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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 04 MARCH 2018

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Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
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 B
Monday 05 March	7.00 am Mass Spec. Int. Sarah Querden 9.30 am Mass Sean Heraghty RIP	No Mass	Third Week of Lent
Tuesday 06 March	6.00 pm Mass Jim Curran RIP	7.00 am Mass Canon Noel Carey RIP 9.30 am Mass James Nimmo RIP	Third Week of Lent
Wed. 07 March	7.00 am Mass James Morgan RIP 9.30 am Mass Mr & Mrs Lewis	No Mass	Third Week of Lent
Thursday 08 March	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Kit O'Sullivan RIP	St John of God St Duthac
Friday 09 March	7.00 am Mass Laurence Cunning 9.30 am Mass Rosemary Hughes RIP	10.30 am Mass Eileen Clarke (AV)	St Frances of Rome
Saturday 10 March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patrick Boylan (AV)	9.30 am Mass Mavis Dalton (AV)	Feast of St John Ogilvie
Sunday 11 March	9.30 am Mass William Davis (AV)	11.30am Children's Mass James Lavin (AV)	Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

'I am Sorry' - Lent is the time to shed our sins from our conscience and go to Confession. There is no more beautiful or powerful way sacramentally to overcome the sins of our past life. As well as the regular Confession times quoted in the newsletter, in both parishes, there will be extra priests coming to help with Confessions on Tuesday 13 March. Mass will be at 5.30 pm, followed by Confessions. All the Primary 4 children, preparing for First Holy Communion, will be encouraged to come along with their parents. An 'Examination of Conscience' is being issued this Sunday to help us prepare. 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 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 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.

Dates for Your Diaries:

Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee 01 May 2018: This is the 25th Anniversary of Fr Jeremy's Priestly Ordination.

- 1) There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving** in Saint John Cantius and St Nicholas Church with Archbishop Cushley at 12 noon, on 01 May followed by a light lunch in the Canon Hoban Hall for those seeking to attend. He looks forward to seeing you then. Numbers wishing to attend will be sought after Easter.
- 2) **Silver Jubilee Ceilidh:** On Friday 04 May from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm in St Philomena's Hall, Winchburgh. The Ceilidh Band is Muckle Flugga. There are 90 tickets available for the night. Stovies and ice cream will be served. First come, first served basis. Bar open too!! Tickets will be made available after Easter.
- 3) By popular repute and demand, **John Sweeney** and **Redgie Hughes** have been awarded a **Papal Blessing** for long and devoted service to the Broxburn parish. Their Blessings will be presented by the Archbishop on 01 May. God Bless them both.

The Power of Prayer of the Elderly and Infirm in our Parishes: So many older people feel that the world is too fast, too changed, for them to have an active part in family life, in parish life, in politics. Yet these elderly and often housebound members of our parishes are our most amazing asset. Your prayers each day for your families, your Church, your Priest, our parish communities are simply the most wonderful gifts that these people could receive. There is a website called www.crownofthorns.org.uk where you will find a reference book 'The Complete Guide to the Rosary' which has been specifically designed to be used to stimulate prayer for priests, families, and prayers for peace. For more information e-mail office@crownofthorns.org.uk or telephone 01342 870472.

Catholic Parliamentary Office: Fr Jeremy has had a communication from Anthony Horan, Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office in Edinburgh, the primary purpose of which is to invite parishes to engage with local politicians and consider making them as much a part of parish life. For example, inviting them to parish events such as special Masses, charity events, coffee mornings, youth clubs etc. For more information e-mail office@rcpolitics.org. For more details and telephone numbers of our MSP's and MP's, see the notice board.

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.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Mary Jaqueline Kirk, Helen Jeffrey, Anne Marie Ross, Ellen and Derek Brown, Bill Forrester, 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: (Fourth Sunday of Lent - 11 March). First reading: a reading from the second book of Chronicles 36:14-16. Psalm: 136. Second reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10. Gospel: John 3:14-21.





ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Mary's Meals: Many thanks for your continued support for our Mary's meals school project in Southern Malawi. Our total amount sent in 2017 was £3,841.54. This money was raised from our Sunday teas and coffees and donations. In total, since 2010, we have raised £25,000.00. (93 pence in every pound we send goes directly to this school). Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we hope you will continue to support us during 2018. Thank you.

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.

Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass is on Sunday 11 March at 11.30 am.

Housebound Visits: There is a change to the date. Fr Jeremy will visit the sick and housebound on Monday 12 March.

Congratulations - to Lana and Raymond Devine who celebrate their Golden Wedding at this time. God Bless them and all their lovely family

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 09 March at 7.30 pm.

Collections: Offertory: £334.46. Thank you for your generosity

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The next class is on Tuesday 06 March at 6.45 pm in the hall. The theme is 'First, Second and Third Commandments.' The 'Elect' will be presented with a copy of The Creed at the 6.00 pm Mass in Broxburn on Tuesday 06 March. Please pray for Charis, Lorna and Douglas.

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.

New Alarm System in the Canon Hoban Hall: The alarm in the hall will go live from this 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.

Wedding Bells: Please pray for Colin Summers and Karen Brown who are due to be married in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church on Saturday 10 March at 2.00 pm. We wish them well and God's abundant blessing.

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 Wednesday 07 March at 5.00 pm.

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

Collections: Offertory: £934.80. Building Fund: £309.30. Candles: £104.56. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': (No. 07). Group 1 - K Denholm. Group 2 - C Docherty.