and Easter, which you can book in for by Eventbrite or phone as from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Holy Thursday:** Winchburgh - 6pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146727890069>

Broxburn - 7.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146730471791>

Night Prayer- Broxburn – 10pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146752164675>

### **Passion**

Friday: Winchburgh - 2pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146729484839>

Broxburn - 3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146731631259>

### **Stations of the Cross –**

Friday - Winchburgh: 6pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146729747625>

Broxburn: 7.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146730722541>



**Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Mass of the Last Supper - Winchburgh 6.00 pm. Night Prayer (Altar of Repose) 9.00 pm.

Mass of the Last Supper – Broxburn 7.30 pm (on Zoom). Night Prayer (Altar of Repose) 10.00 pm.

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Passion of Our Lord – Winchburgh 2.00 pm. Stations of the Cross - 6.00 pm (on Zoom). Passion of Our Lord – Broxburn – 3.00 pm (on Zoom). Stations of the Cross – 7.30 pm.

**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Easter Vigil – Winchburgh 6.30 pm (on Zoom). Easter Vigil – Broxburn – 8.00 pm.

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Mass Broxburn 9.30 am (on Zoom). Mass Winchburgh 11.30 am (on Zoom).

***NB: No 5.00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday but will return Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Parish Readers for Holy Week should be notified very soon of their slots. Housebound will be supplied with a Palm before Palm Sunday. Please God we will make Holy Week and Easter a mark of Easter hope and glory in celebrating the Risen Christ.***

## Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021

**P3 1<sup>st</sup> Confession/Reconciliation:** The First Confessions for Holy Family School will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm.

**P4 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:** The First Communion children should be well into their homework and classroom learning for the sacrament.

**P7 Confirmations:** Today (Sunday) the P7 Candidates receive by the internet for Mass, a beautiful copy of the Nicene Creed.

## Baptisms

Baptisms can now resume after Easter, beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Fr Jeremy to make a booking.

## Thank You

- (i) To all who helped make Canon John's Diamond Jubilee celebrations go so well last Thursday. Despite all the restrictions, we made it a very special occasion.
- (ii) Thank you to all who supported Canon John's appeal for Mary's Meals which has raised £10,000, yes £10,000, for this wonderful charity and allowed thousands of children to be fed and have school bags.
- (iii) To those who have continued to support the 'Food for the Hungry' project at the Mother Teresa Nuns in Edinburgh. Excellent effort.

## Building Works

Done, thanks to your kindness.

- (i) Re-painting and re-filling of windows in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church – cost £2,700.
- (ii) New kitchen cupboard doors in St Philomena's parish house – cost £1,000.

## Walking during COVID – Uphall/Broxburn/Ecclesmachan

As you know, we are allowed to take a walk in this time. We are restricted only to small numbers of people walking together. Fr Jeremy invites you to think about, when you can, walking with one or two others, safe distancing, around the 7 Churches in Holy Week. In an ecumenical spirit this would include the other Christian Churches. Starting with: The Parish Church of Scotland, Broxburn. The Free Church of Scotland, Broxburn (Station Road) St John Cantius and St Nicholas The Baptist Church, Cardross The South Church, Uphall Strathbrock Kirk (old St Nicholas) Ecclesmachan Church At each Church, stopping briefly for a wee bit of scripture and prayer. Give it some thought. It doesn't have to be with a Catholic!

### Family Rosary

This is proving to be a great spiritual anchor for many people at this challenging time. We are very grateful to all the families of parents and children who have kept it going now for nearly a year. If you haven't joined in yet, please come with us. Monday to Friday 6.00 pm on Zoom. We will stop temporarily after Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March for the Easter Triduum and see if we can start again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. It is delightful to see how committed and enthusiastic the families are. Please still pray the rosary as a family during the first two and a half weeks of April.

### Requiem Mass – Laurence Stevenson RIP

This will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am in Broxburn. Family and close friends in attendance. Numbers still restricted to 20 for funerals. May he rest in peace.

### Churches Together in Uphall and Broxburn

They will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March to prepare for a combined service on Wednesday of Holy Week held on Zoom. We pray for Christian Unity.

### History and Hope made by Pope Francis

It was the riskiest trip of his pontificate but the gamble more than paid off. Pope Francis' whirlwind three-day tour of Iraq made history and will be remembered for years to come. He is the first Roman Pontiff to set foot in the Land of Abraham, where he held an unprecedented meeting with the most revered figure in Shia Islam and offered a message of hope to one of the world's oldest and most persecuted Christian communities. (TABLET – 15/3/21).

### Human Fraternity for Peace & Unity

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Al Ahl Bait Society invite you to this event featuring speakers are Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Dr Mohammed Ali Shomali. This is a **follow up to the conference of 01 Feb which marked the signing of the document of Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Sheikh Al-Azhar**. This Zoom event is on Tuesday 23 March at 6pm. To register visit [eventbrite.co.uk](https://eventbrite.co.uk) and search the event title.

### Solemnities and Saints Days this Week

**Tuesday 23rd March:** Commemoration of St Turibius – born in Spain, 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Catechised and confirmed half a million people, including St Martin de Porres and St Rose of Lima.

**Thursday 25th March:** Solemnity of the Annunciation – 9 months before Christmas we celebrate the moment that Our Lady was visited by the Archangel Gabriel in Nazareth.

### The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 240

#### What is the purpose of holy images?

The image of Jesus is the liturgical icon par excellence. Other images, representations of Our Lady and of the Saints, signify Christ who is gloried in them. They proclaim the same Gospel message that Sacred Scripture communicates by the Word and they help to awaken and nourish that faith of believers.

### Consecration to St Joseph

In this year of St Joseph, please be aware of this wonderful period of prayer you can commit to over 33 days to consecrate your life to St Joseph. There are 9 major feasts throughout the year connected to St Joseph, spouse of Mary. Fr Donald Calloway of the Marian Fathers has produced a beautiful book, containing 33 days of reflective prayer of St Joseph and also 10 chapters on the great spiritual wonders of the life of St Joseph. Published by Marian Press, it is available from Knock Publications [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie). A great spiritual resource for all.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. What nationality was the astronomer Copernicus?  
(a) Swedish (b) Dutch (c) Polish (d) Greek **Polish**
2. Where is St Patrick buried? **Exact location unknown except by God**
3. Which Scottish Football team has their ground at Stair Park? **Stranraer**

### This Week's Quiz

1. Who was the most recent non-Italian Pope before St John Paul II?
2. Who are the 'hoi polloi'?
3. What is the main difference in the distilling of Scotch and Irish Whiskies?

### Next weeks Readings :

Proc Mk 11:1-10 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Is 50:4-7 Psalm: 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil 2:2-11 Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47

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