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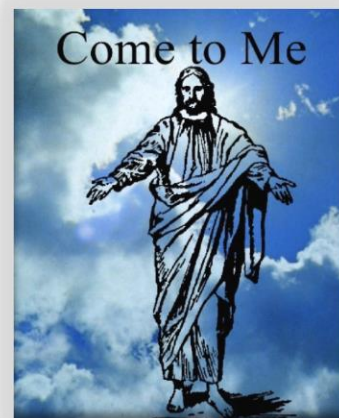
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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 03 February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Fr Edward Warner	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Susan Jones (AV)	St Blaise 
Sunday 04 February	<b>9.30 am Children's Mass</b> Catherine Callaghan (AV)	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of the Year
Monday 05 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Cavanagh Family	<b>No Mass</b>	St Agatha - Memorial
Tuesday 06 February	<b>6.00 pm Mass</b> Terry Brady RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Mary and Joseph Nugent	St Paul Miki and companions
Wednesday 07 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Lilian Sheridan RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	Fifth Week of the Year
Thursday 08 February	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> James Morgan RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James O'Hara	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita
Friday 09 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Hugh Devine RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	Fifth Week of the Year
Saturday 10 February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Taffy Smith RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Devine and Goldsburgh Families	St Scholastica - Memorial (sister of St Benedict)
Sunday 11 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Archie McWilliams (AV)	Sixth Sunday of the Year (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

**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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 04 FEBRUARY 2018**

**THEME**

**"Fullness of Life":** Who wants to be 'half dead' or barely 'alive'? In truth, we all would choose to have the fullness of life. What does that mean? That the people in today's Gospel, including Simon's mother-in-law, recognise how much Christ can help us to overcome the torments and trials of human existence. People came to Him in their thousands because He granted them hope, healing and restoration in a disordered world. Jesus, invigorated by prayer, wasted no time in extending Himself to the furthest reaches of Capernaum and the outlying districts. He recognised that many needy people do not know how to come to Him, so He goes out to them. Just as we are called to go the extra mile to those who need our help but are too afraid to ask for it. The fullness of life in Christ is found by encountering each other in a Christ-like way.

**REFLECTION**



**'Prayer and Adoration':** "Every day, at sunrise and sunset, believers renew their adoration or acknowledgement of the presence of God, Creator and Lord of the Universe. This recognition is full of gratitude that wells up from the depths of their heart and floods their entire being, for it is only by adoring and loving God above all things that human beings can totally fulfil themselves." (Pope Benedict XVI).



**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**Happy Candlemas Day:** Friday 02 February marked the official end of Christmastide when Mary and Joseph presented the child Jesus in the Temple of Solomon, as the law required. There, Simeon and Anna recognised that this little Jewish boy was indeed the Holy One of God. Now we have this short 'breathing space' between Candlemas and Lent; 10 days to reflect on how we are called to enter these 40 days of prayer, fasting and repentance.

**Lent Approaches:** Lent 2018 starts on Wednesday 14 February, with Ash Wednesday, dare I say it, even more important than Valentine's Day or the Feast of St Cyril and Methodius. The chosen theme in Lent this year is: "New Life in Christ." There will be Masses on Ash Wednesday as follows: 7.00 am Dawn Mass (Broxburn). 9.30 am Mass (Broxburn). 10.30 am Mass (Winchburgh) Holy Family School attending. 7.00 pm Evening Mass (Winchburgh). Ashes will also be given out during the day to St Nicholas School.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:** Sunday 11 February would, if it were a weekday, be the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Bishops have declared it as a "World Day of Prayer for the Sick." A particular time to pray for all those with mental, physical or spiritual afflictions, through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Pilgrimage to Malta and Gozo May 2018:** The people who have signed up for the pilgrimage to Malta and Gozo from 13 - 17 May are advised that the flights are booked and there is a planning meeting to be held on Sunday 25 Feb. at 2.00 pm in Broxburn house.

**Night Calls at St John's Hospital:** Fr Jeremy is on the night calls at the hospital this coming week. Please remember to call the priest if someone is seriously ill. Don't wait until they have died. During the day ask the nurse to page the on-call priest. During the night ask the hospital to call out the 'night-call' priest.

**Data Protection Act:** The Government has introduced a new Data Protection Act. We all need to be more careful about sharing personal information regarding third parties. Also, that parish records are kept in a secure way. The advent of Information Technology has brought its own need for greater safeguards. The clergy have a training day on 08 February.

**Fr Martin Xavier RIP:** There is a Memorial Mass for Fr Martin who died tragically last year and was Parish Priest at St John's, Corstorphine. The Mass is on Wednesday 07 February at 7.00 pm at St John's Church, Corstorphine. His family in India are very poor and his two brothers are disabled. This will be a worthy cause to support in Lent.

**The Beginning Experience:** The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 23 - 25 March 2018 at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or e-mail [rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk). Completed applications must be returned by Friday 09 March 2018. See poster on notice board.

**'White Mass' Scottish Catholic Medical Association:** (For Healthcare Professionals & the Work of Healthcare in Scotland): The 'White Mass' is being held in Glasgow this year at St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 11 February at 12 noon. A reception with Archbishop Tartaglia will take place following the Mass in the Diocesan Offices on Clyde Street. For more info e-mail [scottishcma@gmail.com](mailto:scottishcma@gmail.com). See poster on notice board.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** The class is on Tuesday 06 Feb. 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. The theme is 'Eucharist'. Please pray for the Catechumens who will present their names at the Cathedral on 18 Feb. to join 'The Elect.'

**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:** (Sixth Sunday of the Year - 11 February). First Reading: a reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2. Psalm: 31:1-2.5. Second reading: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11. Gospel: Mark 1:40-45.

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

**Children's Sacraments:** The primary four children will have their Rite of Recommitment today 04 February at 11.30 am Mass.

**Children's Mass:** The next children's Mass will take place on Sunday 11 February at 11.30 am with Canon John.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Please could all those who received letters three/four weeks ago, decide on their representative for the Parish Pastoral Council by 15 February. If you are having difficulty in finding a representative, please let Fr Jeremy know.

**No Mass on Friday 09 February:** Please note there is no Mass on Friday 09 February.

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

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Saturday 10 February at 11.00 am.

**Collections:** Offertory: £296.33. Special Collection (Catholic Education Sunday): £132.95. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Children's Sacraments: Primary Four -** The children have the Rite of Recommitment at 9.30 am Mass today 04 February. On Sunday 18 February the primary four children are presented with the 'Our Father.'

**Alarm System - Canon Hoban Hall:** The Canon Hoban Hall is having a new alarm system installed in the near future and all key holders are requested to give their names to any of the Hall Committee.

**Funeral of James Morgan RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of James Morgan from Uphall who has died. His funeral will take place on Thursday 08 Feb. at 9.30 am, followed by burial at Loaninghill. His coffin will be received into the church at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 07 February. May he rest in peace.

**Consecration to Our Lady:** Is after 6.00 pm Mass on Tuesday evenings and lasts approximately half an hour.

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound in Broxburn east and west on Monday 05 February and Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont in the afternoon of Wednesday 07 February.

**Baptism:** This Sunday Amelia Anne Bates will be baptised. We pray for her parents, godparents and family on this day.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Tuesday 06 February 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: £921.00. Building Fund: £93.30. Special Collection (Catholic Education Sunday): £428.00. '59 Club': £200.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': 27 January: (No. 16) Group 1 - C Peerless. Group 2 - A Donnelly.