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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 25 FEBRUARY 2018

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Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 24 Feb.	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Michael Duffy Coyle and Mary Ann Dalrymple	9.30 am Mass Stanley Marshall RIP	First Week of Lent
Sunday 25 Feb.	9.30 am Mass Sarah Glass and family	11.30 am Mass Isobel Haley (AV)	Second Sunday of Lent B
Monday 26 Feb.	7.00 am Mass Mairead Dooly RIP 9.30 am Mass Ann Glen RIP	No Mass	Second Week of Lent
Tuesday 27 Feb.	6.00 pm Mass Lilian Sheridan RIP	7.00 am Mass Canon Tom Murphy 9.30 am Mass Sick friends	Second Week of Lent
Wednesday 28 Feb	7.00 am Mass Ruby Cassidy RIP 9.30 am Mass Mr and Mrs Bremner	No Mass	Second Week of Lent
Thursday 01 March	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Norah Nelson (Thanksgiving)	Second Week of Lent
Friday 02 March	7.00 am Mass SPUC (end to abortion) 9.30 am Mass Rena and Frank McManus	10.30 am Mass Donoghue and Niven families	Second Week of Lent
Saturday 03 March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Ian Gibb RIP	9.30 am Mass Maureen Johnston	St Casimir (patron saint of Poland)
Sunday 04 March	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

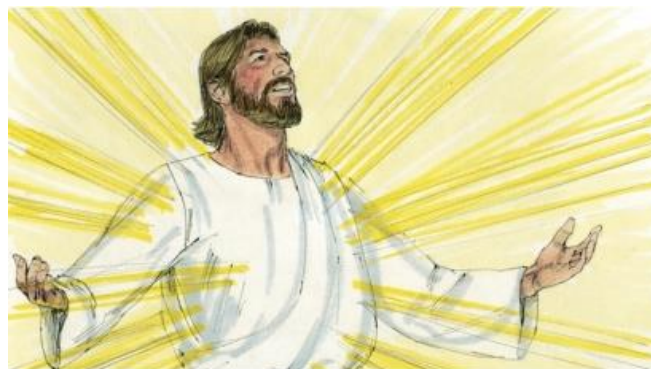
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THEME

"Jesus, Rabbi" - In today's Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain and shows them that He is God. Yes, shows Himself to be transfigured or changed into a dazzlingly white figure. The apostles are shocked; Peter reacted by exclaiming "Rabbi" - not "Jesus" but "Rabbi." This was very significant. For the Jews a Rabbi is an educated Jewish Scribe who makes clear what the Holy Word of God is all about. In a sense, Jesus is the definitive "Rabbi" because He is the 'Logos', the Word made flesh who reveals what all of Holy Scripture is about. He brings it into the fullness of Divine Revelation. Hence, the voice of the Father declaring, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him." This is so very, very special.

REFLECTION

"The Cosmic Dimension of The Word" - 'When we consider the basic meaning of the Word of God as a reference to the eternal Word of God made flesh, the one Saviour and mediator between God and humanity, and we listen to His Word, we are led by the biblical revelation to see that it is the foundation of all reality.' (Pope Benedict XVI - *Verbum Domini*).



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 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 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.

The Blessed Sacrament: Please see the pamphlets at the back of the church from the Catholic Truth Society on 'Why do Catholics pray before the Blessed Sacrament.' Please take one and read it on the value of praying before the Blessed Sacrament. *'It is a wonderful practise just to sit or kneel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.'* (Cardinal Basil Hume).

Dunfermline: - "Here we come." This week Fr Jeremy is going with the Primary Sevens from both schools to visit the sacred shrine of St Margaret in Dunfermline. We pray it is a happy, informative day.

Baptismal Course: There is a Baptismal Course on Monday 26 February at 7.00 pm for both parishes in the parish house in Broxburn

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018: 'All of God's Creation is Very Good.' There is a service to celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer in Broxburn Parish Church on Friday 02 March at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome. Teas and coffees will be served in the church hall afterwards. This World Day of Prayer 2018 is organised by the women of Suriname.

Rev Charlie Carr RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev Charlie Carr who has died after a slow decline in recent times. His Requiem Mass is on Saturday 24 February at 12 noon, at St Francis Xavier in Falkirk. May he rest in peace.

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.

Altar Servers - Both Parishes: All altar servers are invited to a Lenten Day of Prayer, Pizza and Fun. This is to be held on Saturday 10 March from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. Please would parents let Fr Jeremy know if your son/daughter will be attending.

Healing Service: There is a Healing Service on Monday 26 February at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's RC Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. The evening will commence with praise, worship and Confessions, followed by Adoration and testimonies of Christ's healing. Finally, there will be laying on of hands by the priests for healing.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Helen Jeffrey, Anne Marie Ross, 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: (Third Sunday of Lent - 04 March). First reading: a reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-3. Psalm: 18:8-11. Second reading: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25. Gospel: John 2:13-25.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

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.

Finance Meeting: There will be a finance meeting on Friday 02 March at 3.00 pm in the parish office.

Great Sum: Saturday's charity coffee morning and evening bingo proved a great success, with a capacity attendance in the evening and at present the great sum of £1,213.63 was realised for Myeloma Cancer Research. Thanks go to everyone who helped or donated.

First Communion: Our stall has just had a delivery of a wide selection of cards and gifts for First Communion. All profits will go towards the church.

Baptism: Please pray for Pippa Manricks who will be baptised today (Sunday) in St Philomena's church and for her parents and godparents.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 02 March at 4.00 pm

Collections: Offertory: £366.51. Thank you for your generosity.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The next class is on Tuesday 27 February at 6.45 pm in the hall. The theme is 'Ten Commandments.'

Prayers for the 'Elect': Now Lorna, Douglas and Charis belong to the 'Elect'. Soon they will undertake their scrutinies.

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.

Broxburn Parish Church: The ladies of Broxburn Parish Church would like to invite our parishioners to an open night being held on Wednesday 07 March at 7.30 pm. It is a musical evening with entertainment provided by the Linlithgow Ladies Choir and will be held in the church. Tickets are £4.00 and will be available at the door. For more information contact Janet Watson on 0131 333 4981 or 07732 937348 or e-mail: janetwatson05@gmail.com.

New Alarm System in the Canon Hoban Hall: The alarm in the hall will go live from next Sunday. Any key holder who has not yet received an alarm fob please get in touch with Jim Gallagher or Joe Cannon as soon as possible. Thank you.

Housebound Visits: On Monday 05 March Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound in Broxburn. On Tuesday 06 March he will visit the housebound in Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Monday 26 February at 6.00 pm.

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

Collections: Offertory: £922.00. Building Fund: £324.00. Candles: £110.50. Stall: £100.00. '59 Club': £200.00. Thank you for your generosity. **'59 Club':** (No. 56). Group 1 - A Hughes. Group 2 - W Sutherland.

