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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY - 25 MARCH 2018

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EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 24 March	5.30pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Rodgers (AV)	9.30am Mass Deceased Members of the Nugent Family	
Sunday 25 March	9.30am Mass Maria Toner RIP	11.30am Mass Johnston Renton (AV)	Palm Sunday B
Monday 26 March	7.00am Mass Deceased Members of Doyle and Stevenson Families 9.30am Mass John McAuley RIP	No Mass	Monday in Holy Week
Tuesday 27 March	6.00pm Mass Deceased Members of the Gibbons Family	7.00am Mass James Morgan RIP 10.00am Requiem Mass - Patrick (Sonny) D'Alton RIP	Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday 28 March	7.00am Mass Kane and Lennon Families RIP 9.30am Mass Mary McKenna (AV)	No Mass	Wednesday in Holy Week
Thursday 29 March	7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper Bernadette Shand RIP 11.00pm - Night Prayer	6.00pm Mass of the Last Supper James Kiernan (AV) 9.00pm - Night Prayer	Holy Thursday
Friday 30 March	10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	Good Friday
Saturday 31 March	8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Daniel Hughes RIP	7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Pietro Pannone RIP	Holy Saturday
Sunday 01 April	9.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	Easter Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Broxburn: Sat. 4.30pm Tues. 6.30pm Thurs. 5.00pm

Winchburgh: On request



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THEME

"Saviour": The Gospel record from Mark about the Passion and Death of Jesus is not just significant because of the gritty, gory, graphic details of Jesus' betrayal, judgement, torture and crucifixion but rather, even more so, the very fact that God allowed His Son to die. The question we should all be asking is why did Jesus have to die such a horrible death? The response, frankly, is that to disempower evil, the dominion of all wrong-doing, an extraordinary act of self-sacrifice had to take place. The death and resurrection of Christ definitely proves that nothing humanity can do, no matter how horrific, can overcome the redemption of God in the world. We are eternally affected by the historical Christ event in shaping the world today but also in being our salvation at the end of time. To quote, "You can kill the body, but you cannot kill the spirit of the believer."

REFLECTION

"For the Church: "The many abuses of human life, liberty and dignity are a heartfelt suffering. The Church, entrusted with the earth's glory, believes that in each person is the Creator's image and that everyone who tramples on it offends God. As the Holy Defender of God's rights and of God's images, the Church must cry out. It takes as spittle in its face, as lashes on its back, as the cross in its passion, all that human beings suffer, even though they be unbelievers. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image." (*Oscar Romero RIP - Archbishop of San Salvador, murdered in 1980*).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK HAS ARRIVED! This is the most important week in the Church's year. It is the prime time for us to stand up and be counted as true followers of Christ. Am I going to be like Simon Peter and run away to hide, or am I to be like St John the Evangelist who stays at the foot of the cross close to Jesus and Our Lady? I want you, as Catholic Christian people, to stand by your Catholic faith at Easter. Don't run away and hide; don't hide behind business, don't make excuses; participate in the fullness of the "Easter Event." From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday is a seamless garment of sacred rituals that will come to light day by day. Please read carefully the newsletter for Mass times and Service times. Remember Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The "Church sleeps" from Good Friday until the Easter Vigil. The whole experience is very special.

Those Coming into the Church at Easter: Please pray for Charis, Douglas and Lorna who are all being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. They are a living sign of hope that the secular world is spiritually bankrupt and they look to the Church for hope and salvation.

Dawn Masses: Thank you to all who have supported and sustained the Dawn Masses throughout Lent. The response in both parishes has been exceptional. The last Dawn Mass in Winchburgh is on Tuesday 27 March at 7.00 am. The last Dawn Mass in Broxburn is on Wednesday 28 March at 7.00 am.

Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross as follows:
Wednesday 28 March at 6.00 pm in **Broxburn**.
Good Friday 30 March at 6.00 pm in **Winchburgh** (with Veneration of the Cross).

Confessions in Holy Week: Confessions in Holy Week are as follows:
Broxburn - 5.00 pm on Holy Thursday 29 March.
Winchburgh - 12 noon on Tuesday 27 March.
N B - There are no confessions on Holy Saturday as no sacraments are allowed to be celebrated that day, unless it is an emergency.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral this Tuesday 27 March at 7.00 p.m. when Fr Jeremy will renew his vows.

Death of Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien RIP: We pray for our Archdiocese and the Cardinal's family and the repose of his soul at the news of his death last weekend. Let God be the judge of all that is and was. The following is a copy of the statement which was sent out. 'At 1.00 am on Monday 19 March 2018, His Eminence Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop Emeritus of St Andrew's and Edinburgh, died at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, surrounded by family and friends and fortified by the rites of Holy Church. RIP. He was 80 years old.' Archbishop Cushley said, "In life, Cardinal O'Brien may have divided opinion - in death, however, I think all can be united in praying for the repose of his soul, for comfort for his grieving family and that support and solace be given to those whom he hurt and let down. May he rest in peace." We thank God for his tireless work and we pray that his merciful judgement may rescue him from any further suffering. Amen.

Fr Joseph Portelli RIP: Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Joe Portelli who was from Gozo and was a friend of Fr Tabone. His funeral was held on Thursday 22 March at SS Peter and Paul Parish Church in Gozo. Fr Joe served in many parishes including Portobello, Dunbar, Methil and Kelso. May he rest in peace.

Month's Mind Mass - There will be a 'Month's Mind Mass' for Fr Joe on Monday 16 April at 7.00 pm in St Agatha's Church, Methil, KY8 3LU. All who wish to attend please do so. May he rest in peace.

Brother Kentigern RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Kentigern from Nunraw who died on Tuesday of last week. May he rest in peace.

New Dawn in Scotland: The Catholic Pilgrimage Conference this year is from 02-06 July in St Andrews, Madras College, Kilrymont Road, KY16 8DE. This Pilgrimage is held in honour of Our Lady and St Andrew. There will be an open-air Mass on Thursday 05 July along with other daily Masses, Reconciliation, Teaching and Healing, Young Adult, Youth and Children's Ministries. For more information contact: info@newdawninscotland.com or telephone 0131 447 6153.

The Catholic Medical Association: The Annual Conference of the Catholic Medical Association is to be held on 14 April at the Catholic University of St Mary's in Twickenham, London. The symposium will focus on issues of conscience within healthcare, with particular emphasis on matters surrounding abortion and

end-of-life care. For more information contact Dr Anthony John Warren on 02079 014895 or e-mail: Cygnedoc@aol.com.

Divine Mercy Sunday 08 April: There will be a Divine Mercy Mass in Broxburn on Sunday 08 April at 3.00 pm. At 2.00 pm there will be Adoration followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2.45 pm. The invitation extends to the whole of the West Lothian Deanery.

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, Helen Jeffrey, Anne Marie Ross, Ellen and Derek Brown, Bill Forrester, Margaret Hill, Neil Pettigrew, Sheila Wotherspoon, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Mary Boylan, Marion Caulfield, Bridget Nelson, Chris Brown. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Night Calls - St John's Hospital: Fr Jeremy is on night call duty at the hospital this coming week.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Easter Sunday - 01 April). First reading: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43. Psalm: 117. Second reading: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4. Gospel: John 20:1-9.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Lenten House Group: The Lenten House Group's final meeting for Lent is on Monday 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.

Patrick (Sonny) Dalton RIP: Dear Sonny passed away into the hands of God at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 20 March. May he rest in peace. Sonny's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 27 March at 10.00 am. His body will be received into the church at 9.45am before Requiem Mass, thereafter to Winchburgh cemetery at 11.15 am.

"Rosary on the Coast: On Sunday 29 April the Scottish Bishops have invited all parishes with a coastline to go and pray the rosary on the coast at 3.00 pm that

day. St Philomena's parish has a three-mile coastline on the River Forth at Abercorn. Please see Fr Jeremy if interested.

Vestry Hour: There will be **no** Vestry Hour this week due to Holy Week. The next Vestry Hour is on Saturday 07 April at 11.00 am.

Housebound Visits: Due to Easter the housebound visits are on Tuesday 17 April.

Collections: Offertory: £309.17. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH

Quiz/Bingo Night - Mary's Meals: The Quiz/Bingo Night in the Canon Hoban Hall on Saturday 21 April at 7.30 pm is for Mary's Meals. 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.

Mary Jacqueline Kirk RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jacqueline Kirk who has died. Her funeral took place on Friday 23 March. May she rest in peace.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The Chrism Mass is this Tuesday 27 March at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral.

Baptism: Please pray for Natalia Halina Schaefer who is to be baptised today (Sunday) in SS John Cantius and Nicholas church. We also pray for her parents and godparents.

Housebound Visits: Due to Easter the housebound visits are as follows: Monday 09 April - Broxburn east and west. Tuesday 10 April - Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont.

Church Cleaning Rota: **N B** - We are looking for volunteers to clean our Church for Easter this Monday 26 March at 7.00 pm. All welcome to come along and help. Rota: **09 April** - Group 3. **30 April** - Group 4.

Vestry Hour: There will be **no** Vestry Hour this week due to Holy Week. The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 06 April at 3.00 pm

Collections: The church collections details will be published next week.

'59 Club': (No. 39). Group 1 - George Finlayson. Group 2 - Joe Cannon.

