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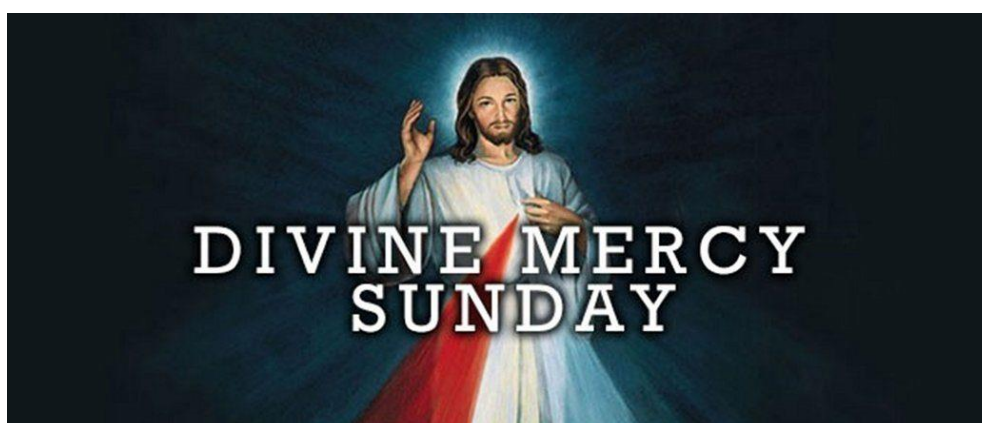
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

08 APRIL 2018



Parish Priest - Fr Jeremy Bath

Date	St John Cantius and St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 07 April	5.30 pm Vigil Mass James Sweeney (AV)	9.30 am Requiem Mass - Edwin Green RIP	Easter Saturday
Sunday 08 April	9.30 am Mass Helen Davis (AV) 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Mass Mary Jacqueline Kirk RIP	11.30 am Mass Ann Dunleavie (AV)	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday 09 April	9.30 am Mass Marion Caulfield (sick)	No Mass	Feast of the Annunciation
Tuesday 10 April	6.00 pm Mass Joe Reddington (AV)	9.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Second Week of Easter
Wed, 11 April	9.30 am Mass Bishop Kevin Rafferty (AV)	No Mass	Memorial of St Stanislaus (Poland)
Thursday 12 April	No Mass	9.30 am Mass SVDP Benefactors	Second Week of Easter
Friday 13 April	9.30 am Mass Lillian Sheridan RIP	10.30 am Mass Kit O'Sullivan RIP	St Martin I
Saturday 14 April	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Winnie Duffy RIP	9.30 am Mass Ann Catherine Peffer (nee Lyons) and all the Lyons family	Second Saturday of Easter
Sunday 15 April	9.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Easter B

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 08 APRIL 2018

THEME

"Peace Be With You": It's easy to be at peace with those who don't let you down; who you can always trust. Think how Jesus could have been, appearing to His apostles and disciples after the death and resurrection, when many had deserted Him? If he was just like us, then He would most likely have torn them to shreds with anger and resentment for deserting Him at His hour of need. However, His response is nothing of the kind. He converts their hearts and minds with a simple statement 'Peace be with you.' Jesus immediately releases them from their sense of shame and torment in the same breath that He releases them from the doubts and scepticism about the resurrection. Now it is the time for a new beginning. The Messianic age has dawned

REFLECTION

"Faith": 'A person of faith is always conscious of God, not only in his own life but in the lives of others. This is the basis of true charitable love, of that great commandment by which we are instructed to "Love God with our whole mind and our whole heart and our whole soul, and our neighbour as ourselves." Faith, then, is the basis for love; it is in the insight of faith that we understand the fatherhood of God and the fellowship of humanity. To increase our love, to love properly, we must strive always to increase our faith, and we do this by means of prayer and the sacraments.' (Fr. Walter J Cizek, S J - 'He Leadeth Me').

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'We Are On The Mountain Top!': After forty days of Lent we have now reached the 'mountain top' of Eastertide. This sacred season of glorious joy is when it is right and fitting to celebrate the Sacramental Life of the Church; Baptisms, Weddings, First Communions and Confirmations. Please pray for the 40+ children between the two parishes, who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion at the end of May and the start of June.

THANK YOU:

- (i) To all those who helped to make the Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services go so beautifully in both parishes. A lot of people went out of their way in poor winter weather to be there for Christ. The churches were truly magnificent in their decoration.
- (ii) To those who donated funds for Fr Martin Xavier's family in South India. Fr Xavier was found dead at Dunbar in June 2017 and his own family live in dire poverty with disabled children. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Gift Aid Covenant Envelopes: Please be aware that as from this Sunday we enter a new Tax Year and everyone who uses Collection Envelopes should have picked up their new pack of envelopes from Stephen Waggott in Broxburn or Vivian Brown in Winchburgh. If you don't yet covenant your giving and you do pay tax this is a brilliant way to claim an extra 20% from HMRC without any extra expense to yourself. See your co-ordinator if interested.

Divine Mercy Sunday (today 08 April): As promulgated by St John Paul II this Sunday is 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' There is an extra Sunday Mass in Broxburn. The timetable is as follows:

- 2.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (*Confessions from 2.15 pm to 2.45 pm*).
- 2.45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - followed by Benediction.
- 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Mass.
- 4.00 pm Teas/coffees in the Canon Hoban Hall.

The Teaching of the Catechism: Para. 316. (Who can receive the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick?). "Any member of the faithful can receive the sacrament as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness affects them."

Feast of the Annunciation: Please note that this Marian Feast has been moved to this Monday 09 April due to Holy Week. A good day to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee Mass: 'To ensure Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee Mass on Tuesday 01 May runs smoothly, we are looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks. As there will be quite a number of cars and guests we need help with directing the traffic for parking etc. We are also looking for volunteers to act as pass-keepers, greeters etc. The Mass starts at 12 o'clock. If you are able to help from 11.00 am onwards please contact Philip Stuart on 07785 525466 or philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk or the church office - (01506 852040) or broxburnandwinchburghparishes@gmail.com. Thank you.' *Philip Stuart.*

St Peregrine Mass for the Anointing of the Sick: The next Mass of anointing of the sick is on Sat. 21 April at 10.30 am in St Philomena's church, Winchburgh. Please assist a sick relative or friend to attend if possible. Thank you.

Primary Four Parents' Meeting re First Communions: This meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 April at 6.30 pm in the church after the 6.00 pm evening Mass. All parents/guardians must attend. Thank you.

Invitation to a Parliamentary Reception: There is a Faith Leader's Event on Scotland's Climate Change Bill which will take place on Wednesday 18 April at the Scottish Parliament from 5.30 pm. If anyone is interested in attending this event contact Teresa McGoldrick, Community Events & Fundraising Officer on 0141 354 5524 or tmcgoldrick@sciaf.org.uk.

'The Rugged Pathway Pilgrimage': This is an Ecumenical Pilgrimage to be held on Saturday 05 May starting at St Mary's Church, Haddington, at 9.45 am. then on to St Mary's Church, Whitekirk. For more details email Emily Armatage c/o david.armatage@talk21.com.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Paddy Clarke, Jim McCabe (Jnr), Susan McCabe, 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: (Third Sunday of Easter - 15 April). First reading: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 3:13-15, 17-19. Psalm: 4. Second reading: a reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5. Gospel: Luke 24:35-48.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH



First Friday Coffee Morning: The coffee morning will be held on Friday 06 April in the parish house, Winchburgh. All proceeds will go towards the "Roof Fund". Thank you to all those who support it.

Holy Family Lenten Appeal: The Holy Family Primary School have more than reached their target and raised over £550.00 in Lent for the Bangladeshi Orphan Appeal. Congratulations to all the children, parents, staff and friends who supported this worthy cause. WELL DONE!

Lenten Alms: Our Lenten Alms Box will shortly be withdrawn. All proceeds go to Diocesan charities.

Easter: Special thanks go to Canon John who celebrated all our Holy Week and Easter Week Services and to all who participated in the Liturgy. Thanks also to all who helped prepare the church for Easter. It was especially pleasing to see the large attendance of children, especially those taking part in the services.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 13 April at 5.00 pm.

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

Collections: Offertory: £767.56. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH



Parent/Teacher Council - St Nicholas Primary School: The group will meet at the primary school at 7.00 pm on Monday 09 April. We pray for a fruitful meeting.

Baptism: Please pray for Kyle Haddow who is due to be baptised on Sunday 08 April and for his parents and godparents that they may form Kyle in the ways of the Catholic faith.

Finance Meeting: This will take place on Saturday 14 April at 11.00 am in the parish house to review the audit and plan for the year ahead.

Mary Mackie: Congratulations to Mary who is due to celebrate her 99th Birthday on Monday 09 April. Great achievement!

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

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 Wednesday 11 April at 6.00 pm.

Collections: Offertory: £1039.00. Building Fund: £318.00. Candles: £180.00. Papers: £81.79. SCIAF: £25.00. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club': (No. 39). Group 1 - G Finlayson . Group 2 - J Cannon.



Jesus,
I Trust
in
You

Divine Mercy