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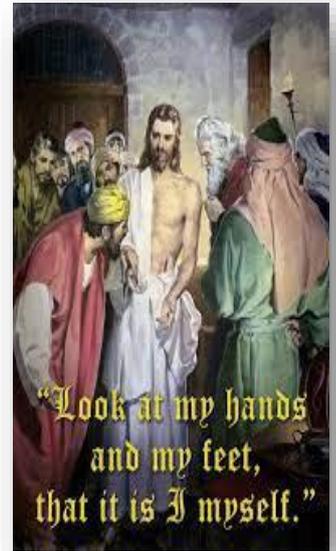
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**18th April 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BROXBURN</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Bob Carter – Pitlochry	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Canon B Healy RIP <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Anne Dunleavie (AV)	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Michael and Mary Anne Coyle <b>5.00pm Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Alec Renton RIP (Anniversary)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Joan Coghill RIP	<i>6.00 pm Rosary</i>	Eastertide Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>6.00 pm Rosary</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Mary, Harry and Eamon Dawson	Eastertide
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Gerard Devenney	<i>6.00 pm Rosary</i>	Memorial of St Anselm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>11am Requiem Mass</b> Kathleen McMahon RIP <i>6.00 pm Rosary</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Doherty Family	Eastertide
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Michael Harre & Catherine Delargy	<i>6.00 pm Rosary</i>	Memorial of St George
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Marion McGarty RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bishop Vincent Logan <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Joyce Sakala	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Philomena Gordon & Deceased Members of the Cannon Family <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Bernard & Jean Rafferty	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 

### **Theme: "Ignorance"**

I was watching a programme on BBC2 about 'Climate Change' and the alarming scale of ignorance that could cause the world to head rapidly to chaos and disaster. The Cambridge professor put it bluntly. If the world continues in ignorance to burn fossil fuels on the present scale, disaster faces us all in 10 years' time.

It was ignorance that was lamented in the Acts of the Apostles that led to the Crucifixion of Our Blessed Lord. Jesus, in his resurrectional appearance in Luke's gospel, pleads with the disciples to overcome their own ignorance, to understand the Holy Scriptures and bear witness to the power of his redeeming love in the world. A question we should ask ourselves in Eastertide is, 'What is my own level of ignorance in terms of faith, life and relationships'? Are my eyes closed to the world's needs and sufferings?

### **REFLECTION**

#### **'Conversion'**

'Conversion involves repentance and like conversion, repentance has to continue throughout the Christian life. Repentance is a work carried out at diverse times and but gradually and with many reverses perfected, we are ever but beginning. The most perfect Christian is to himself but a beginner, a penitent prodigal, who has squandered God's gifts and comes to Him to be tried over and over again, not as a son, but as a hired servant'. (St John Henry Newman).

'But what if I should discover that the very enemy himself is within me, that I myself am the enemy who must be loved – what then'? (Carl Gustav Jung).

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Ouch!'**

We are 'not out of the woods yet' it seems, although increasingly more of us have had the second vaccine and Churches and other facilities are open for our wellbeing, the virus is still around and we are constrained by regulations. Fr Jeremy was sadly not allowed to do the Divine Mercy Mass last Sunday, as he was identified as being close to someone at a recent funeral who tested positive. He apologises to all those who made the journey to attend that Mass; may the grace of God reward you for your devotion. The Mass intention for Margaret Chandler and Val McGhee will be offered up soon.

#### **Eastertide Now Upon**

In the 'nippy Spring' weather, we are now in the celebratory season of Eastertide. This is traditionally the time to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Weddings, First Communions and Confirmations. Let us keep in our prayers those especially on route to the sacraments of our faith. The sacraments are only there because of Jesus; without his incarnation, death and resurrection, there are no sacraments. Please pray also for the children who are making their First Confession in St John Cantius and St Nicholas in the coming weeks. Alleluia!

#### **Death of Prince Philip**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Catholic Hierarchy of Scotland have passed on their condolences at the news of the death of the Prince Consort, who had accompanied the Queen for over 70 years, which is no mean feat in terms of public life and service. We realise that the Royal Family have pressures like everyone else and the Queen has a strong faith in God. May he rest in peace and God have mercy on his soul.

#### **Recent Parish Bereavements**

##### **Tommy Brogan RIP**

Husband of Margaret, who works in Scotmid. Tommy was a much respected husband, father and member of the parish community, who helped with the 'plate' at Mass. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiem Mass, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April in Broxburn.

##### **Kathleen McMahon RIP**

Kathleen was a wife and mother who resided in Broxburn, for over 50 years. She was a devoted member of the Parish, much loved in the community and a good tennis player in her younger years. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.00 am in Broxburn.

##### **Lorraine Hudson RIP**

The mother of the late Kat Wood RIP, was herself found dead in her home on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. We pray for Dougie and all the family at this tragic time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

#### **Prayers**

Please keep Monsignor Tony Duffy in your prayers as he is very sick in hospital at this time. And all the sick in our parishes.

## Sacramental News

**First Confessions – Broxburn Parish** – As mentioned earlier, the P3 children are invited to attend the sacrament after the Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening (Mass at 5.30 pm). Due to COVID restrictions on numbers, they will be making the sacrament in small groups over the coming weekends. Parents are advised to book online or by phone for the Vigil Mass earlier on in the week. We pray for their experience of God's reconciling love and mercy.

**First Communions – P4** – The candidates in both parishes and in their respective schools, with the support of their parents, are strongly encouraged to work through their 'Sacramental Home Learning Books' – 6 weeks or so till the First Communions!

**Confirmations – P7** – The Confirmations take place in Eastertide.

**St John Cantius and St Nicholas** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm. The candidates will be divided into 3 groups of 10, so we can allow their sponsors, parents, guardian, brothers, sisters and teachers to attend. By now they should have chosen their saints name and their sponsor. Fr Jeremy will administer the sacrament this year.

**St Philomena's Parish** - the Confirmations will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm and at 7.30pm, again to allow families to attend.

Preparation meetings that parents must attend:

**Winchburgh Parish** – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 pm (in Church after Mass or on Zoom)

**Broxburn Parish** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm (on Zoom)

***The Zoom link for the parents meetings is: 725 827 1735 Passcode 850988***

**Bringing Confirmation Candidates to Mass** – Parents/Guardians are warmly encouraged to bring their children now to the Church for Mass. In Winchburgh Parish, a good day and time is every Saturday at 9.30am or 3.00pm. In Broxburn Parish, a good day and time is every Sunday at 5.00 pm. By the sharing in the Mass they will know what it means to belong in the Church.

### Family Rosary Starts up again

In this year of St Joseph with the continuing time of COVID vaccinations and the slow re-opening of life, we give thanks for how the 'Family Rosary' has helped to bring us spiritual strength and a focus to our days. As the schools return this week from the Easter break, Fr Jeremy will restart the 'Family Rosary' at 6.00 pm Monday to Friday on Zoom. This beautiful means of joint family prayer is a powerful means of engaging with God and seeking the intercession of Our Lady. Please come and join us by the normal mass link 725 827 1735 Passcode 850988. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us.

### Thank You

1. To all the Welcomers, Zoomologists, Mass Readers, Track and Tracers and Cleaners, who have enabled us to re-open for Mass. Your cordial and welcoming appreciation for what they do is also reciprocated by their cordial and kind contact with yourselves.
2. Canon John and Fr Jeremy are very grateful for all the lovely Easter cards and kind gifts over Easter. It is most overwhelming and kind.
3. For the SCIAF boxes handed in since Easter Sunday and also donations for Mary's Meals and SVDP. The charitable giving is crucial in helping to save lives at a critical time.

### Saints Days this Week

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** Memorial of St Anselm. Monk in Normandy. Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093 AD. Used philosophy to argue for the existence of God, "the most perfect being thinkable".

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Memorial of St George 300 AD. Born of Christian parents. Martyred under the Emperor Diocletian for refusing as a Roman soldier to worship false gods.

### Winchburgh Finance Meeting

The Finance Meeting is due to take place on Zoom on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm. Representation requested from: Hall Committee, Gift Aid, Money Counters, Bookkeeping and Church Stall. Thank you.

### Broxburn Parish Council Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April

The PPC is due to meet on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm via social distancing (provisionally) in the Parish Hall. Items for the agenda include: Parish life in a post COVID world. Reopening of resources in the Diocese. Major works on church building.

Working with the new Headteacher at St Nicholas.

Items for the agenda – please give to Peter Doolan or the parish office. Thank you.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April** is 'Good Shepherd' Sunday and the second collection is for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund, in other words, for the training of students for the priesthood. Over a 7year period, it costs at least £100,000.00 to train one student for the priesthood. If you can help with this, it is much appreciated. Thank you.

## The Teaching of the Catechism

### 'Youcat' – Catechism for Young Catholics

**Para 50 - What is the Church?** Answer – 'The Church is the community of all those who belong to Christ. The Church is holy because God works in her. The Church is Catholic which means Universal, sent to all. She is apostolic because she is built on the foundation of the apostles.

### Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure (Zoom)

Easter is a season of grace, so register now for a six week course titled Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure. It is hosted by the Archdiocese and takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm, starting **19 April**. Sessions will focus on grace according to the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the *Summa Theologica*. It will include an introduction on how to read the Summa, its structure, and how to go through one of Saint Thomas' articles. The webinar course is organised by the Catechetical Commission of the Archdiocese and led by Father Kevin Douglas (St Peter's & St Columba's, Edinburgh) and Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Register now at [bit.ly/GraceCourse2021](http://bit.ly/GraceCourse2021) Sessions will be recorded.

### Practical responses to Laudato si' (Zoom)

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato si' calls us to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the poor. In this event, participants can share experience in making practical responses, such as in daily choices and through creative ideas like community gardens. It takes place 10:00-11:30am on Zoom on **Saturday 24 April**. To register: [tinyurl.com/LSiResponses](http://tinyurl.com/LSiResponses) This event is organised by the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese.

### Exterminating Poverty or the Poor? A Scottish Doctor's Story (Zoom)

Mark H Sutherland & Neil Sutherland, authors of 'Exterminating Poverty', will tell the true story of how a Scottish doctor took on Marie Stopes 100 years ago, and why this matters today. This webinar will inform and inspire those who take up the pro-life fight today. It takes place at 7:45pm on **Monday 26 April**. Register now on Eventbrite [bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor](http://bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor).

### Eventbrite for weekend 24/25<sup>th</sup> April

Winchburgh 3pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146737298209>

Broxburn 5.30pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146758078363>

Broxburn 9.30 am - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150705061897>

Winchburgh 11.30 am - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150705699805>

Broxburn 5pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150706291575>

## Vestry Hour this coming week

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

Broxburn: Monday 19th April 2pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Wednesday 21st April 8pm (01506 891310)

## Answers to Last Week but one's Quiz

1. Did Judas Iscariot leave the Last Supper before or after the Washing of the Feet? **After**
2. In British greyhound racing, what colour is worn by the dog in trap three? **White**
3. What is the plural of: Cargo? Gross? Ox? **Cargoes Gross Oxen**

## This Week's Quiz

1. Where is the 'Stone of Destiny'?
2. Which glen in Scotland holds the remains of a secret seminary?
3. Which wee bird featured in the last farthing to be minted before decimalisation?

**Next weeks Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

**Psalm:** Ps 117

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2 **Gospel:** Jn 10:11-18

