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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Michael Philbin AV	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John Ferguson RIP	Christmas Octave
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish 6.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Linda D'Alton RIP	Feast of the Holy Family
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018 	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Arthur Mulholland AV	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Thanksgiving Mass for all who helped with the Legion of Mary Visit	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	6.00 pm Mass John Arthur RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John McTiernan RIP	Feast of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James Morgan AV	<b>No Mass</b>	Christmas Season
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Tommy and Theresa McGowan and Baby Lennon (RIP)	Christmas Season
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John McAuley RIP	<b>10.30 am Mass-</b> Betty Chell RIP	Feast of St Nathalan
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Shaun Smith AV	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Martin and Theresa O'Hara AV	Christmas Season
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Sally McCombe RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	Feast of The Epiphany

**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 6.30 pm

**Winchburgh:** Fri. 11.00 am Sat. 10.15 am



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017



#### THEME

**'Be Holy':** Mary and Joseph went to the temple to fulfil a ritual of the Jewish religion. Besides Jesus being a first-born male, He must be consecrated to God. In the temple the Holy Family met two elderly people who were also looking forward to salvation as did everyone. But they were the only ones who deserved to recognise the Saviour before He could express Himself. Simeon and Anna alike expected a Saviour in the purest sense; not a temporal or political Saviour as was commonly expected in Jesus' time, but a universal Saviour from evil and sin. These two holy persons - and Mary and Joseph as well - belong to the "small remnant of Israel" a minority of Jews who were faithful to the best teaching of the prophets.

#### REFLECTION

**'The Family - Evangelium Vitae' - St John Paul II 1995:** 'The family celebrates the Gospel of Life through daily prayer, both individual prayer and family prayer. The family prays in order to glorify and give thanks to God for the gift of life, and implores His light and strength in order to face times of difficulty and suffering without losing hope.'

**The Feast of the Holy Family** - 'Time for Prayer - A New Year.' 2018 is a special year for the Eucharist. A Eucharistic Congress is being called in Liverpool, England. In preparation, Fr Jeremy is having a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration at 6.00 pm on ('Auld Year's Night') - 31<sup>st</sup> December - in SS John Cantius and Nicholas Church followed by evening prayer. This is open to everyone. The Church, the World, our Society needs prayer.

**Thank You:** Fr Jeremy and Canon John would like to thank everyone who was involved in both parishes for their hard work in making the Christmas Services and Masses go so well. Your efforts have not been taken for granted and are very much appreciated. Both churches are beautiful for Christmas. Thank you also to the people who donated the poinsettias for both churches. The Christmas Day crib offerings will go to the Bethlehem Orphans Appeal in Palestine. Thank you for your generosity.

**No Mass:** There will be no Mass in Broxburn on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30 am.

**Cyrenians:** Please note the telephone number for the Cyrenians Befriending Service. Many people feel isolated and lonely, especially at this time of the year. They offer an ongoing weekly telephone support for people aged 60+ (01506) 815815 or e-mail [befriendingWL@cyrenians.scot](mailto:befriendingWL@cyrenians.scot). You can also call in at their office at 19b South Bridge Street, Bathgate, EH48 1TR.

**The Samaritans:** Please also note the telephone number of the Samaritans which is 0131 221 9999 for anyone who feels the need to talk to someone confidentially.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The next adult Catechesis class is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme is 'Liturgy'.

**Guild of St Stephen:** - Renewal and Presentation of Medals. After the Feast of St Stephen, the Altar Servers should renew their promises and new servers be commissioned. This will take place at 5.30 pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January and 9.30 am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January in Broxburn. Also at 11.30 am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January in Winchburgh. When all are back from holiday.

**School Holidays:** The schools return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January after the Christmas Break.

**Diocesan Directories 2018:** The new Archdiocesan Directory is on sale, only £2.50. It is packed with useful information and photos.

**Parish Calendars:** These will be available for the New Year. Please take one home and give one also to your friends. No charge. Thank you to Harry Arthur and John Muir for organising them.

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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** (The Epiphany of the Lord - 7<sup>th</sup> January) 1st reading: a reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm: 71:1-2. 2nd Reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.



### **SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH**



**Christmas Concert DVD:** The DVD of the St Nicholas Primary School Christmas concert is now available from Harry Arthur, priced £6.50. Proceeds will go towards the school. They can be delivered within a reasonable distance. Please call 857077.

**Mary Woodward RIP:** The funeral service of Mary Woodward is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 12 o'clock at West Lothian Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May she rest in peace.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will 'First Foot' the housebound on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January in Broxburn east and west and Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Senior Citizens Party:** SVP, who are organising this party on 7<sup>th</sup> January, are appealing for donations of raffle prizes which can be left in the church porch. West Lothian Council are helping to finance the party.

**Church Cleaning Rota:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. Group 3. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Group 4.

**Collections:** (Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.) Offertory: £870.30. Building Fund: £285.90. Candles: £108.00. (Christmas) Offertory: £1,452.00. Building Fund: £165.00. Stall: £190.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**'59 Club':** 23<sup>rd</sup> December - (No. 41) Group 1 - B MacRae. Group 2 - M McIntyre.



### **ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH**



**Damage to the Church House Ceiling:** Please avoid entering the parish house sitting room in Winchburgh. The ceiling has collapsed and will need a major repair.

**Sunday Teas and Coffees:** There will be no teas and coffees on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will 'First Foot' the housebound in Winchburgh on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £319.16. (24<sup>th</sup> Dec.). Christmas collection to be confirmed. Thank you for your generosity.