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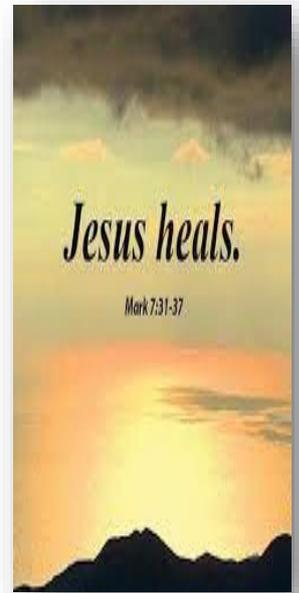
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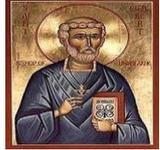
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Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Ellen Sweeney Calder RIP	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Deceased members of Holy Family conference <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Fr Pat Clarke RIP	Memorial of St Cuthbert 
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Rita Sullivan <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Mary Devine RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Brian Sadler RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Mass</b> 	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Fr Patrick Clarke RIP <b>1.30pm P4/5 Class Mass</b>	Feria
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John Toner RIP <b>1.30pm P5 Class Mass</b>	No Mass	Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Peter Fogwill RIP	Feria
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jonathan Dobres RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> J.J McCarty RIP 	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Special Intention <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathy Rodgers (Bellshill)	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> All members of the SVDP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Ina Rennie RIP	

**Confessions**

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

**Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am**



### **Theme: "I Can't Hear"**

I can't hear my child's first words; I can't hear the roar of the crowd; I can't hear the birds sing or Mozart's piano concerto. For those you have no capacity to hear; they must compensate by using their other senses even more so. Jesus heals a deaf man by pronouncing the words, 'Be opened in Aramaic, or was it in Greek? Or possibly in Hebrew? – does it matter what language he uses, as the man was deaf? The important thing is the desire of Jesus to heal someone who is disabled. His desire is responded to; however, the order to the witnesses to listen well and not tell everyone is ignored. The irony of the miracle is that those who can hear are 'deaf' to the institution of Jesus. When we choose not to obey those who should be heard, have we got a form of deafness? When we choose to ignore the teaching of Christ, we do so at our peril and for the wider world.

### **Reflection: 'Fundamental Moral Principles'**

***(Gaudian et Spes 1964)***



'Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; what insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others are infamies indeed'.

*'People shouldn't die by the hand of another person, but holding the hand of another person'*

***(Francis Card Koning 2001)***

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **The Pope Wants to Consult Us**

the Holy Father, Pope Francis has called a big consultation exercise of the Catholic Church throughout the world; this means that all of us, the lay people and the clergy will be consulted at local parish level. It will be a three year 'synodal process' which started last October with a preparatory document issued from the Vatican. (The key topics/issues yet to be known). The Archbishop, Leo Cushley, has chosen Fr John Deighan and Sr Ann Marie McGuan as our leading delegates to represent the Diocese at a national level and guide the process. We pray that will help us to take sound reflective stock of the Catholic Church in Scotland and what is our call for Mission in the present challenging age. (More details to follow)

#### **National Pilgrimage to Carfin 5<sup>th</sup> September**

This is the time of year traditionally when we think of the National Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Carfin. If you have never visited Carfin Shrine, its only 35 minutes by car to the West, just outside Motherwell and very near the Newhouse Junction 6 of the M8 Motorway postcode: ML1 5AJ, there is a big service there this Sunday at 3pm prior to the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. (This week) N.B We hope to run a bus to Carfin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 11am returning 3pm, Price £5 each (return) Mass and Rosary. Interested? Please sign up on the list at the back of the church – All undertaken under COVID protection measures.

#### **Restarting Family Rosary on Zoom**

Fr Jeremy wishes to restart evening 'Family Rosary' on Zoom as from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, every Tuesday at 6pm. During 'Lockdown' the Monday to Friday Rosary was literally a God send to many households and carries us all through some of the darkest days of the pandemic. As the lockdown is now lifted and parish activity has picked up slowly, it is not feasible to Zoom every night Mon-Fri at 6pm; however, lets start with Tuesday at 6pm from the 14<sup>th</sup> September and see how we go. Any family who would like to take a turn leading it like before, please let Fr Jeremy know. Please note we now have rosary before Mass on Mon, Tue, Wed each week during exposition. Our Lady of the rosary pray for us.

#### **Announcement of New School Openings**

It is now being announced that the new Catholic schools being built in Winchburgh will provisionally open, COVID permitting as follows – Sinclair Academy Secondary School – August 2023, Holy Family Primary School – January 2023. We are glad this now gives parents and children a 'timeline' for entry and we look forward to the day when these brand-new schools are officially opened. God bless all those involved in the construction and implementation process. N.B visual displays of the finish's construction can be viewed on the internet via Facebook. All of these dates are provisional as the construction team do not know if Covid-19 will have an impact on progress. Thank you to the Primary 1 Class at Holy Family for their beautiful Artwork for St Philomena's Church noticeboard. We look forward to more in the future!

### **Vestry Hour**

Winchburgh Parish – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 5pm (01506 891310).

Broxburn Parish – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September (01506 852040).



***For all general pastoral enquiries***

### **Vocations Awareness Week 12-19<sup>th</sup> September**

As part of the promotion of Vocations in the Archdiocese, St John Cantius & St Nicholas parish will be hosting a special prayer vigil for vocations in the church on the 12<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 5pm. This includes Exposition, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Confessions and Benediction. Benediction is then followed by Mass at 5pm. There are special leaflets at the back of the church to promote this event. Thank you to Catherine Lynch for organising so much of the event.

### **Second Collection Aged & Infirm Clergy fund**

The Archbishop has asked me to advertise that next Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Sept) a special collection will be taken at the Masses for helping to fund the care and welfare of current and future 'retired' and 'less able' clergy. Your generosity is much needed and appreciated. THANK YOU!

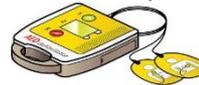
### **Reception in Confirmation & Holy Communion – Charlie Longworth**

We pray for Charlie who completes his initiation into the Church at the 5pm Mass on Sunday. We pray for his parents and sponsors at this momentous occasion. God bless him in his belonging to the People of God. His saint's name is 'St Nicholas'. Have a lovely celebration at Mass and thereafter.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

Over the next couple of Sundays, a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society Conference on St John Cantius & St Nicholas Parish will make an appeal for new volunteers to assist in the welfare of the poor and needy. Anyone aged 18 or over is eligible to become a member of the society and at this time it is vital that we keep such a service open to those most in need.

### **Defibrillator Appeal**



We all remember when the footballer collapsed during the European 2021 competition; his heart stopped. The other players were crying. A defibrillator was rushed onto the pitch and saved his life. We are trying to raise money to buy one for the church in Broxburn. Please put your donation in the box in the porch. We will also have a 'Quiz Night' soon to raise funds. Thank you.

### **COVID update for parishes**

We are now allowed to have Eucharistic Ministers assisting with holy Communion distribution on the Sunday Masses. Please be aware of 2 distribution points and continue to respect social distancing. The sacred host continues to be given in the hand. Anyone seeking alternative means they must see the priest at the end of Mass. In St Philomena's Parish, Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at the 11.30 am Mass and start on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. In St John Cantius & St Nicholas Parish, Fr Jeremy will commission the Eucharistic Ministers at the Masses on the 4/5<sup>th</sup> September. Also, an updated list of the roles and responsibilities for the Eucharistic Ministers who are designated to visit the Housebound under current COVID guidelines is published. Members are asked to read it and sign that they will abide by these measures. – Copies in both parishes.

### **Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate**

Please pray for Thomas McEvoy who is due to be ordained for our Archdiocese as a Permanent Deacon on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. He is a parishioner, with his wife Anne at the Sacred Heart Parish, Penicuik and in the Lay commission for Interfaith + Ecumenism.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Broxburn**

The next meeting of the PPC is due to take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Choir area of the Church, using social distancing. Items for the agenda should be sent to Peter Doolan, the secretary or to the parish office. Thank you.

### **The Teaching of the Catechism-**

### **Respect for Creation**



"The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment enjoins respect for creation. Animals, like plants and inanimate beings, are by nature destined for the common good of past, present and future humanity. Use of the mineral vegetable and animal resources of the universe cannot be divorced from the respect for moral imperatives. Mankind's dominion over other living beings granted by the creator is not absolute – it is limited by concern for generations to come and requires religious respect".

### Death of Stephen Pettigrew RIP

We received the sad news on Wednesday that Stephen, son of Neil Pettigrew died unexpectedly on the 31<sup>st</sup> August in St John's hospital. Stephen was a popular figure in Broxburn and Uphall and drove the street cleaning machine and was a leading figure in the Broxburn Bowling Club. He will be sadly missed by many family and friends. May he rest in peace. His funeral arrangements provisionally - Requiem Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> September followed by a burial at Loaninghill Cemetery. His death comes almost a year since his father died Amen.

### 'Countdown to COP 26 – Glasgow'

As Pope Francis and world leaders with thousands of delegates gather in Glasgow in 8 weeks' time, what am I doing to relieve climate change?

Here are some ideas:

- (i) Reduce consumption of goods wrapped in plastic
- (ii) Turn off lights that are not necessary
- (iii) Walk or cycle to school rather take the car, or when we come to Mass

### Climate Fringe Week 18-26 September

Over 60 events will take place across Scotland online, from Irvine to Forres, with more being scheduled every day. They are all linked to nature, climate and the environment, with a community focus, all with the purpose of promoting climate action in Scotland. From bike rides and a book launch, to film screenings, climate cafes, and an exhibition, there really is something for everyone! <https://climatefringe.org/week/>

### Wheelchair in need of a home!

A brand-new wheelchair is looking for a new home. Its new and never been used. Do you need one? Or know someone else who does? Please contact Lesley Armstrong on 01506 853879 for more information.

### SEASON OF CREATION: 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 served after Mass. Register at [bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021](http://bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021)

### SEASON OF CREATION: 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)

### Coffee Saints

A new café has opened at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh! It's called Coffee Saints and is a partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project, a charity which supports Edinburgh's most vulnerable citizens. All profits go to the charity. If you're in the city, pop in and support a great new initiative.

### Saints Days this week

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady – 9months after the celebration of Mary's Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup> Dec), we celebrate the birth of Our Lady, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the Ark of the Covenant, the Temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator. The shrine in Broxburn will be open this day for Rosary and the Angelus.

### Answers to last week's Quiz

1. Which Scottish Clan is Eilean Donan Castle the home of? **The MacRaes**
2. How many years of marriage is 'Tin'? **10 years**
3. Which university in Scotland became the first to have a female student? **St Andrews**

### This Weeks Quiz

1. Who did Esther replace as the Queen to King Xerxes?
2. Who was 'Dr Who' after Peter Davison?
3. What is a 'Lungo' in a Coffee Shop?
- 4.

### Next Week's Reading: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year –

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 50:5-9 Psalm: Ps 114 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jm 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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