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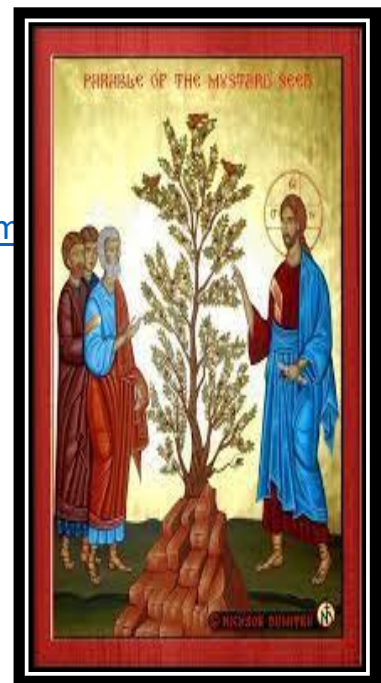
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***13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year***



Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Ethan Hughes RIP AV	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Philbin Family <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> James & Mary Doherty	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Eric Copeland <b>2pm Wedding Service</b> Liam & Rebecca <b>5.00pm Mass</b> Chris Mularkey RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Agnes Cannon RIP (AV) 	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jonathan Dobres	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm Rosary 	<b>9.30 am Thanksgiving Mass</b> Canon John Agnew 1.30pm P7 Leaver Mass Vincent Brady	Memorial of St Vitus
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Peter Jordan RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Helen & Willie Muir & Donnelly Family	Feria
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Eamon Donnelly RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Barabra Bialoszewska RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Fr Patrick Walsh <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Cass McKeown RIP (AV)	Memorial of St Romuald
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Gail Taggart <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Anne Hancock	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Frances Tierney RIP 	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year</b>

### **Theme: 'Seeds of Hope'**

The world is alive with seeds of hope. Whether it is a grain of wheat, a mustard seed or an acorn, without the germinating seed, there is no new life in the world. Humanity itself starts with conception when semen fertilises the egg to produce a human embryo. How marvellous creation is; how extraordinary is that which comes from very small, microscopic beginnings. All nature ultimately originates in God, just as all grace comes from God. Our nature alone is fragile and if it is tampered with by human interference, then it can so easily cause problems for the world. God fortunately provides us with sanctifying grace, revealed to us by Jesus and explained in its truth and wisdom by the parables. The truth is we cannot plant 'seeds of hope' without firstly being in close union with God; the source of all life.

### **REFLECTION**

#### **'Seeds of Hope' by Zilda Arns Newmann**

'Children do not look to an improvement in the conditions of life and education of the families into which they are born, as a springboard for their development, but childcare, particularly in adverse situations, is a major determining factor in future changes to the quality of life of the whole society. The period in a child's life from gestation to the age of six is the most important phase of its life; when its way of behaving, of relating, of developing its human values and spiritual potential, are all being worked out. When the People of God becomes involved in childcare, it discovers that this responsibility is all-embracing, as a child depends on the well-being of Christ-centred family life; rooted above all in the love of God'.

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'How Faith is Crucial to our Mental Health'**

A growing conversation is emerging after 15 months of the pandemic of the connection between faith in God and our mental wellbeing. Many people of all ages have been seriously constrained, isolated and detached from human social contact for a very long time. The regular contact with family, friends and neighbours has been denied them. There is mounting evidence that COVID protection measures have unfortunately magnified the risks to mental wellbeing of those already in a vulnerable position. It is important that we do all we can to engage safely with those who have low self-confidence, i.e., in sharing with others in the parish community. Let us do all we can to keep in touch.

#### **Forthcoming Wedding – Rebecca Bainbridge and Liam Henderson**

I am delighted to announce that we have a Wedding this Sunday. It is wonderful to know that young couples are seeking to exchange their marriage vows at the sanctuary of Our Blessed Lord. We pray for Rebecca and Liam, who have been patiently waiting to get married for some time and have carried out their preparation in extraordinary times. We wish them every joy and blessing in their marital love for each other. Anyone seeking a Wedding in the Church, please remember to give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Thank you to the parishioners who have made the wedding possible to go ahead despite COVID.

#### **Scottish Refugee Week**

From 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June we are encouraged to think particularly of the plight of refugees who have come to Scotland as a 'sanctuary' away from Civil War, famine and persecution. The Church has always seen itself as having a moral responsibility for refugees; just think of the parable of the Good Samaritan and the many Church charities involved in refugee work. Although COVID has restricted the movement of peoples, we must be attentive to those domiciled here in the last five years and help newcomers to feel wanted and valued in our parish community. See "Scottish Refugee Week" on the web for details.

#### **Vestry Hour this coming week**

#### **For all general pastoral needs**

Broxburn: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm (01506 891310)



#### **Chrism Mass - St Mary's Cathedral**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Fr Jeremy will attend the Chrism Mass at our Archdiocesan Cathedral in Edinburgh. The priests will renew their promises before the Archbishop and the new oils of Chrism, Catechumen and Infirmorum will be made holy and distributed to all the Deaneries and Parishes. Please pray for all our priests and the Archbishop on this special day.

### Attendance at Funeral – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Fr Jeremy will be attending the Funeral Mass of his former colleague, Fr John Scally RIP, at Ballingry in Fife on Monday morning. As a result, there may have to be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30 am in Broxburn. May he rest in peace.



### Family Rosary – 6 pm Monday to Friday

The weekly 'Family Rosary' has been an important spiritual lifeline for many households for the last 15 months. I am very grateful to the children and their families who have helped to lead the rosary week by week, also the the 'Zoomers', particularly Valan and Jacqui who have kept us safely connected via the internet. The schools break up for the summer holidays week ending 25<sup>th</sup> June. As some families are going away and Fr Jeremy will be taking some days off, it would be prudent to take a break from 'Zooming the Rosary' as from 25<sup>th</sup> June until the schools go back in mid to late August. However, parishioners are encouraged by whatever means, digital or otherwise, to keep 6 pm as a rosary prayer time. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us.



- (i) To all who contributed to the second collection in Winchburgh for the retiral presentation to Rev Scott Marshall. Thanks to your generosity, a cheque for £300 will be passed on to the local Kirk Session.
- (ii) For the donations so far towards the new Sound System at St Philomena's Winchburgh. There is still a £3,000 shortfall so any other donations would be much appreciated but your kindness towards the Building Fund will help to meet the debt.

### Church Sound Systems

- (i) We now have a 'Bluetooth' facility in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish. This enables tracks of music to be downloaded from a mobile phone and played over the Church sound system.
- (ii) The new Church sound system at St Philomena's which includes a 'loop system' for the deaf, will be installed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Be prepared to adjust your hearing aids from Thursday morning onwards – also has Bluetooth facility.

### Parish Pastoral Council - Broxburn

This will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall, using social distancing. Please check for access to the hall as the Slimmer's are on the same evening. Items for the agenda?

### AGM St Philomena's Hall Social Committee

The AGM of the Social Committee will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm in the hall. All members invited to attend as well as anyone from the parish who seeks to take an interest in the future of the hall. We pray for a good and worthwhile meeting.

### Fabric Report – St John Cantius and St Nicholas

- (i) The Church heating system in Broxburn needs a new pump which was installed this week, including annual service - costing £900.00.
- (ii) The emergency spire works were completed last week, costing £3,700. A surveyor's report will detail any further works that should be carried out in the future. A large metal cross was removed that was in danger of falling off.

### Changes to Mass in Winchburgh as some Restrictions Ease

As communal singing with masks is now allowed, we will re-introduce hymn books on a Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 11.30am Mass. There will be a box of hymn books for each Mass and parishioners are asked to pick one up on the way in and drop it off on the way out, there will be box at each entrance as people leave. Hymn numbers can be displayed on the board.

At all Masses, parishioners will return to their seats after Communion for a final blessing. They will be guided out row by row and return across the row to their seat (as before). After the blessing we will use both doors to exit and will be directed to exit by WMs starting at the back, one on each aisle. People on the left going out the left door and those on the right going out the right door. Please ensure distancing as each pew leaves, we still have to maintain a 2-metre distance and masks still have to be worn.

## The Teaching of the Catechism

### 'The Church as the Body of Christ' – Para 787-796

'The image of the Church as the Body of Christ is found in the New Testament writings of St Paul. In Chapter 10 of 1 Corinthians, Paul says that our communion with Christ comes from "the cup of blessing" which invites us in his blood and from "the bread that we break" which unites us to his body. Because the bread is one, all of us, though many, are one body. The eucharistic body of Christ and the Church are, together, the Mystical Body of Christ'.

### West Lothian Inter Faith Forum

This group met last week and Rev John Povey, who is retiring as the Minister of the Kirk of the Calder's, in August, also stood down as the Chair. The new 'Chair' is Haslim Mabin, the Iman of the Mosque in Deans, Livingston. We wish them both well in times to come. All places of worship have been encouraged to plant trees in this year of the 'Climate Change World Conference' in Glasgow, November 2021.

### Saints Memorials and Feast Days this week

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Memorial of St Vitus:** Saint of late 2<sup>nd</sup> Century. Known for 'St Vitus Dance' and so, by extension, the patron saint of archers and dancers. Son of the Sicilian senator; brought up as a Christian by his tutor and nurse. His father discovered this and tried to reconvert him to paganism but without success. Vitus escaped to Rome and by chance healed the Roman Emperor's Son of mental illness, manifested in twitching and convulsions, hence, 'St Vitus Dance'. The Emperor regarded this healing as sorcery and had Vitus put to death.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Memorial of St Romuald:** Born in Ravenna, Italy, around 950 AD. Changed from an indulgent pleasure seeker to being a hermit and founding a monastic community. "Empty yourself completely and sit waiting" he used to tell his fellow monks.

**Here's the Children's Liturgy at Home guide for this Sunday.** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 13 June 2021. <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/11thSunOrdTimeYrB13June2021PDF.pdf> This coming Sunday, we hear Jesus sharing a parable in which he reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven grows when we share his love with others. We thank God for our families and for this time we spend together in prayer. We do this today, knowing that God is with us, helping us always especially when times are difficult.

### Eventbrite: 19/20 June

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156476384077>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156476592701>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156477184471>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156477320879>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156477473335>

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJeFB1QT09>

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. In Scot's what does the term 'bawbee' mean when applied to coins? **Originally a silver coin worth 3 pennies, later, 6 pennies.**
2. Which planet was the birthplace of Mr Spock in the tv series 'Star Trek'? **Vulcan**
3. Name the European City having the first Church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? **The Estrala Basilica in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1780.**

### This Week's Quiz

1. There is a street in Kirkliston called 'Maude Place'. Who or what was 'Maude'?
2. By what other name is the A9 road known?
3. Where in Poland is the Marian Shrine of Jasna Gora?

### Next week's Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jb 3:1.8-11

Psalm: Ps 106 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor 1:14-17

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41

