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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 10 February	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Taffy Smith RIP	9.30 am Mass Devine and Goldsburgh Families	St Scholastica (sister of St Benedict)
Sunday 11 February	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Children's Mass Archie McWilliams (AV)	Sixth Sunday of the Year World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Monday 12 February	9.30 am Mass John McCarron RIP	No Mass	Sixth Week of the Year
Tuesday 13 February	6.00 pm Mass Andrew Wilson RIP	9.30 am Mass Patrick Mark Philbin (AV)	Sixth Week of the Year Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 February 	7.00 am Mass Natividad Rodriegos RIP 9.30 am Mass Sister Maria Tecla De Scoza and Sister Helen McGuire	9.30 am Mass Leo McDonald RIP 7.00 pm Mass Special Intention	 Lent Begins Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15 February	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Sean Hanlon	Thursday after Ash Wed.
Friday 16 February	7.00 am Mass Eileen Phillips RIP 9.30 am Mass Kathleen Chapman (AV)	10.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Finnegan family	Friday after Ash Wed.
Saturday 17 February	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Joseph Connolly RIP	10.30 am Mass Tommy Watson RIP	Saturday after Ash Wed. St Finan
Sunday 18 February	9.30 am Mass Kit Grant RIP	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	First Sunday of Lent

Morning Prayer: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. - 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am. Sat. - 8.30am

Confessions: Broxburn: Sat. 4.30 pm. Tues 6.30 pm

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat. 10.00 am



SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 11 FEBRUARY 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

THEME



"Unclean, Unclean": In the Holy Scriptures today we hear a lot about leprosy. This is a disease that can be passed on through regular contact with lepers. Hence, in Judaic Law Lepers were obliged to live apart from others in a 'Leper Colony.' There was no known cure for the disease at that time, so once a leper, then always an outcast. So when a leper approached Jesus, he did so in contravention of Jewish Law and Jesus, by touching him, made Himself potentially to be unclean. Jesus heals the leper and thereby brings him back to the fullness of life but, in doing so, makes Himself an outcast with the orthodox Jews because He mixes with lepers. Jesus shows us that no one is beyond the reach of God and sickness or disease is never deserved on anyone. The 'uncleanness' lies in those who are disordered enough to reject the disabled, the diseased and the outcast.

REFLECTION

'Being Human in Spite of Evil: "Many privileged countries, and many privileged people nowadays, suffer from an atmosphere of avoidance of, and obliviousness to, suffering and misfortune. The fact that people are fragile and imperfect, and that they grow old and are mortal, is so very hard to bear in a comfortable, protected setting that entire industries have come into being that

seek to banish the pain of aging or to remove imperfection from life. But human beings are fragile, they are imperfect, because they are human. They consist of flesh and pleasure, fear, desire and love - and not of hard plastic and steel." (Marie-Therese Wacker). "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed." (Ghandi).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

LENT, LENT, LENT: The theme for Lent 2018 is "New Life in Christ." Through faith God wants us to be renewed, made whole again, to heal our disordered lives. There are three core aspects of our Catholic lives to be attended to: prayer, fasting and charitable works. Let us identify for each of us where God is calling me to conversion, a change for the better, that can make me more of an authentic Christian. No more deception, deceit, lies or pretence. May these forty days of Lent help each of us to look at Christ unashamedly and declare ourselves to be one of His disciples. Here are the services and resources made available for you in Lent:

1. Lenten Talks on "Why I Love the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration" - On several Tuesdays Catholic people with a passionate love for the Mass and Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament have been asked to address us. They include talks in SS John Cantius and Nicholas church as follows:

Tuesday 20 February - 6.00 pm Mass. Fr Jim McManus CSSR and Christine Clark.

Tuesday 27 February - 6.00 pm Mass. Fr Joe McAuley. Glasgow Diocese.

Tuesday 06 March - 6.00 pm Mass. Fr Kevin Douglas. Parish Priest, St Peter's, Edinburgh.

Tuesday 20 March - 6.00 pm Mass. Cheryl Ann Smith. Madonna House Retreat Centre.

This ties in well with the World Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September of this year.



2. Dawn Masses: Every week in Lent why not come along to the 7.00 am dawn Mass. **Broxburn** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **Winchburgh** - Tuesday 7.00 am Mass in the New Latin Rite.

It is a worthy sacrifice to make and a beautiful way to start the day.

3. Stations of the Cross: Stations will be on Wednesdays at 6.00 pm in **Broxburn** as follows:

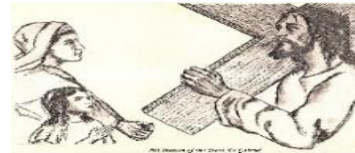
Wednesday 21 February - True Life in God.

Wednesday 28 February - Legion of Mary Prayer Group.

Wednesday 07 March - St Vincent de Paul.

Wednesday 14 March - Altar Servers.

Wednesday 21 March - R C I A Group.



Also on Saturday evenings after the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass in **Broxburn**.

In **Winchburgh** Stations will be on Fridays at 6.00 pm. Also, after the Saturday morning Mass.

4. Lenten Booklets: There are daily reflection booklets available in both parishes. There is no charge for them but a suggested donation of £1.00 would be appreciated.

S C I A F: The Lenten campaign this year is entitled "Help the Poorest Survive and Thrive." It is based on a "Wee Box" project to help the struggling people of Cambodia and their fishing way of life. Please pick up your Lenten pack this Sunday. Thank you.

S C I A F Sunday is on 11 March 2018.

Confessions During Lent: Lent is an important time to come to Confession. It marks our desire for repentance, renewal and reconciliation. Confessions are as follows: **Broxburn** - Tues. 6.30 pm & Sat. 4.30 pm. **Winchburgh** - Fri. 11.00 am & Sat 10.00 am.

St Peregrine Mass: The next St Peregrine Mass for the Anointing of the Sick is on Saturday 17 February at 10.30 am in St Philomena's Church. All welcome. Teas/coffees and home baking will be served in the hall after Mass.

Youth for Lourdes 2018 Pilgrimage: 'Travel to Lourdes as part of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage helping with the sick. From 06 to 13 July, flying from Edinburgh'. For more info. email: youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris on 07747867003.'

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Neil Pettigrew, Sheila Wotherspoon, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Mary Boylan, Marion Caulfield, Bridget Nelson, Cardinal O'Brien, Chris Brown, Anne Marie Ross, Bill Forrest, Margaret Hill, Sonny D'Alton. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Next Sunday's Readings: (First Sunday of Lent - 18 February). First Reading: a reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-15.

Psalm: 24:4-9. Second reading: a reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:18-22. Gospel: Mark 1:12-15.



SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH

Primary 4 Children: The Rite of Presentation of the 'Our Father' is on Sunday 18 February at 9.30 am Mass.

Thank you: Joe Cannon would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and prayers during his recent illness. Your kindness is very much appreciated. He is now feeling a lot better. Thank you once again.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The class is on Tuesday 13 February at 6.45 pm in the hall. The theme is 'Reconciliation.'

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

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Monday 12 February at 5.00 pm.

Church Cleaning Rota: 26 Feb. Group 1. 19 Mar. - Group 2. 09 April - Group 3. 30 April - Group 4.

Collections: To be published next week. '59 Club': 03 February No. 38) Group 1 - M Cooper. Group 2 - R Lynch.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

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Lenten House Group: Every Monday evening in Lent there will be a Lenten House Group at 7.30 pm in St Philomena's Parish House on the subject of 'Hope' - Reflecting on essays composed by those who have experienced imprisonment or captivity. This is in conjunction with the Church of Scotland community in Winchburgh.

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

Coffee Morning: There will be a Coffee Morning in St Philomena's Hall on Saturday 17 February from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Admission is £2.00 for adults and 50p for children. Refreshments provided.

BINGO NIGHT. There will be a Bingo Night in St Philomena's Hall on Saturday 17 February. 'Eyes-down' at 8.00 pm. Proceeds for both events will go to Myeloma Cancer Research. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Roof Meeting: There is a Roof Meeting on Monday 19 February at 7.00 pm in the Parish House.

Memorial Bricks - Phase 2: We hope the bricks will be installed over the next fortnight.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 16 February at 7.00 pm

Collections: Offertory: £387.12. Thank you for your generosity.