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EASTER SUNDAY - 01 APRIL 2018

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MASSES SCHEDULE

Date	St John Cantius & St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 31 March	8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass Daniel Hughes RIP	7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Pietro Pannone RIP	Holy Saturday
Sunday 01 April	9.30 am Mass For the people of the parish	11.30am Mass For the people of the parish	Easter Sunday B
Monday 02 April	9.30am Mass Special Intention	No Mass	Easter Monday
Tuesday 03 April	No evening Mass	9.30 am Mass Mass of Thanksgiving	Easter Tuesday
Wed, 04 April	9.30am Mass Rosemary Hughes RIP	No Mass	Easter Wednesday
Thursday 05 April	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Jean Neilson (recovery)	Easter Thursday
Friday 06 April	9.30 am Mass Bridget & Paddy Duffy RIP	10.30 am Mass Sony D'Alton RIP	Easter Friday
Saturday 07 April	5.30 pm Vigil Mass James Sweeney (AV)	9.30 am Mass Bernadette Chand RIP	Easter Saturday
Sunday 08 April	9.30am Mass Helen Davis (V) 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Mass Mary Jacqueline Kirk RIP	11.30am Mass Ann Dunleavie (AV)	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. Sat. 8.30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. Tues. 6.30pm

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat. 10.15 am.

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THEME

"Death, Where is Your Victory? Where Is your Sting?": Something supernatural happens on Easter Morning, that which is beyond nature. This is what only God can know and do for us. The Gospels, all four of them, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, leaves us with the evidence that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead; the witnesses, the detail, the revelation. What more can the 'Son of God' do to prove that He is human and divine, than by dying on a cross and three days later rising from the dead? The event has taken place, now it is for us to hear the Good News and choose to believe in Him. St Peter and St Paul both speak of this extraordinary event in the first and second Epistles. So then, what about us, do we truly believe? Because without the resurrection of Christ, the Church would not exist today. Alleluia. Amen.

REFLECTION

'The Resurrection': The liberating action of the God 'who gives life to the dead' is the ultimate manifestation of the creator God, of the One who 'calls into existence the things that do not exist.' In this way, the creator God is shown to be the God who remains faithful to His creation to the end. Resurrection thus becomes the definitive new creation, which unveils the deepest sense of the Kingdom of God over His creation, by converting the God of truth into the One who is 'all in all.' (*Seven Vidal - Resurrection in the Israelite Tradition*).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

GOD BLESS YOU ALL - ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! The celebration of Easter has arrived. After 40 days of the call to prayer, fasting and charitable works, we place our renewed selves in the presence of the Risen God. What a joyous moment it is when we recognise that we are people of the Resurrection. Our attitude to life and death is fundamentally changed by Christ. He now encourages us all to go forth into the world and live by that teaching whether at home, on the sports field or at the place of work.

A Message of Thanks: As two parishes centred on the celebration of Easter we give thanks for all the hard work undertaken by parish volunteers to make Lent and Holy Week so special to our Catholic Faith - MUCH APPRECIATED. Canon John and Father Jeremy wish to extend a warm spiritual blessing and deep appreciation for all the prayers, good wishes and kindness shown to them both over this sacred season. We are overwhelmed by your generosity of heart.

Welcome to 'The Neophytes': We pray for those recently received into the Church at the Easter Vigil; that is Charis, Douglas and Lorna. We give thanks too for their Catechesis, sponsors and all those who have supported them in the RCIA programme. There are four other adults receiving instruction at this time. We pray for them also.

Easter Week - GLORIA: This week every day is treated like a Sunday, in that we pray the Gloria and see the Masses as a time of great rejoicing. Please note, however, that there is no 6.00 pm Mass in Broxburn on Tuesday evening.

The Teaching of the Catechism: How Do the Dead Rise? - (Para. 997. *What is 'rising'?*). In death; the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in His almighty power, will definitely grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

Recent Deaths: In the two parishes we have had two more deaths; Gordon Clarkson and Edwin Green. Gordon's funeral service is on Friday 06 April at 12 noon in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church in Broxburn. Edwin's Requiem Mass is on Saturday 07 April at 9.30 am, thereafter to Winchburgh Cemetery at 10.45 am. His coffin will be received into St Philomena's Church on Friday 06 April at 4.00 pm. May they rest in peace

Divine Mercy Sunday 08 April: There will be a Divine Mercy Mass in Broxburn next 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.

Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien RIP: Cardinal O'Brien's Requiem Mass will take place at the Church of St Michael, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle, on Thursday 05 April at 1.00 pm. The main celebrant and homilist will be His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. His interment will take place at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh on Friday 06 April at 1.00 pm. The Cardinal's body will be laid to rest in the grave of his mother and father. Archbishop Cusley is to offer a Month's Mind Mass at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 12.45 pm on Thursday 19 April. May he rest in peace

Patrick Harrigan: Please pray for Patrick Harrigan who served in our parishes last year as his Diaconate Ordination approaches. It is to be held at St Paul's Outside the Walls Papal Basilica in Rome at 10.30 am on Wednesday 13 June, 2018. We wish Patrick well in his vocation to the Priesthood.

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.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Second Sunday of Easter - 08 April). First reading: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35. Psalm: 117:2-4. Second reading: reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-6. Gospel: John 20:19-31.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Mary's Meals: Many thanks for donations from the Celtic Supporters and Irish Bingo. Also, thank you for 11 back-packs donated from Broxburn parish for Mary's Meals. Very much appreciated.

Teas/Coffees: There will be **no** teas and coffees on Easter Sunday.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Saturday 07 April at 11.00 am

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound on Tuesday 17 April.

Collections: Offertory: £398.55. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH

Quiz/Bingo Night - Mary's Meals: Please add your names to the list at the back of the church for the Quiz/Bingo Night in the Canon Hoban Hall on Saturday 21 April at 7.30 pm with the name of the team leader and numbers in teams (up to five only). Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. For more details telephone Kathleen on 01506 852403.

Teas/Coffees: There are **no** teas/coffees in the hall until 22 April due to the Easter holidays. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Baptisms: On Easter Sunday Francesca Lawrence and Leon Jozefiak will be baptised and on Easter Saturday (07 April) Lennox Ramsay will also be baptised. We pray that they will be formed in love and faith to truly know and love the person of Jesus. Please for them and their parents and godparents.

Safety in the Parish Car Park: Please could you kindly respect the need for safety in the parish car park. The traffic should flow in a clock-wise direction; coming in slowly by the Lychgate lane and leaving by the front entrance onto the main road. The recommended speed for cars is 5 miles per hour. Thank you.

Temporary Accommodation Required: Temporary accommodation for one month is required for a family of four with 2/3 bedrooms, from the end of April. If any of our parishioners can accommodate this family, then please get in touch with Samuel Garcia on 07810 660677.

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound as follows: Monday 09 April - Broxburn east and west. Tuesday 10 April - Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont.

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

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 06 April at 3.00 pm.

Collections: Offertory: £869.10. Building Fund: £272.00. Stall: £100.00. '59 Club': £200.00. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club': (No. 49). Group 1 - T. Cannon. Group 2 - A. Dean.



