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White Flower Sunday

Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 9 th December	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Annie Breslin RIP	9.30 am Mass Sue Pulman (sick)	St Juan Diego
Sunday 10 th December	9.30 am Mass Philip Gordon AV	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Advent (B)
Monday 11 th December	9.30 am Mass Nicholas Harty RIP (and for the 3 million disabled people he helped)	No Mass	2 nd week of Advent
Tuesday 12 th December	6.00 pm Mass Jordan Derek Gavin RIP	9.30 am Mass John Ferguson RIP	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30 am Mass Charlie Farrell RIP	No Mass	St Lucy - Memorial
Thursday 14 th December	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Josephine Tinney RIP	St John of the Cross - Memorial
Friday 15 th December	9.30 am Mass Mary Devenney RIP	10.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Keogh family	2 nd week of Advent
Saturday 16 th December	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Robert Hardcastle RIP	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass David Mallon (sick)	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 17 th December	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Joe Dean AV 6.00 pm Rorate Mass Nicky Haggerty RIP	3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Morning Prayer: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. - 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am Sat. - 8.30am

Confessions: Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm Tues. 6.30pm

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am Sat. 10.15 am



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10TH DECEMBER 2017

THEME



"Good News" - 'Really Good News': The very start of Mark's Gospel, reputedly dictated to him by Simon Peter, tells us that Jesus Christ is fundamentally Good News for the world. Everything about Jesus is good for us. How do we know this? Because of the Gospel accounts; the word 'Gospel' meaning 'Good News.' Jesus is good for us because He is the fulfilment of prophecy, the Saviour of the World. He rescues us from Original Sin; overcomes the power of evil (Apostles sent out to forgive repentant sinners). He establishes a Universal Creed of Faith that allows all nations to belong to the People of God. He shows His love for the poor, the sick, the oppressed and the outcast. He radiates the commandment of love thereby seeking to make us happier and, to crown it all, by His cross and passion paves the way to the Kingdom of Heaven and gives us the Holy Spirit. Now that is what I call GOOD NEWS!!!!

REFLECTION

"Interior Weeping - Brokenness Unto Life": 'As we sit within our inner desert like the desert fathers of earlier centuries, we learn to yield to the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, who alone can bring life, and that life abundantly. We cry out as often as we can, day and night, with distrust in our powers to save ourselves, but with childlike trust in Jesus the Healer. This demands a life of reflection, of sensitive inner knowledge in the light of God's indwelling presence and infinite love. In His light we see our darkness.' (Prayer of the Heart - George Maloney SF).

White Flower Sunday: Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we reflect on the sanctity of life straight from the time of conception. The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will take the retiring collection for their valuable Pro-Life work. Thank you.

The Sacred Season of Advent: Please treasure this sacred time to prepare yourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ. Take more time for prayer. There is silent Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Broxburn. Tuesday and Saturday in Winchburgh. There are confessions in both parishes and Fr Jeremy is also available for confession after the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. 'Rorate Masses' (candlelit Masses) will take place in both parishes for Advent. In Winchburgh on Sunday 17th December at 6.00 pm (this qualifies as a Sunday Mass) and in Broxburn at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 19th December. A very prayerful experience. Daily meditations are also available on the 'Sacred Space' website.

Syrian Appeal – Warm Clothing: The response to this urgent appeal has been outstanding. Thank you so much for over 60 bags of warm clothing handed in during the last two weeks.

St Peregrine Mass for the Sick: This will take place on Saturday 16th December at 10.30 am in St Philomena's, Winchburgh. It is a special Mass for those who are terminally ill and anyone who is seriously ill and able to come along (with help) and be anointed with the Oil of the Sick. It is also open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Baptism Class: All those couples preparing to have their babies baptised, please note there is a Baptism Class in the church sacristy in the Broxburn church on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The next adult Catechesis class is on Tuesday 12th December at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme this week is 'Communion of Saints'.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Joe Cannon, Sheila Wotherspoon, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Anne O'Kane, Mary Boylan, Marion Caulfield, Bridget Nelson, Cardinal O'Brien, Chris Brown, Donald MacNeil (Middleton Hall). Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Next Sunday's Readings: (3rd Sunday of Advent – 17th Dec). 1st reading: a reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11. Psalm: 1:46-50. 2nd Reading: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24. Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28.



SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH



Congratulations to Celia Peerless: We have in our parish a very special lady – Celia Peerless, who has won the 'BBC's Get Inspired Unsung Hero Award for Scotland' for her work with children with autism and learning difficulties. She volunteers as an athletics coach with Edinburgh Eagles and was nominated for this award by the parents of the children she coaches. We extend our very best wishes to Celia as she attends the Echo Arena in Liverpool for the 'BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award' on Sunday 17th December when she will be in competition with the winners from other BBC nations and regions for the overall UK honour.

St Nicholas Primary School Christmas Concert: The school concert will take place this Wednesday 13th December at 6.30 pm in the church of St John Cantius and St Nicholas. We look forward to seeing the children retelling the Christmas message. The Canon Hoban Hall (large hall) will be used for changing. The slimmers are kindly using the small hall that evening.

SVDP Senior Citizens' Christmas Party: This will take place on Sunday 7th January from 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

Legion of Mary Reunion: This will be held on 13th January with Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch in the Canon Hoban Hall. £12.00 per head. The list is at the back of the church for auxiliary and ex members

Advent Concert – Canon Hoban Hall: The Broxburn Silver Band are providing a fantastic concert in the hall this Sunday evening at 7.00 pm. Why not come along and enjoy the beautiful music? See you there.

'Poinsettia Sunday': This is the time to hand in your poinsettia plants for the Christmas decoration of the sanctuary. Why not dedicate your plant for someone who needs your love and prayers?

Please Give Blood: The Blood Transfusion Mobile Unit will be at the Strathbrock Community Centre this Tuesday 12th Dec. from 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm and from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm. They are requesting more volunteers – anyone in good health from the age of 17 to 66.

Cleaning Rota: 27th Dec. Group 2. 15th Jan. Group 3. 5th Feb. Group 4.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour is on Monday 11th December at 7.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £943.51. Building Fund: £323.05. Candles: £55.47. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': 2nd December – (No.52) Group 1 – M Griffin. Group 2 – H Hamilton.



ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH



Visits to the Sick and Housebound: Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound this Tuesday 12th December.

Holy Family Fayre: The school fayre raised over £1,300.00 for the school. Well done to all who made this come about.

Pensioners' Christmas Meal: On Tuesday 12th December at 4.30 pm in St Philomena's Hall is the Winchburgh Community Pensioners Christmas meal. Fr Jeremy looks forward to attending.

Recently Dead: Please pray for Betty Chell who died recently. She is the mother of Rob Chell.

Thank You for the Star: We are very grateful for the star now shining over the church. Donated by a kind family in the parish. Thanks to Andrew and Peter for their great efforts in installing it.

Putting Up The Decorations: Volunteers are requested to put up the crib and the tree in the church after the 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th December. We are blessed to have a very beautiful crib.

Thanks Ladies: We are very grateful to all of the ladies who work so hard in our kitchen and who, last busy weekend, were much to the fore.

Pre-Christmas Community Concert: An almost capacity attendance enjoyed last Sunday evening's ecumenical gathering in St Philomena's church. Well done, one and all.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour is on Friday 15th December at 11.30 am. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £311.20. Thank you for your generosity.