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28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday



Saturday 27th March	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Leonard Dowds	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Special Intention 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Canon Willie McDade	
Sunday 28th March	9.30 am Mass Walter Robertson 5.00pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass McTiernan and Nugent Families	
Monday 29th March	9.30 am Mass Franco Panetta	6.00 pm Rosary	Holy Week
Tuesday 30th March	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Gordon Clarkson RIP	Holy Week
Wednesday 31st March	9.30 am Mass Ellen Reddington RIP	6.00pm Rosary	Holy Week
Thursday 1 st April	EASTER TRIDUUM 7.30 pm Mass of The Last Supper Tony O'Neill RIP 10.00 pm Night Prayer	EASTER TRIDUUM 6.00 pm Mass of the Last Supper Deceased of Gorman Family 9.00 pm Night Prayer	Holy Thursday
Friday 2 nd April	3.00 pm Passion 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross	2.00 pm Passion 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	Good Friday
Saturday 3 rd April	8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Ellen Reddington RIP	6.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass Archbishop Philip Tartaglia	Holy Saturday
Sunday 4th April	9.30 am Easter Mass Grace McQueen RIP	11.30 am Easter Mass Mr and Mrs Joe McGarty	Easter Sunday

Theme: "The Cross"

'Bear in mind today as you read or hear Mark's account of Jesus' Passion, that his brutal death was not the result of chance or an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but part of the mystery of God's plan. In other words, every detail, every movement, every nuance, every word, action and event was precisely according to God's definitive plan and foreknowledge. As God incarnate, he has united himself to each and every one of us and holds out to each and every one of us, the opportunity to be sharers in his Pascal Mystery. We are all called to take up our Cross and follow Christ, for just as he suffered, so too must we.

Our vocation is to follow in Jesus' steps. Our hope and prayer is that in this most holy and special of weeks, each of us can grow in love, devotion and worship of Jesus on the Cross.

REFLECTION: 'The Just Man'

By Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"The fact that when the perfectly just man appeared, he was crucified, delivered up by justice to death, tells us pitilessly who man is: thou art such man, that thou canst bear the just man – that he who simply loves becomes a fool, a scoured criminal, an outcast. Thou art such because, unjust thyself, thou dost always need the injustice of the next man in order to feel excused and thus canst not tolerate the just man who seems to rob thee of this excuse. Saint John summarised all this in the "Ecce Homo" (Behold the Man) said by Pilate of Jesus, which means, "This is how it is with man; this is man".

(It is now 16 years since he was elected Pope in April 2005 – he resigned in February 2013).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Congratulations!'

I wish to congratulate you, the parishioners of both our parishes, on how patient and understanding you have been about not having access to our beloved Churches since Christmas 2020. For over three months we have been unable to throw open the doors of our Churches. It's remarkable how so many of you have adapted to the internet in order to keep in touch with Mass and Prayers. Our Churches have been thoroughly cleaned for the 'Big Opening' and the kind volunteers make the celebration of Mass, once again, a great event. We can grumble about so many things; but if we have the Mass, we have something beyond the price of gold.

The Court deemed church closures unlawful

The closure of places of worship by the Scottish Government has been deemed unlawful after a successful court challenge. The action was brought by 27 leaders of Christian churches in Scotland and was supported by Canon Tom White, a priest of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. They argued that the decision to close churches was unconstitutional and infringed on the right to manifest their religion under article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). Lord Braid agreed that the Government's emergency legislation went further than was lawfully allowed. The Spiritual welfare of people is **very important!**

This is Holy Week

The most important week of the year for the celebration of our faith. We start with the drama of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. We then accompany Jesus through Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Last Supper. Good Friday, the Passion and death of our Lord, followed by Holy Saturday, when the Church sleeps around the world, until the climax of the Easter Vigil, the celebration of Light, the bright dawning of the resurrected Jesus. Please book in this coming week for the Holy Week services and try to give each other a chance to share in these ancient Christian rituals. They will also be streamed live online by Zoom. God Bless you all.

British Summer Time Begins this Weekend

Remember to put your clocks forward one hour this Sunday morning, 28th March. It will be good once again to come to Mass in the evening and still in the daylight. Talking of light, you will notice in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church that since we've had the inner window frames painted and the glass washed, a lot more light now comes into the Church. Well done the two Allan's.

COVID and Holy Week

The following practical changes have been made:

Palm Sunday: Palm Crosses and copy of the Passion sitting on your seat.

Holy Thursday: No washing of the feet.

Good Friday: No kissing of the Cross.

Easter Vigil: No carrying/lighting of candles – torches or mobile torches permitted. Easter fire outside the porch in Broxburn and the door in Winchburgh.

Vestry Hour this coming week

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

Broxburn: Wednesday 31st March 2pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Thursday 1st April 2pm (01506 891310)

Walk of the Seven Churches

On or about Tuesday 30th March in the afternoon after 2pm, Fr Jeremy will be walking the '7 Churches' from the Parish Kirk, Broxburn, and finishing up at Ecclesmachan Church at about 5pm. As we are not allowed to gather in groups above 15 people and keep at a 2 metre distance, this will be an informal ramble between churches, stopping for a brief prayer and scripture reading from the bible. The intention is to make it an informal ecumenical exercise. Remember there were Catholic Churches here in the 13th Century, including at all three places, and Christians have been active in this area now for nearly 1,000 years. We pray now for Christian unity and walk in the spirit of 'Fratelli Tutti'.

The Magnificat has arrived

Copies of the Magnificat Monthly Mass book have now arrived for anyone who seeks a copy – very useful for Parish readers (£5.00 per copy).

Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021

P3 1st Confession/Reconciliation:

Holy Family School – the P3 children will make their 1st Confession on Monday 29th March at St Philomena's Church. P2/3 class coming at 6pm. P3/4 coming at 6.30 pm. We pray for all 11 children.

St Nicholas School – P3 children will make their 1st Confession on the Saturday's following Easter Week after the 5.30pm mass. The first Saturday being 17th April. Parents will be informed by email what dates they have been allocated – any dates allocated can be changed by prior arrangement with Fr Jeremy.

P4 1st Holy Communion:

Holy Family School – P4 children will be invited to make their 2nd Confession before their 1st Communion on Monday 29th March at 7pm in St Philomena's.

St Nicholas – P4 children will be invited to make their 2nd Confession in the weeks leading up to their 1st Communion on the Saturday evening after the 5.30pm Mass on the first 3 Saturdays in May.

P7 Confirmations: The candidates are encouraged to keep completing their workbook and be learning more about their chosen saint's name and be assured about their chosen sponsor for Confirmation, who should be a Catholic person, committed to their faith. If the sponsor chosen is not able to attend in person due to COVID travel restrictions, a proxy person may stand in their place.

Offertory Collection Envelopes 2021/2022

The existing tax year is due to end on 5th April. This means all those who make their weekly offering by church envelope can now collect their new book of envelopes from the Parish Office or have them, on request, posted out/delivered. It may be easier to make your offering by standing order. If you choose to do this, please request a standing order form from the office. Thank you for your generous giving and your responsible stewardship of our parishes – we depend on charity to survive. I do appreciate this is a hard time too for many households.

Extra Confessions – Holy Week

Now the Churches are open and people may wish to get to Confession before Easter, Fr Jeremy is providing extra time slots for Confession.

Winchburgh – Saturday 27th March 10.00 am

Broxburn – Saturday 27th March 6.30 pm

Broxburn – Sunday 28th March 6.00 pm

Winchburgh – Monday 29th March 7.30 pm (after P3 1st Confessions)

Or by individual request to the parish priest. NB: facemasks should be worn for this sacrament. Thankyou.

Family Rosary 2021

The 'Family Rosary' has been a spiritual 'lifeline' for many people, children included. It will continue, please God. We will stream it online until Wednesday 31st March at 6pm. Then from 1st April to 4th April, we focus on the 'Easter Triduum'. From Monday 5th April till Sunday 18th April (for 2 weeks) everyone is encouraged to pray the rosary daily in their homes. From Monday 19th April, Fr Jeremy will once more stream it online by Zoom. Thank you again to all the children and their families who help lead the rosary and the 'Zoomologists' who keep us tuned in. Our Lady of the Rosary – Pray for us!

Tragic Death of Young Mum

We pray for a young mum 'Kat' who died recently in tragic circumstances and left behind 3 children who attend St Nicholas Primary School. We pray for all involved and for the repose of her soul. God bless and help them all. The local community have been very kind in responding to this tragedy.

Archdiocesan Courses for Catholic Education, Catechists, Teachers and those interested in studying Theology

St Mary's University, Twickenham, are setting up a college, based at the Gillis Centre, from the summer of 2021. You can now apply to study 'Catholic Theology', School Leadership, Religious Education degree. For more information contact: stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in our learning for parish faith development in the future. Fr Jeremy is very happy to support and encourage aspiring students and post graduate students too in our parishes.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 204

What is the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection?

Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and now lives forever, so he himself will raise everyone on the last day with an incorruptible body: 'Those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation'. (John 5:29).

(In the coming weeks, extracts from the latest encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' will be shared).

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Who was the most recent non-Italian Pope before St John Paul II? **Pope Adrian VI - 1582**
2. Who are the 'hoi polloi'? **The Common Herd or 'the Many'**
3. What is the main difference in the distilling of Scotch and Irish Whiskies? **Irish Whiskey is distilled 3 times, Scotch usually twice.**

This Week's Quiz

1. What is a 'Magnum Opus'?
(a) Cannon (b) Champagne bottle (c) Great work (d) Legal document
2. What is an armature?
3. What is the Hebrew meaning of the word 'Hosanna'?

Eventbrite Links for Masses

Holy Thursday

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

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

Good Friday – Passion

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

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

Stations of the Cross –

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

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

Easter Vigil Masses –

Broxburn – 8pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146733322317>

Winchburgh – 6.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146733139771>

Easter Sunday Masses –

Broxburn – 9.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146734469749>

Winchburgh – 11.30 am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146734666337>

Zoom link for Mass as follows

<https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJeFB1QT09>

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43 Psalm: 117

2nd Reading: Col3:1-4 Sequence: Victimae Paschali

Gospel: Jn20:1-9

