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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 18 MARCH 2018

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MASSES SCHEDULE

Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 17 March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Ann Glen RIP	9.30 am St Peregrine Mass Joe and Josie Dean	Feast of St Patrick
Sunday 18 March	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Lent B
Monday 19 March	7.00 am Mass Shaun Kelly RIP 9.30 am Mass William Cunning	No Mass	Feast of St Joseph
Tuesday 20 March	6.00 pm First Confessions 7.00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving James Lavin RIP	7.00 am Mass Philbin and Smith Families 9.30 am Mass David Tonery	Fifth Week of Lent
Wednesday 21 March	7.00 am Mass James Nimmo RIP 9.30 am Mass Billy McGinlay RIP	No Mass	Fifth Week of Lent
Thursday 22 March	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Mary Sweeney Tegardi	Fifth Week of Lent
Friday 23 March	7.00 am Mass The Brady Family 9.30 am Mass Gilbert Byrne Jnr.	10.30 am Mass Sick Friend	Fifth Week of Lent
Saturday 24 March	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Rodgers (AV)	9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of the Nugent Family	Fifth Week of Lent
Sunday 25 March	9.30 am Mass Maria Toner RIP	11.30am Mass Johnston Renton (AV)	Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **THEME**

"Lifted Up from the Earth": In the Gospel today from John, Jesus is approached by some Greeks and they are introduced to him by Philip and Andrew, two of the chosen twelve apostles. Jesus takes the opportunity as the day draws near for his Passion and death to teach them and advise them of His forthcoming eternal sacrifice. Just as a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies in order to bring new life so, likewise, Jesus teaches us that He must give His life so that all who believe in Him may inherit eternal life. In our own lives there are many opportunities for us to make sacrifices for others and for God, both large and small, and the largest sacrifice is to die for our faith. Whilst many women and men have made the ultimate sacrifice and have become saints and leaders of the Church, so as we draw near to Holy Week may we remind ourselves of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us and be also inspired by the many saints of the Church, who over the centuries, have died to self in order to live for Christ. Jesus teaches us it is a more serious thing to lose our soul than to lose our bodies; all creation ultimately turns to dust, but it is the soul of the person that is dearly sought by Jesus to inherit eternal life.

REFLECTION

"The Joy of Love": ('When death makes us feel its sting') 'At times family life is challenged by the death of a loved one. We cannot fail to offer the light of faith as a support to families going through this experience. To turn our backs on a grieving family would show a lack of mercy. It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us. Thus, we can prevent death from poisoning life, from rendering vain our love, from pushing us into the darkest despair. The Bible tells us that God created us out of love and made us in such a way that our lives do not end with death.' (Pope Francis).

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 this Tuesday 20 March at 6.00 pm First Confessions, and 7.00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving, 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.

3. Stations of the Cross: Stations are on Wednesday at 6.00 pm in **Broxburn** Led by the 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 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 a Penitential Service taking place with visiting clergy on **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.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week: Please be reminded that Palm Sunday is next Sunday, 25 March, and is also the day when **British Summer Time begins**. Sunday morning Mass will start in Broxburn in the Canon Hoban Hall, and in Winchburgh, weather permitting, outside the church. The Primary Four children are invited to help to give out the palms. The times for Holy Week services and Masses are as follows:

Date	Service	Time	Church
25 March	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	9.30 am Mass 11.30 am Mass	SS John Cantius & Nicholas St Philomenas
29 March	<u>Holy Thursday</u> Mass of the Last Supper Night Prayer	6.00 pm Mass 7.00 pm Mass 9.00 pm 11.00 pm	St Philomenas SS John Cantius & Nicholas St Philomenas SS John Cantius & Nicholas
30 March	<u>Good Friday</u> Children's Stations of the Cross The Passion of Our Lord	10.00 am 12 Noon 3.00 pm 3.00 pm	SS John Cantius & Nicholas St Philomenas SS John Cantius & Nicholas St Philomenas
	Stations of the Cross	6.00 pm	St Philomenas
31 March	<u>Holy Saturday</u> Easter Vigil	7.30 pm Mass 8.00 pm Mass	St Philomenas SS John Cantius & Nicholas
01 April	<u>Easter Sunday</u>	9.30 am Mass 11.30 am Mass	SS John Cantius & Nicholas St Philomenas

Palm Sunday Invite to Young Adults: Archbishop Leo Cushley would like to invite you to join him on Palm Sunday, 25 March 2018, for a gathering of young adults from across the Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh. Venue: Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. 2.00 pm: Talk by Archbishop Cushley. 4.00 pm: Holy Mass. 5.00 pm: Buffet supper and time to socialise. All young adults are very welcome.

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.

New Feast Day: Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and will now be celebrated every year. Therefore, this year's Feast Day is on Monday 21 May.

Canon John: Congratulations to Canon John who celebrates his 57 years ordination anniversary today (Sunday). This is a marvellous achievement and we give thanks that he continues to serve Christ with such a generous heart in the two parishes here in West Lothian. We pray for him and wish him a wonderful day and give thanks to God for him.

Fr Younis and Fr Abid: Please also pray for Fr Younis and Fr Abid who celebrate their ordination anniversaries on 23 March 2018. We thank God for these two wonderful, hard-working priests who are well-known and loved in our parishes.

Do Religious People Live Longer? Studies have shown that if a long life is what you're after, going to Church may be the answer to your prayers! 'Prayer has been shown to be powerful, in at least one way. It triggers the relaxation response, a state of mind-body rest, that has been shown to decrease stress, heart rate and blood pressure; and alleviate chronic disease symptoms.' (*JAMA International Medicine 2016*). *Jamie Ducharme.*

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Rose Feerick, Mary Flora Galbraith, Margaret Burns, Andrew Graham, Tom Pegg, Ilene 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: (Palm Sunday - 25 March). First reading: a reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm: 21. Second reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philipians 2:6-11. Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47.

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.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Monday 19 March at 6.00 pm.

Baptism: Please pray for Connor Patrick Kenneth Douglas who is to be baptised at 2.00 pm on Saturday 24 March in St Philomena's church. Please also pray for his parents and Godparents.

Collections: Offertory: £457.43. Special collection (SCIAF): £345.99. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH

First Confessions: on Tuesday 20 March at 6.00 pm we have First Confessions in SS John Cantius and Nicholas parish. There will be two visiting priests assisting with Confessions. Confessions will finish with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00 pm. We welcome Cheryl Ann Smith from Madonna House Retreat Centre in Yorkshire who will introduce First Confessions with an address on Forgiveness and Holy Communion.

Quiz/Bingo Night: There will be a Quiz/Bingo Night in the Canon Hoban Hall on Saturday 21 April at 7.30 pm. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. There are forms in the porch for names of Team Leaders and the numbers in teams (up to five only). For more details telephone Kathleen on 01506 852403.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The next meeting is on Tuesday 20 March at 6.45 pm in the hall. (Preparation for Easter).

Gift Aid Envelopes for the Year to 05 April 2019: These can now be collected from the Sacristy.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms: For those of you who took away forms to complete, Stephen would be grateful if you either return them to him after the Vigil Mass or leave them in the Sacristy marked for his attention. Thank you. Stephen.

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

30 April - Group 4.

N B - We are looking for volunteers to clean our Church for Easter on Monday 26 March at 7.00 pm. All welcome to come along and help.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 23 March at 2.00 pm.

Collections: Offertory: £969.10. Building Fund: £255.00.0. Candles: £111.00. SCIAF: £717.20. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club': (No. 50). Group 1 - N Sweeney. Group 2 - Mary E Davis.

