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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 11 MARCH 2018



"Help the Poorest Survive and Thrive"

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Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
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)	11.30 am Children's Mass James Lavin (AV)	Fourth Sunday of Lent B
Monday 12 March	7.00 am Mass Patrick Connolly AV 9.30 am Mass McPake & Sweeney Families	No Mass	Fourth Week of Lent
Tuesday 13 March	5.30 pm Mass Celia Smith RIP 6.30 pm Penitential Service	7.00 am Mass Reid and Donoghue Families 9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of the Gorman Family	Fourth Week of Lent
Wed. 14 March	7.00 am Mass Celia Peerless Snr. (AV) 9.30 am Mass James Morgan RIP	No Mass	Fourth Week of Lent
Thursday 15 March	No Mass	9.30 am Mass John Hill Snr.	Fourth Week of Lent
Friday 16 March	7.00 am Mass Patrick Forbes RIP 9.30 am Mass Winnie Duffy RIP	10.30 am Mass John and Catherine Finnigan 6.30 pm Penitential Service	Fourth Week of Lent
Saturday 17 March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Ann Glen RIP	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Joe & Josie Dean	Feast of St Patrick
Sunday 18 March	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Lent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8.30am
Winchburgh: Tues. Sat. - 8.30am

CONFESSIONS: Broxburn: Sat. 4.30 pm. Tues. 6.30 pm
Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat. 10.00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THEME

"Believe, Have Faith": Do you have faith in God? I mean, real faith - a faith in God that is motivated by an absolute love for the Divine? God is never keen on lukewarm disciples. How can you form a loving relationship with someone who has no real passion for you? Jesus tells the desiring believer, Nicodemus, that 'God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost.' So is that not in itself a good starting point to believe in God, so that we may not be lost? The unbeliever wants to live longer, because they fear death. The believer seeks to inherit eternal life which is so much more glorious. Why lose the opportunity to have found faith? If God didn't really care for us, He wouldn't have sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to die for us. Faith is our only sure salvation.

REFLECTION

'Faith does not depend on dead letters but on the Living Lord, who places Himself before us as One whose commanding word transcends all doubts about the Bible and its stories.' (Franz Hildebrandt - 1932).

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. The next talk is on Tuesday 20 March at 6.00 pm Mass and will be given by Cheryl Ann Smith from the Madonna House Retreat Centre.

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 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.

"Mothering Sunday": In two weeks' time, 25 March, it would be the Feast of the Annunciation, if it were not Palm Sunday. It is beautiful and right today to particularly remember our own dear mothers, who carried us in their womb. That bond with the 'Mother' remains very real to us far beyond the advent of mortality. God and Our Lady bless our dear mothers.

SCIAF Sunday: The theme in 2018 is "Help the Poorest Survive and Thrive." In Cambodia many traditional fishermen are being driven into poverty and despair by the big factory fishing boats from China and Japan that scoop the 'lions' share' of the fish out of the South China Sea. SCIAF is coming to their aid, and thanks to you, in trying to protect their livelihoods. Please give what you can to the second collection after Communion. Thank you so much for your kindness.

'Laetare Sunday': This fourth Sunday marks the halfway point in Lent. In three weeks' time it will be Easter Sunday; so we award ourselves a little expectant joy by wearing rose coloured vestments. It is hoped that your Lenten Commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving are being adhered to. God Bless you all.

The Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation: Now is the time in Lent to go to Confession. As well as our weekly services on Tuesday at 6.30 pm and Saturday at 4.30 pm (**Broxburn**) and Friday at 11.00 am and Sat. at 10.00 am (**Winchburgh**), we have **three extra** Penitential Services taking place with visiting clergy. They are as follows::

Tuesday 13 March 6.30 pm, including Primary 4 Confessions, **Broxburn** (Mass at 5.30 pm).

Friday 16 March 6.30 pm, including Primary 3 and 4 Confessions, **Winchburgh**.

Tuesday 20 March 6.00 pm, including Primary 3 Confessions, **Broxburn** (Mass at 7.00 pm).

N.B. It is a wonderful act of faith and love to come to Confession before Holy Week.

St Patrick's Day - Saturday 17 March: All those with Irish ancestors note this major feast of the Patron Saint of Ireland. The wearing of Shamrock on the lapel is still done by many. We pray for the Kiltegan Fathers who celebrate their patronal feast on this day.

Canon John's Ordination Anniversary: Canon John celebrates 56 years a priest on Sunday 18 March. We give thanks for his many years of priestly service.

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.

St Peregrine Mass: The next St Peregrine Mass for anointing of the sick is on Saturday 17 March 2018 at 10.30 am in St Philomena's Church, Winchburgh. Everyone is welcome. Teas, coffees and home baking will be served in the hall after Mass.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Eileen Malloy, John Philbin, Mary Jaqueline Kirk, Helen Jeffrey, Anne Marie Ross, Ellen and Derek Brown, Bill Forrester, Margaret Hill, Sonny Dalton, 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: (Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18 March). First reading: a reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34. Psalm: 50:3-4. Second reading: a reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9. Gospel: John 12:20-33.

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.

Memorial Garden: Phase II of our Memorial Garden was installed recently. Many thanks to John Crawford of Urban Landscape who donated his time to do this phase free of charge.

'Gift Aid' Envelopes: For those who make their weekly collection by envelope and are tax payers, the new tax year collection envelopes are available for uplift at the back of the church, assisted by Vivienne Brown. Vivienne is the new 'Gift-Aid Co-ordinator' for the parish. For those taxpayers not yet signed up to 'Gift-Aid' please see Vivienne for a 'Gift-Aid Declaration Form.' 'Gift Aid' can also be claimed if you decide to pay your offertory each week by Standing Order. Thank you.

Snow Clearance: Many thanks to everyone who helped with the snow clearance last week.

Housebound Visits: **PLEASE NOTE:** There's been a change to the date - Fr Jeremy will visit the sick and housebound this Wednesday 14 March between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 16 March at 11.00 am.

Collections: Offertory: £307.54. Thank you for your generosity.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): We pray for the 'Elect' who go through their second Scrutiny today (Sunday). The next class is on Tuesday 13 March at 6.45 pm in the hall. The theme is 'Why are we here?'

Gift Aid Envelopes: Stephen Waggott will be in the porch after each Mass at the weekend to hand out Gift Aid Envelopes to those who are still to collect them.

Fabric Report: The internal area of the steeple is now being restored which includes redecoration and new stair flooring. Estimated cost is £3,000.00. The new water main into the parish house is to be fitted as the old water main has been crushed. Estimated cost circa £2,500.00 + VAT.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Tuesday 13 March at 3.00 pm.

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

Collections: Offertory: £680.00. Building Fund: £285.00.0. Candles: £70.08. Papers: £382.90. SCIAF: £12.50. Thank you for your generosity.
'59 Club': (No. 36). Group 1 - N Gallagher. Group 2 - J McCormick.



