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**AND ST PHILOMENA'S**

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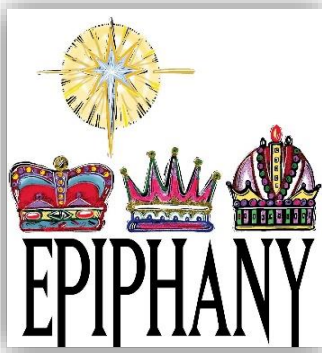
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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Shaun Smith AV	9.30 am Mass Martin and Theresa O'Hara AV	Christmas Octave
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am Mass Sally McCombe RIP	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	Feast of The Epiphany
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass 9.30 am Eucharistic Service	No Mass	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	No 6.00 pm Mass	9.30 am Mass Fr Quigley RIP	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year B
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am Mass Lilian Sheridan RIP	No Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year B
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass	9.30 am Mass John Ghent AV	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year B
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am Mass Flora, Tom, Janet & family	No Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year B
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Annie Breslin RIP	9.30 am Mass Anna-Maria Diamond (recovery)	FEAST OF ST KENTIGERN
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am Children's Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Bill Cannon AV	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year 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 6.30 pm

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



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**



**THEME**

**'Brought to Light':** The word 'Epiphany' means bringing to Light what already exists. The Magi, the wise travellers or star watchers from the east knew how to follow the light of the stars. The destiny of their search is the Christ-child, Jesus. Now that they have encountered Jesus, their lives of searching are over. They no longer have to look at the stars. The same applies to all of us; once we have really encountered the person of Jesus there is no need to look elsewhere. Christ Jesus, the anointed one, is our help and our salvation. The gifts of the Magi; gold, frankincense and myrrh, tell us that there is only one person who combines qualities of Kingship, priesthood and sacrificial lamb, that is Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, brought to light.



**REFLECTION**



**'The Nativity':** "We enter the stable with bated breath, looking around us, smelling the hay and the animals, but focussing on the child and His mother listening to their heartbeats in the imagination of our own hearts. We allow the Morning Star to cast its light into our hearts as we enter this joyful and profound mystery of hope for all humanity." (*Christ Our Morning Star - Magdalen Lawler*).

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**2018 - A Year of Healing and Hope:** The new calendar year 2018 calls us to a spirit of healing and hope. This Epiphany Sunday brings with it a prayer for Justice and Peace - we pray in hope that the Christians of the Middle East may be able to return home and rebuild their broken lives. We look to the Church as Healer and Sacrament to empower us all with God's healing love. In the home, out in the street, the ghetto and slum, in the criminal underworld and the enslavement of the

poor and the powerless. This year, 2018, a World Eucharistic Congress has been called in Liverpool - the 'Sacrament of the Infinite Love of Christ' as Pope Francis calls it. In 2018 Lent brings with it opportunities for renewal, healing and conversion; weekly talks are planned. In 2018 pilgrimages are offered to Gozo (Malta) and Lourdes. We look forward in faith and hope to the two parishes serving Christ with their distinct communities but working together for the Universal Church. Have a truly blessed year. The Grace and Peace of Father, Son and Spirit to you all.

**No Masses:** There will be no morning Mass in Broxburn on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. There will, however, be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30 am. Also, please note there is no 6.00 pm evening Mass in Broxburn on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**Letter from Bishop Nolan:** There are copies of a letter from Bishop Nolan at the back of the church to mark Justice and Peace Sunday which is today, 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please take one. The second collection today is for the work of Justice and Peace in our world.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The next adult Catechesis class is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme is 'Sacraments'.

**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. We pray and give thanks for their great dedication to serving on the altar at Mass.

**Feast of St Kentigern:** The feast day of St Kentigern is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. He was a missionary to the Britons in Strathclyde and was consecrated their Bishop. He died in 603 and is buried in Glasgow. We pray for the people of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and for the pupils and staff of St Kentigern's school in Blackburn.

**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:** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the year 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.): 1st reading: a reading from the first book of Samuel 3:3-10. Psalm: 39. 2nd Reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15. Gospel: John 1:35-42. For those who choose to prepare beforehand.



### SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH



**Sacramental Programme - Parish and School: Primary 4 (First Communion).** The next parents' meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.30 pm in the church, following the 6.00 pm evening Mass and all parents and children are invited to attend.

**Primary 3 (First Confession).** The next event for the children preparing for Confession is the Rite of Illumination at 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Please bring their Confirmation Candle with you.

**Children's Masses:** The next Children's Mass in Broxburn, is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take an active part in the Mass.

**Legion of Mary Regional Mass - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon:** We pray for the Regional Mass taking place next Saturday in SS John Cantius and Nicholas Church and the shared meal in the Canon Hoban Hall afterwards. May it all be guided by the prayerful presence of Our Lady.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm.

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

**Collections:** Offertory: £835.00. Building Fund: £373.80. Candles: £125.65. '59 Club': £200.00. Bethlehem Orphanage: £62.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': 30<sup>th</sup> December - (No. 34) Group 1 - C Docherty. Group 2 - T Boylan.

**'59 Club':** This is a weekly draw in Broxburn which only costs £1.00 a week. You can win each week a prize of £30.00. The proceeds go towards the parish building fund. There are six vacant numbers just now. Why not join up.? Speak to Creena Docherty.



### ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH



**Sacramental Programme, Parish and School: Primary 4 (First Communion).** The next parents' meeting is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January after the 11.30 am Mass in the Parish House. All parents are expected to attend. **Primary 3 (First Confession).** The next event for the children preparing for Confession is the Rite of Illumination at 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please bring their Baptismal Candle along to the Mass. **Primary 4 (Mass of Enrolment)** will also take place at this Mass.

**Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass at St Philomena's is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11.30 am. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take an active part in the Mass.

**THANK YOU:** to 'Waddie', Rachael's dear husband, who made reindeer for the roof fund which raised over £150.00. We are delighted. Great effort!!

**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 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am.

**Collections:** Offertory: £330.05. Christmas collection: £739.57. Thank you for your generosity.