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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 20 th January 2018	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Brogan family (RIP)	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Special Intention	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 21 st January	9.30 am Mass Stevenson & Doyle families	11.30 am Children's Mass For the People of the Parish	3 rd Sunday of the Year B
Monday 22 nd January	9.30 am Mass Mr and Mrs Adam and Catherine Karolewski & daughter Catherine	No Mass	3 rd Week of the Year
Tuesday 23 rd January	6.00 pm Mass Bernadette & Patrick Rice (RIP)	9.30 am Mass James and Ellen McWilliams and family	3 rd Week of the Year
Wednesday 24 th January	9.30 am Mass John Mackie	No Mass	Memorial of St Francis de Sales (patron saint of editors, writers and journalists)
Thursday 25 th January	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Patrick Storie (AV)	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Friday 26 th January	9.30 am Mass Ann Devenney RIP	10.30 am Mass Cardinal O'Brien (ill)	Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus
Saturday 27 th January	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Maria Toner RIP	9.30 am Mass Frank Brown (Jnr)	St Angela Merici (founder of the Ursulines)
Sunday 28 th January	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Children's Mass John Tominey (Snr)	4 th 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 21ST JANUARY 2018

THEME



"Change or Decay": 'Gosh, how much you've changed' - This can be for the better or perhaps not so. To be polite, we are often tempted to say to people we haven't seen for years, 'Oh you haven't changed a bit.' Our physical appearance will inevitably change, even for Lulu and Joan Collins! A question we must all ask ourselves is, 'Am I changing for the better?' or "Am I changing for the worse?" Jesus Christ, because He loves us, always encourages us to change for the better. In other words, 'Repent' - turn away from all that corrupts your mind, makes you selfish, proud or aggressive. Sin entraps us like the nets of the fishermen and we often don't see the dangers we are meddling in. The Good News is that Jesus Christ invites us to find an enlightened way of being alive in the world that makes us shine out like sparks in the stubble. Don't let the world change you for the worst; choose yourself to change the world for the better!

REFLECTION

Prayer for Unity in Christ: 'Lord Jesus, who on the eve of your death, prayed that all your disciples might be one, as you in the Father and the Father in you. Make us feel intense sorrow over the infidelity of our disunity. Give us the honesty to recognise and the courage to reject, whatever indifference towards one another, or mutual distrust, or even enmity, that lie hidden within us.' (Paul Couturier).



SHARED PARISH NEWS//



Archdiocesan Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30 pm. We have been asked by the Archbishop to host the Archdiocesan Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30 pm. Reverend Matthew Ross, Chair of the ACTS (Action for Churches Together in Scotland) will give the homily. As this is a major regional event, where we are the hosts, I warmly encourage members of the parishes of St John Cantius and St Nicholas and St Philomena's to come along and help lead the singing. Teas and coffees will be served in the hall afterwards. The theme is 'Coming to the Aid of those Enslaved' – prepared by the Churches of the Caribbean.

Eucharistic Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Most Catholics say they want to pray more. Very few know or are aware of praying quietly in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Even, dare I say it, many younger parishioners here don't know what 'Adoration' and 'Benediction' mean. In case you haven't heard, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 am in Broxburn and every Tuesday and Saturday at 8.30 am in Winchburgh, we have Eucharistic Adoration. This is a privileged time to pray silently in front of the Blessed Sacrament; to be in the presence of God. I now quote from the writings of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. 'A church without a Eucharistic Presence is somehow dead, even when it invites people to pray. But a church in which the eternal light is burning before the tabernacle is always alive, is always something more than a building made of stones. In this place the Lord is always waiting for me, calling me, wanting to make me "eucharistic". In this way he prepares me for the Eucharist, sets me in motion towards his return'.

Blessing of Houses: If anyone in the parishes would like their house blessed Fr Jeremy would be more than happy to do so. It is a tradition in many parts of the world, after the Feast of the Epiphany, for the priest to bless the homes of parishioners. Please contact Fr Jeremy to arrange a suitable date and time and to ensure that he knows where you live!

Safeguarding Training: The next Level 1 Safeguarding Training for all volunteers is on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30 pm in St Margaret's Primary School hall, Station Road, South Queensferry. The training should last approximately 2 hours. For those of you who have not yet completed Level 1 Training can you please ensure that you attend this training if possible.

St Margaret's Annual Burns Ceilidh: This will take place on Friday 26th January in the school atrium from 7.00 pm until 11.00 pm. Ticket prices are £10.00 per adult and £5.00 child/concession, which includes a 'guid' Burns supper, great entertainment and dancing the night away to superb ceilidh music. Tickets will be on sale after most Sunday masses in each parish, or you can contact the school office on 01506 497104 or telephone Fiona McKeon on 07973 746642 to reserve tickets. A great opportunity to socialise with friends in a great atmosphere whilst supporting the school's fundraising initiatives. Thank you for your support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The next adult Catechesis class is this Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme is 'Baptism'.

Job Vacancy: 'The Leprosy Mission Scotland has a job vacancy for a Head of Structured Giving, based at our Stirling office. This job may be of interest to one of your congregation or one of their friends or family. For more information see our website www.leprosymission.scot or e-mail jobs@leprosymission.scot. Closing date is 31st January.' Linda Todd, Chief Executive Officer.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Neil Pettigrew, 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: (4th Sunday of the year 28th January): 1st reading: a reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20. Psalm: 94:1-2. 2nd Reading: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35. Gospel: Mark 1:21-28. 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 23rd 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: Rite of Illumination (First Confession).** The next event for the children preparing for Confession is the Rite of Illumination at 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 28th January. Please bring their Confirmation Candle with you. **Primary 4: Mass of Enrolment and Recommitment** is on Sunday 4th February at 9.30 am. Children to be accompanied by a parents/guardian.

Annual General Meeting – Canon Hoban Hall: 'The AGM will take place on Mon. 29th January in the Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm. All are invited. Any questions to be in the hands of the Committee by 21st January'. Brian MacRae. This is an opportunity for us as a parish to affirm the work of the hall committee and that by attending the AGM, to show that you take a genuine interest in how the hall is run. Fr. Jeremy hopes to set up a Social Committee very soon so that we can make better use of this wonderful resource.

Fabric Report: This past week a security fence has been erected at the back of the church building to deter people climbing onto the church roof.

Annual Accounts: The annual accounts have now been prepared for Broxburn parish and again we express our deep gratitude to Stephen Waggott for handling this in a delicate way. Copies of End-of-Year Accounts are available at the back of the church. It is good to see that although we spent £30,000 on repairs and maintenance of the church and house we still managed to increase our bank balance by £10,000 over the 12-month period. As you know, there is still a lot of building work to be done. Thank you for your generosity and offerings.

THANK YOU: 'SVDP would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity and for making the annual event on Sunday 7th January so memorable. There were enough prizes to give to all attending and also to take gifts to the homeless charities in Broxburn and Sr Alred in Edinburgh. Thank you also to the younger generation of the Reid family for ensuring that the raffle ran smoothly. Thank you everyone'. Mia Graham.

Davina Torrance – Thank You: Davina would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, visits, cards and flowers which she received after her recent operation. She is now on the road to recovery and hopes to be up and mobile very soon.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Monday 22nd January at 5.00 pm.

Church Cleaning Rota: 5th Feb. Group 4.

Collections: Offertory: £789.00. Building Fund: £281.50. Candles: £254.33. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': 6th January (No. 5) Winners will be published next week.



ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH



Children's Mass: The first Children's Mass of the new calendar year is this Sunday 21st January at 11.30 am.

Sacramental Programme, Parish and School: **Primary 4: Parents' Meeting** is this Sunday after 11.30 am Mass. **Primary 3: Rite of Illumination (First Confession).** The next event for the children preparing for First Confession is this Sunday 21st January at the Children's Mass. Please bring their Baptismal Candle along to the Mass. **Primary 4; Mass of Enrolment and Recommitment** will take place on Sunday 4th February at 11.30 am Mass.

Fabric Report: The repair of the ceiling in the parish house is on-going. The end of the year accounts will be published next week. We hope that the major roof work will go ahead this year. Thank you for all your fund-raising efforts and for all your generosity.

Parish Pastoral Council: The parish pastoral council will meet this Monday 22nd January at 7.00 pm in the parish house. Please submit items for the agenda to the parish office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: We have dates available in February and onwards. If you have any Mass intentions you would like said, please hand these into the Parish Office.

Annual General Meeting Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals teas and coffee ladies. The AGM for Mary's Meals Charity is on Sunday 28th January after the teas and coffees.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 26th January at 4.30 pm.

Collections: Offertory: £459.03. Thank you for your generosity.