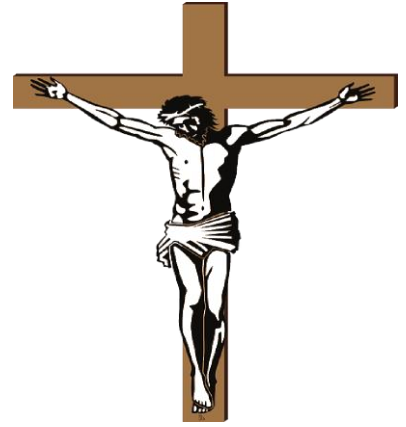




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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 17 February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Joseph Connolly RIP	<b>10.30 am St Peregrine Mass</b> Tommy Watson RIP	St Finan
Sunday 18 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Kit Grant RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	First Sunday of Lent B
Monday 19 February	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> Thanksgiving <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Rita McAleary RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	First Week of Lent
Tuesday 20 February	<b>6.00 pm Mass</b> John Arthur RIP	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> Canon Bill Anderson <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Norah Nelson (Birthday)	First Week of Lent
Wednesday 21 February	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> Peter Hamill RIP <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Tom Grant (AV)	<b>No Mass</b>	St Peter Damian
Thursday 22 February	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> A Sick Friend	The Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Friday 23 February	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> Anne Cumming <b>9.30 am Mass</b> William Matthews and Margaret Coyle	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> John Keogh (AV)	First Week of Lent
Saturday 24 February	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Michael Duffy Coyle and Mary Ann Dalrymple	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Stanley Marshall RIP	First Week of Lent
Sunday 25 February	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Sarah Glass and family	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Isobel Haley (AV)	Second 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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 18 FEBRUARY 2018

#### THEME

**"Covenant":** The word 'Covenant' appears in the first reading from Genesis five times. The word means an inseparable relationship of faith and love. The key message is that God will never initiate a separation from us. We mean a lot to Him. He hopes, in return, that God means a lot to us. As St Peter reminds us in the second reading 'Christ Himself, innocent though He was, died once for sins - to lead us to God.' So, if God the Father is willing to sacrifice His only son for the sake of the eternal Covenant, what am I willing to sacrifice in return? These forty days of Lent give us a faith-centred opportunity to show to God, Father, Son and Spirit, what He means to us, by our prayers, fasting and charity. Now is the time to echo the words of the Psalmist 'Lord make me know your ways. Lord teach me your paths.'

## REFLECTION

**The Purpose of Lent':** "The purpose of Lent is to keep alive in our consciousness and our life the fact that being a Christian can only take the form of becoming a Christian ever anew. Christians need the power to stand fast against the natural tendency to let themselves be carried along." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI).

## SHARED PARISH NEWS

**Lent 2018:** The theme for this Lent is 'New Life in Christ.' The Church gives us this sacred time to be renewed into 'Wholeness' and 'Holiness.' To cast aside the baggage of guilt and sin through repentance, fasting, prayer and charitable love. Please embrace all that is laid before you and your families in these 40 days of Lent; Dawn Masses, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Confessions, spiritual talks and options for the poor. Do not see Lent as a miserable time; more a time of expectant preparation, hope and renewal. God Bless you all.

**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.

**Church Regulations on Fasting:** Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years old are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary to maintain strength. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

**"Love Lent":** Archbishop Leo would like to invite young adults, 16 to 29-year-old, to join him for a series of three Friday evening talks during Lent to take place at the parish hall of St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh on 23 February, 09 and 23 March. Each talk will begin at 7.00 pm. Entitled "Love Lent", the series of talks will conclude with a Young Adults' Gathering in Edinburgh upon Palm Sunday 25 March. For more information go to: [www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com](http://www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com).

**Chrism Mass:** This year the Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week - 27 March at 7.00 p.m.

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: Short-term Pledge for Lent:** The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the "Short-term Pledge for Lent". Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the church along with a poster for further information.

**Please Give Blood:** The Blood Transfusion Service is at Strathbrock Community Centre on Thursday 22 February from 14.30-16.00 and from 17.30-19.30. If you are able, please go along and donate a pint of your blood.

**Visit to Gozo - 13-17 May 2018:** The pilgrims are reminded to attend a briefing meeting at the Broxburn parish house on Sunday 25 February at 2.00 pm when more information will be given.

**Anna Marie Diamond RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Marie Diamond who passed away on Tuesday 13 February at the Western General in Edinburgh. She was a well-known and loved lady in West Lothian. May she rest in peace.

**Bishop Gillis:** Saturday 24 February is the anniversary of Bishop Gillis' death in 1864. He was the great 'Founding Father' of our Archdiocese. May he rest in peace.

**Praying for the Sick:** Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Bill Forrest, Margaret Hill, Sonny D'Alton, Neil Pettigrew, 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:** (Second Sunday of Lent - 25 February). First reading: a reading from the Book of Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. Psalm: 115:10. Second reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34. Gospel: Mark 9:2-10.

### ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

**Sacraments - Primary 4, Presentation of the Our Father:** The Primary 4 children in both parishes are being presented with the Lord's Prayer today. Parents please, please, please help your children to pray at home.

**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 members of the Kirk in Winchburgh. Guide books will be handed out.

**Roof Meeting:** There is a roof meeting on Mon. 19 Feb. at 7.00 pm in the parish house.

**Norah's Thanks:** Norah Nelson wishes to thank everyone for the Mass intentions, cards, flowers and good wishes received on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Saturday 24 February at 11.00 am.

**Collections:** Offertory: £457.05. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Please pray for the 4 Catechumens entering 'the Elect' at the Cathedral on Sunday 18 February at 12 noon. We wish them well -Douglas, Charis, Rob and Lorna. The next class is on Tuesday 20 February at 6.45 pm in the hall. The theme is 'Sacrament of the Sick.'

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** The envelopes for the tax year to 05.04.19 have arrived. Stephen will be in the porch after Mass and they can be collected from him. Thank you for your continued support. I would ask all of you who are tax payers to seriously consider 'gift aiding' your offerings as the Church can claim back 25p in every pound from HM Revenue and Customs. The amount you donate is confidential and there is no obligation to put the same amount in the collection every week or to contribute weekly (e.g. if you are away on holiday). Any offering made this way greatly benefits the parish at no extra cost to the 'gift aider.' For those of you who would prefer to contribute via standing order, please see Stephen who has the appropriate forms.

**'Pop-Up Restaurant':** The very popular 'Pop-Up Restaurant' is taking place once again in the Canon Hoban Hall this Saturday 17 February at 7.00 pm. This has been very successful in the past.

**SMILE Theatre Arts Project:** The Theatre Arts Spring Holiday Project, based on *Grease the Musical* is from Monday 26 to Thursday 29 March in the Canon Hoban Hall, for ages 7-16. Stage performance included. See flyers at the back of the church and contact Rebecca at smiletheatrearts@gmail.com to register. Rebecca.

**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 Tuesday 20 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:** 04 February: Offertory £948.50. Building Fund - £301.00. Candles - £105.68. 11 February: Offertory - £854.50. Building Fund - £421.85. Candles - £128.61. '59 Club': 10 February (No. 13) Group 1 - J Chapman. Group 2 - M Hughes.