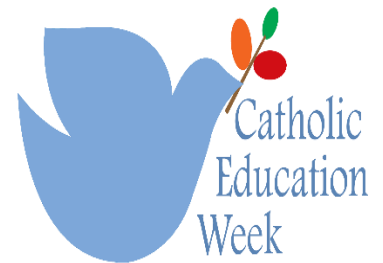
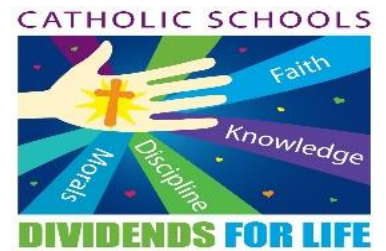






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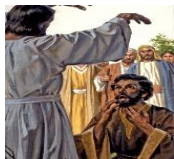
Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 27 January 2018	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Maria Toner RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Frank Brown (Jnr.)	St Angela Merici (founder of the Ursulines Order)
Sunday 28 January (Catholic Education Sunday)	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> John Tominey (Snr.)	Fourth Sunday of the Year
Monday 29 January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John McAuley RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	Fourth Week of the Year
Tuesday 30 January	<b>6.00 pm Mass</b> Edward McLaughlin RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bridget D'Alton (AV)	Fourth Week of the Year
Wednesday 31 January	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John Arthur RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	St John Bosco
Thursday 01 February	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Rev. Bernard Spiral S.D.B. (91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	Fourth Week of the Year
Friday 02 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> The McCallion Family (AV)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Josie Dean (AV)	The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple 
Saturday 03 February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Fr Edward Warner	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Susan Jones (AV)	St Blaise (Candlemas Day) 
Sunday 04 February	<b>9.30 am Children's Mass</b> Catherine Callaghan (AV)	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of the Year

**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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY) - 28 JAN 2018**

**THEME**



**Authority and Power:** Jesus shows us in the Gospel today that he has absolute authority and power to teach the world how to overcome sin and suffering. He rescues a man who is possessed by an unclean spirit. The Pharisees and High Priests taught people that evil possession was a punishment from God. But Jesus shows us something very different, that God wants all evil to be taken away from those who are possessed by evil of any kind. Therefore, when evil is confronted by Jesus Christ, because He is God, He has the power to drive it away. In our disordered world let us never under-estimate the help that Jesus Christ can give us when our lives are overburdened by dark or evil thoughts. The power of God to rescue us is given most beautifully in the Sacrament of Confession where Jesus teaches us that a humble and contrite spirit will never be rejected by God. As we prepare for 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on our own lives, where we need to purify our own conscience and be ready to embrace this sacred season of Lent in a spirit where we are open to the authority and teaching of Jesus.

**REFLECTION**

**Healing Power:** "Stronger than all the evils in the soul is the Word, and the healing power that dwells in him. (Origen of Alexandria).



**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church:** Para. 1847 - SIN; 'God created us without us: but He did not will to save us without us. To receive His mercy, we must admit our faults. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

**Catholic Education Week - (28 January to 02 February):** This Sunday marks the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week, we are asked to reflect on how we are "Serving the Common Good" in our homes, schools and parishes. Also, if you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service; [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com).

**Palms for Ash Wednesday:** Could you please hand into the church your palms from last year. We can use them for this year's ashes on Ash Wednesday on 14 February.

**Blessing of Throats:** As Saturday 03 February is the Feast of St Blaise (Candlemas Day) Fr Jeremy will perform the Blessing of Throats both at 9.30 am morning Mass in Winchburgh and at 5.30 pm Vigil Mass in Broxburn. Anyone who would like to bring their candles to have them blessed please put them on the altar before Mass. As this day is the World Day of Consecrated Life, we pray for all those who have consecrated their lives to Christ.

**Health and Social Care Partnership, West Lothian:** We have been invited by West Lothian Council to send a representative from our parishes to the West Lothian Senior People's Forum at Howden Park Centre, Livingston on 06 Feb. from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. Older people presently represent a significant proportion of the population of West Lothian with the number likely to increase in the future. Consideration has been given to the proposed Membership of the Forum and it has been agreed that older people themselves would be able to act as representatives for older people within West Lothian. If anyone would like to represent our parishes, please speak to Fr Jeremy for more details.

**Safeguarding Training:** A reminder that the next Level 1 Safeguarding Training for all volunteers is on Tues. 30 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The next adult Catechesis class is this Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme is 'Confirmation.'

**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:** (Fifth Sunday of the Year - 04 February). First Reading: a reading from the book of Job 7:1-4,6-7. Psalm: 146:1-6. Second reading: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. Gospel: Mark 1:29-39.

### ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH



**Sacramental Programme, Parish and School:** Primary 4: Mass of Enrolment and Recommitment will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 am Mass. Children to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**St Philomena's Roof Update - 28 January 2018:** 'We are pleased to report that we are well on our way to raising the required finance to replace St Philomena's church roof. At this point, there is a shortfall between finance secured so far and estimated cost of the project of £47K. We are awaiting the outcome of two bids. The WREN response is due in mid-February and is worth £50K. The National Churches Trust response is due at the end of March and is worth £25K. If the bids are successful, we have the approval of the Archdiocese to proceed with the work with all possible speed. However, depending on the outcome of the bids, we may have to approach the Archdiocese for a loan to cover any shortfall. We have already appointed Summers Inman as project managers of the work and identified a preferred contractor. We are now at a critical stage in this project. The fact that we have raised so much money in just over a year is a testament to the great work done by everyone in the group, and to the credit of St Philomena's parishioners. We are also grateful to others out with the parish for generous support. Now, let us all keep our fingers crossed for positive outcomes from WREN and the National Churches Trust.' Margaret Moffat

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound on Tuesday 13 February.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Wednesday 31 January at 5.30 pm.

**Collections:** Offertory: £334.61. Thank you for your generosity.



### SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH

**Sacramental Programme - Parish and School:** Primary 4: Mass of Enrolment and Recommitment is next Sunday 04 February at 9.30 am. Children to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass is next Sunday 04 February at 9.30 am.

**Annual General Meeting - Canon Hoban Hall:** The AGM will take place tomorrow, Mon. 29 January, in the Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm. All are invited. Any parishioners who would like to come along and take an interest in how the hall is being run and to offer ideas on how we can make better use of the hall are most welcome. Your ideas and initiatives would be appreciated.

**Baptisms:** Please pray for Alicja Helena Podkowa and Ella Margaret Harrison who are to be baptised today 28 January in Broxburn. We also pray for their parents and godparents.

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound in Broxburn east and west on Monday 05 February. As he has a Deanery Meeting on Wednesday morning, 07 February, he will visit Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont in the afternoon of that day.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Tuesday 30 January at 5.00 pm.

**Church Cleaning Rota:** 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Group 4. 26 Feb. Group 1. 19 Mar. - Group 2. 09 April - Group 3. 30 April - Group 4.

**Collections:** Offertory: £758.50. Building Fund: £253.05. Candles: £80.38. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': 13 January: (No. 5) Group 1 - E Connolly. Group 2 - M Curran. 20 January: (No. 47) Group 1 - M Shade. Group 2 - B Stevenson.