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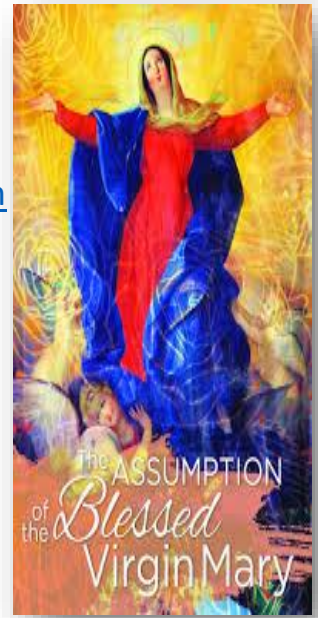
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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 15TH AUGUST 2021

Saturday 14 th August	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Gerard Hughes	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Annie Spence RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention	Memorial of St Maximillian Kolbe
Sunday 15th August	9.30 am Mass John Hughes 5.00 pm Mass Brendan Fegan RIP First Anniversary	11.30 am Mass Vocations to the Priesthood RIP	 Assumption
Monday 16 th August	9.30 am Mass Shaun Watson RIP 1 st Anniversary	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 17 th August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Members of the Deceased Priest Fund RIP	Feria
Wednesday 18 th August	9.30 am Mass Katherine McMahon 1.30pm School Mass George Finlayson Senior	No Mass	Feria 
Thursday 19 th August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke RIP	Feria
Friday 20 th August	9.30 am Mass Jimmy McKeirnan	11am School Mass Holy Family School Intentions	St Bernard of Clairvaux
Saturday 21 st August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Gladys Wood	9.30 am Mass Fr John Scally RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Matt McShane RIP	Feast of St Pius X
Sunday 22nd August	9.30 am Mass Ellen Reddington RIP 5.00 pm Mass People of the parishes	11.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke RIP	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Confessions

Broxburn – Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 5.45pm

Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am

Theme: "Assumption"

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven reveals that what God begins, he brings to completion. In choosing her from the beginning to be the Mother of the Saviour, the Lord prepared her through the Immaculate Conception, which protected her from original sin. Throughout her life, grace continued to expand and flower within her, giving her strength to stand by Jesus on the cross, epitomized by the 'pieta'; Mary holding the body of her son in her arms on Calvary. As her own time on earth was coming to an end, she was preserved from corruption of the tomb and enjoys already a bodily participation in the glory of Christ in heaven. From there, she prays for us – that grace may come to perfection in us, and that we may share in her glory with Jesus.

Reflection: 'Our Lady Is In Heaven'

'We do not know where or what or how heaven is, but this we know, and it is very nearly all that we know about heaven; In heaven Our Lady is with God. Our Lady's body is there, and the Body of Christ is there, and our Lady's soul and the soul of Christ and his divinity. We can realise this only in so far as we realise it through its effect upon the world. There, before God, is humanity – but innocent humanity in all its primal loneliness, humanity with which the Spirit of God is in love'.

Let us pray, - Having partaken of this heavenly table, we beseech your mercy, Lord our God, that we who honour the Assumption of the Mother of God, may be freed from every threat of harm. Through Christ Our Lord, AMEN
(Caryl Houselander)

SHARED PARISH NEWS

"Our Churches are OPEN!"

It is heartening to see churches now allowed to accommodate those who come to Mass and not having to book beforehand. Coming to Mass is central to our lives as Catholic Christian people of God. The Virtual World of the internet is not the same as being at Mass; it is a helpful substitute for those who are confined to their homes. If parents can take their children shopping to Lidl or the Coop then how much better and life giving is it to bring them to Mass. The Safeguards remain – As there is no longer a requirement to book for mass, Eventbrite will cease operating at this time. We still require your details though, for track and trace purposes. Please provide your name and contact telephone number on arrival at the church to the welcome ministers. There are also check in Scotland posters with a QR code on the outside of the church, and in the porch area, for those that wish to use it. *The QR code is scanned using the camera facility on a smart phone, which takes you to an online form to complete. (Name, contact number, and how many persons are in your group). If you don't have a smart phone, you can download an app for QR code reading. Alternatively, you can check in by visiting checkin.scot/37170150K via your internet browser.* If you would like to use the QR code, but not sure how to, please ask a welcome minister who will be happy to assist. If someone tests positive for COVID-19 after visiting the Church, Check In Scotland works with NHS Scotland's Test and Protect to alert anyone who may have been a close contact of the person. Masks and sanitising to continue. We are very grateful for the welcomers, cleaners and Mass bookers for all their dedication and committed work.



Streaming of Masses Online

To give the Zoom Hosts a break over the summer holidays we reduced the Zooming of Masses to 3 times a week. In order to make online transmission less of a workload; we are moving now to 'YouTube' transmission. This will be used for the Masses and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary, Station of the Cross etc. in order to encourage people back to Mass we will keep the transmission of Masses to Mondays, Thursdays and one of the Sunday Masses, plus any Holydays of Obligation. Information on YouTube will follow shortly please look out for details on the website, Facebook or the next Newsletter. Thank you to all our Zoomers!

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This beautiful Marian Feast is celebrated normally with great festival and procession all over the World. In streets and squares of villages, towns and cities around the world, normally there are parades, processions and fiestas to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Marian shrine will be open in Broxburn church grounds on Saturday 14th August 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Sunday 4.30pm to 6pm for the recitation of the rosary and also for personal devotion. The 5pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at the altar of Our Lady in the church. – A special time to pray for anyone's Mother who has died. God Bless Them!

Schools Return After the Summer Break

The staff return on Monday 16th August and the pupils on Tuesday 17th August for the new session. We wish everyone a renewed blessing in Catholic Education especially the new Primary 1's and the new S1's in our high Schools. Fr Jeremy will be celebrating opening school Masses in both our primary schools in the first week of term: St Nicholas - Wednesday 18th August, Holy Family -Friday 20th August. The Spiritual theme for our schools in the new session should be: "Responsible Stewards of God's creation", as we await the Climate change Conference in November – that we earnestly work together to care for the earth so that our children and our children's children have a filled future.

Recent Deaths:

Peter Fogwill RIP – We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter, who died on the 6th August. He was from the Drumshoreland area and was much loved by family and friends. His funeral service will be at 11am on Monday 23rd August in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church, followed by Loaninghill Cemetery May he rest in peace.

"33 Days For Our Lady" – As the Legion of Mary Prepares to celebrate 100 years since its first meeting in Dublin on the 7th September 1921, we invite you to join us online to make a worldwide consecration to Jesus through Mary. What greater gift could we offer Our Blessed Mother on her birthday. The Rosary is 8pm daily finishing on the eve of her birthday (7th September). Zoom link: 811 4083 3503 Passcode: 876433. Fr Colm Mannion. O.P email: marychannelofgrace@gmail.com



Altar Servers Now Return!

The revised regulations allow once again Altar Servers on the Sanctuary with mask wearing. There will be an Altar Servers Practise on Sunday 29th August after the 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and after the 11.30 Mass in Winchburgh. Fr Jeremy will also contact the 1st Communion children from 2020 and 2021 to see if they wish to serve. All servers must get their parents' permission first. God Bless our Servers.

Canon Hoban Hall & St Philomena's Hall

The parish halls have been well maintained during the 'Pandemic' and are now allowed to be used for community and parish use providing we keep to the current PPE guidelines. Teas and coffees can now be served after Mass on a Sunday if volunteers are willing to step forward and bring them back. Also, it will be possible again to have the 'Children's Liturgy in the hall during the Sunday morning Mass. Please let Fr Jeremy know if you would be willing to help in the Broxburn and Winchburgh parishes with the Children's Liturgy.

St John's hospital – Night Calls

Fr Jeremy will be on 'Night calls' at St John's this coming week, from 10pm to 8am if you need a priest at the hospital remember to go through the Ward Sister who will then contact the priest – this applies to Tippethill and St Michales Linlithgow.

Eucharistic Ministers



Fr Jeremy would like to meet with those who are serving as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who would like to assist with it in the future. It would be good to connect again and be clear about 'Best practise'. Broxburn parish – Saturday 28th August 11am in the church. Winchburgh parish Sunday 29th August 12.30pm in the church. * Clarity needs to be given also about good practise re the housebound.

St Marys University College – Twickenham and the Gillis Campus for Catechesis

We now have a golden opportunity to train up a new catechesis to help prepare adults and children for the sacraments of the Catholic Faith. – This is vital pastoral work. If you are interested in becoming a catechesis with adults or those children preparing for the sacraments then please let Fr Jeremy know. The parish will also fund training at the Gillis Campus in Edinburgh. There will be an internet meeting on Tuesday 31st August at 7pm in the Sacristy at Broxburn church for both parishes.

Catechesis For Teachers

Fr Jeremy will be giving talks this coming week to primary teachers in both schools about Religious Observance and Pastoral Care as integral to a Catholic School.

Vestry Hour

Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 17th August 6.45pm (01506 852040).

Winchburgh Parish – Monday 16th August 7pm (01506 891310).

For all general pastoral enquiries



Rev Derek Henderson -Interim Minister of Broxburn Parish Church

Please pray for Rev Derek and his family as his beloved mother has passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

Thanks, from Clarke Family – Molly and family would like to thank Archbishop Cushley, Canon Agnew, Fathers Bath and Lee for their presence at the funeral Mass for Fr Pat. They would also like to thank the parishioners and friends for their cards, Mass cards and prayers at this time.

Webinar for clergy & parish finance committees

Funding for clergy retirement is the biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese. Clergy and members of parish finance committees are invited to a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31 August, hosted by the Archdiocese. The session will share the progress made, the challenges faced and options for parish based solutions. Here is the link to join on the night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884035553>

Synod

A synod of the bishops will take place in Rome in 2023. The Holy Father has asked for the synod's preparations to begin in local churches. It will begin with a period of consultation and discernment on Sunday 17 October this year. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM has been asked to be the Archdiocese's lead delegate in the national synodal process and will be assisted by Fr John Deighan (Lennoxton, Milton & Torrance). An announcement will be made soon on how that process will take shape in our Archdiocese.

Safeguarding webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

The Teachings of the Church

'The duties of Married Life'

'Marriage, to be sure, is freely contracted: there must be no coercion. But once a man and a woman – in complete freedom – have made this contract, the union assumes the character of an institution at once religious and civil. By their union in marriage, each of the parties confers a sacrament on each other; they are themselves the ministers whom Our Blessed Lord employs for the communication of that sacramental grace of which He is the author'. (*Fr Mercier*)



Saints Days this week

Friday 20th August – St Bernard of Clairvaux – 12th Century charismatic monastic figure who reformed monastery life in the Cistercian Order and drew many followers to the cloisters of Citeaux and Clairvaux. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy.

Saturday 21st August – St Pius X – Pope of the Church just over a century ago. Came from humble peasant origin. Rose to be Cardinal Patriarch of Venice before being elected Pope in 1903. With his pastoral and liturgical gifts sought to engage the faithful in more frequent attendance at Mass and more frequent Holy Communion. Also, took on the Modernist heresy to protect the unity of the church.

Answers to last week's Quiz

1. What is a Mamba? **A Snake**
2. What is Sabbatine privilege? **'Belief that devotion to Mary will secure release from Purgatory'**
3. In a Church, what is usually placed in an 'ambry'? **The Consecrated Host**
4. Where is the Scottish Grand National run? **Ayr Race Course**
5. What is the currency called in Saudi Arabia? **The Riyal**

Next week's Quiz

1. Which French actor played the leading role in the film 'Highlander'?
2. Which Island in the middle of the Atlantic is named after a Feast Day in the Church?
3. What does it mean to be - caught red handed?
4. What single word is used to describe the 10 Commandments?
5. Who are 'Realtors' in the U.S.A?



Offertory /Building Fund July: Broxburn: £2555 BF: £2821 Winchburgh: £1797 BF: £1238

Next Week's Reading: 21st Sunday of the Year –

1st Reading: Jos 24:1-2,15-18

Psalm: Ps 33 2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

