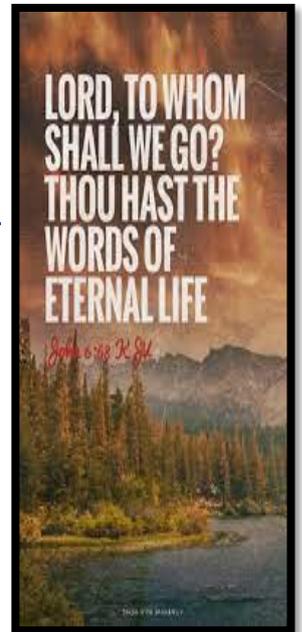




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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 22<sup>ND</sup> August 2021**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> 5.30pm Gladys Wood	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> 9.30am Mass Fr John Scally RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Matt McShane RIP	Feast of St Pius X
<b>Sunday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> 	9.30 am Mass Ellen Reddington RIP 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke RIP	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Aria Rose Dick (Sick)	No Mass	Memorial of St Rose of Lima
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass 	9.30 am Mass Fr John Scally RIP 1.30pm Class Mass P6/7	Feast of St Bartholomew
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Margaret Aitken (Birthday)	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Special Intention	Feria
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Agnes Lavin RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Monica
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass James Watson RIP 	9.30 am Mass The Sick & Housebound 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Manus Maguire	Memorial of St Augustine
<b>Sunday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 	9.30 am Mass Martin Ward RIP 5.00 pm Mass Margaret Brady RIP	11.30 am Mass Matt McShane RIP	

**Confessions**

**Broxburn – Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 5.45pm**

**Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am**



### **Theme: "Upset"**

Jesus asks the question that no one dares to ask.... "Does this upset you?" – that my body is real food and my blood is real drink. Inevitably it is upsetting for many to hear Jesus of Nazareth teaching them to eat his body and drink his blood. Out with the realms of the Passover Seder Meal, the commemoration of the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt, by eating the unleavened bread and the sacrificial lamb; they fail at this stage to connect it all with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is only His resurrection from the dead and the coming of the Holy spirit does it begin to make sense. It is true that conversion to Christ upsets our way of thinking and makes us see the whole of reality in a new light. When I do consider the origin of the sacrament and God's plan for the world does it truly begin to make sense. As St Peter remarks 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.'

### **Reflection: 'Eucharist – Bread of Life'**

'The Eucharist is communion with Jesus and spiritual food to support the faithful in his/her struggle to keep the commandments. The Saviour.... is always and wholly present to those who live in him. He provides for their every need. He did everything for them and does not allow them to turn their glance to any other thing or seek anything apart from him. Indeed, there is nothing the saints need but him: he gives them life and growth; he nourishes them; he is their light and breath; he moulds in them the image of himself. He is at once the nourishment and the One who nourishes. It is he who offers the bread of life and that which he offers is himself the life of the living, fragrance to one who breathes.' (Casilas – Life in Christ)

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **"Slowly but Surely"**

As time moves on relentlessly, the life of everyone must do likewise. We would all like things to be back to normal again, but perhaps realise, in wisdom, that it will all take time. Traffic is increasing, schools are re-open and young people are looking for jobs, homes and purpose in their existence. Throughout it all the sacramental and spiritual life of the Church is there as a crucial point of reference. The Sunday Mass marks our structure of life and gives us the 'spiritual compass' that we need to enlighten our minds and purify our conscience. If you seek some guidance on returning to Mass and all the current safeguards and procedures that are in place to keep everyone safe, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office or speak to me, Fr Jeremy personally. God Bless you ALL.

#### **Revised COVID Code of Conduct- Scottish Bishops Conference**

In terms of place of worship and Scottish Government guidance the following key points should be respected and observed:

1. Maintain good hygiene – in and out of the church
2. Don't come to church if feeling unwell
3. Wear face coverings unless special dispensation
4. We will continue to ensure good ventilation
5. Continue to engage with test and protect either by registering at the door or using the QR code.
6. Give each other space in the church



NB the churches will continue to be cleaned after use. *THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION.*

#### **Schools Reopened**

Now that schools are reopened Fr Jeremy was grateful to have time to address the teachers. Opening school year Masses were streamed online. Class Masses will resume using all the statutory regulations and being done simply and only in class numbers. Fr Jeremy has agreed a school programme of dates with both primary schools and hope to attend the forthcoming 'Parent Council' meetings.

#### **The Scottish Catholic Observer – RIP**

Sadly, it has been advised that this weekly Scottish Catholic Newspaper, has, after 100 years of publication gone into liquidation. We give thanks for the papers dedicated service to the Catholic community over all this time and pray for the staff who have lost their jobs. The paper has however been replaced by a new Scottish Catholic journal that is published every two weeks and it is called, "The Scottish Catholic". It is packed with lots of regional news, articles and comment. It is priced at £2, which is very reasonable considering its content and circulation. Copies will be made available in parishes in the coming weeks. You can also subscribe to the online edition [www.thescottishcatholic.com](http://www.thescottishcatholic.com) Editors: Ian Dunn + Mary McGinty.



### R.C.I.A

There are several adults taking instruction at this time and it would be good to form an R.C.I.A group in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to be a catechist or a sponsor, please let Fr Jeremy know. It will all be done in a safe and responsible manner.

### Farewell to Joseph Gierasik

'Joe' has been a valuable member of the 'Chaplaincy Team' at St Johns Hospital for many years. Working alongside Rev Georgina Nelson, he has been very conscientious in getting Catholic clergy to the hospital for the sick and the dying. We wish long and happy retirement in Dundee.

### Parish Secretary's Revised Hours



Please note that our dedicated secretary, is present in our parish officed as follows:

Monday: Broxburn 9-2pm Tuesday: Winchburgh 9-12 noon, Wednesday: Broxburn 9-2pm, Thursday Winchburgh 9-10.30 Broxburn 10.30-2pm. We are very grateful for all Jacqui's work and the volunteers who also so generously assist in our administration week in and week out.

### Ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

It has been a long time since this particular Ministry met, Fr Jeremy would like to meet with the ministers who would like to continue and those who choose to stand down, please let him know. – Thank you for all you have done. Clarification is now needed about current safe good practise and how we maintain that to keep everyone safe. Broxburn Parish: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 11am (church) Winchburgh Parish: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 11.30 am (church).

**Funeral Service - Peter Fogwill RIP** – this will go ahead at 11am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 11 am in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church, thereafter to Loaninghill Cemetery. We pray for Lorna and all the Fogwill family, sadly missed, may he rest in peace.

### Altar Servers

The ministry of Altar Servers is now permitted under revised Covid- 19 regulations. Servers must wear a mask on the altar. Any of the children who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in 2019, 2021 and 2021 are eligible to become servers. Also, very glad to have back experienced servers. Registration and some training will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August after the 9.30am Mass in Broxburn, and after the 11.30am Mass in Winchburgh. God Bless our Servers.

### Fabric Report

**Broxburn Parish:** (i) The Altar servers sacristy after damp repairs in May is now being redecorated and freshened up. The east and west walls of the sanctuary also being freshened up – Estimated cost - £350.00 (ii) the flat roofs at front and back of parish house are being repaired and repainted to prevent water penetration. Estimated cost - £250.00

Winchburgh Parish: (i) A Perspex shield is being erected to protect the new stained-glass windows – Cost to be confirmed.

(ii) the church boiler is needing new parts and upgrading – Cost around £1500.00

Thanks to your giving those works can be done.



### Reception of Helen Davies – St Philomena's

Please pray for Helen who is being received into the Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the 9.30am Mass. God bless her and guide her in Catholic Christian way of life. She is a wife and mother with her children attending Holy Family and St Margaret's.

### School Class Masses

Next week Fr Jeremy will preside over class masses under revised conditions. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August -Primary 6/7 Holy Family School and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Primary 7a&7b at St Nicholas School. It is important to keep our baptised children familiar with the rite of Mass.

### Visit to Monsignor Lawson

As Dean, Fr Jeremy, after passing a 'flow test' will be visiting Monsignor Lawson who is now in a care home in Lasswade. Please keep him in your prayers. He served the Archdiocese for many years in West Lothian and now has advanced Alzheimer's. Canon John Urquhart is also in that home.

### Vestry Hour

Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 5 pm (01506 852040).  
Winchburgh Parish – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2 pm (01506 891310).

***For all general pastoral enquiries***



**Prayers Please:** for all the sick, including Margaret Pleasance in Holmsview Care Home.

### **Daisy Park – Winchburgh**

Have your say – It's time to help us design – Winchburgh Developments are having Community drop-in sessions which will be held over the coming weeks at the Winchburgh Church Marquee for everyone to come and give their thoughts on what you would like to see in the future Daisy Park/Old Brickworks site. Dates so far – 18/08, 23/08, 25/08, 06/09, 08/09 from 3-7pm.

### **Pastoral Coordinator**

St Joseph's Services in Roswell has a vacancy for a Pastoral Coordinator. It is an important post and stays true to the values and pastoral ethos of St Vincent de Paul, if you wish to apply, please contact

[Anne.McEvoy@stjosephsservice.co.uk](mailto:Anne.McEvoy@stjosephsservice.co.uk) or call 0131 440 7200.

### **Justice & Peace Mass**

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Register at [bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021](http://bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021)

### **Event: A Call to Action**

During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action'. It takes place at 3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom. For more details and to register, visit: [bit.ly/ACallToAction2021](http://bit.ly/ACallToAction2021)

### **The Teaching of the catechism- Para 1336 'The Eucharist'**

'The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalised them: "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?". The eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you go away?" – the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has, "the words of eternal life", and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.'

NB. Trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything' (Teilhard de Chardin)

### **Saints Days this week**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Feast of Bartholomew** – Apostle and martyr, otherwise known as Nathanael. Reputed to have spread the Gospel in Armenia and India. Martyrdom included being flayed alive and beheaded. Fondly referred to by Jesus as 'a man without deceit'.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Memorial of St Monica** – of 4<sup>th</sup> Century, North Africa. She tempered an aggressive husband and difficult mother-in-law. Brought up three children after being widowed young; on being Augustine. Seen as a model of Christian mothers who patiently brought her famous son Augustine to conversion, by a process of prayer, fasting and vigils. All she lived for was to see her son a Catholic and a child of heaven.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Memorial of St Augustine** – After a long interior conflict, vividly described in his Confession, Augustine was converted and baptised in 386 A.D. His intellectual brilliance, wide education, ardent temperament and mystical insight formed a personality of extraordinary quality. Bishop of Hippo. North Africa, Died 430 A.D

### **Answers to last week's Quiz**

1. Which French actor played the leading role in the film 'Highlander'? ***Christopher Lambert***
2. Which Island in the middle of the Atlantic is named after a Feast Day in the Church? ***Ascension Island***
3. What does it mean to be - caught red handed? ***Doing something unlawful, leaving blood on your hands***
4. What single word is used to describe the 10 Commandments? ***Decalogue***
5. Who are 'Realtors' in the U.S.A? ***Estate Agents***

### **This Weeks Quiz**

1. What was the name of Napoleon's favourite horse?
2. In golf, what does a 'Double Bogey' score indicate?
3. What is the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment of the U.S Constitution?
4. How many cubic inches in a Scotch Pint?
5. What does the musical term 'Adagio' mean?



**Next Week's Reading: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year** – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Dt4:1-2.6-8 Psalm: Ps14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jm 1:17-18.21-22.27 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

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