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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass J.J McCarty RIP 	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> 9.30 am Mass Special Intention 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Kathy Rodgers (Bellshill)	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish 5.00 pm Mass All members of the SVDP	11.30 am Mass Ina Rennie RIP	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Lawrence Garza RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St John Chrysostom
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass 	9.30 am Mass John D'Alton (brother)	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Patsy Brady RIP	No Mass	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	10.00am Requiem Mass Margaret Foodie RIP	Feast of St Ninan
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Niall Michael Sweeney RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Mrs Jo Preston RIP	9.30 am Mass Sr Mary Immaculata AV 14/09 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP	Feria
<b>Sunday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass James Brogan RIP 5.00 pm Mass Margaret Callander & Val McGhee	11.30 am Mass Mhairi Jamieson 	



**Confessions**

**Broxburn – Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 5.45pm**  
**Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am**

### Theme: "Life Saver"

Jesus in the Gospel today from St Mark, makes it clear that he is a 'Life Saver', in other words that he is the Saviour of the world; we therefore ignore Him at our peril. The paradox of being saved by God is that we are prepared to lose our mortal lives in the cause of the Kingdom of God. The history of the Church is littered with people like St Peter who have been prepared to put that to the test and been vindicated by Jesus Christ. The wise person knows that 'self-preservation' is not the ultimate solution to happiness and wellbeing. Instead, the call of conversion to Jesus as a true disciple opens up a whole new realm of existence that integrates the mind, body and soul. This gives us the will and fortitude to give our lives in the cause of others.

### Reflection: 'Prayer'

*(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)*

"Pray does not fall into void; neither is it just a kind of psychotherapy that helps us to assemble our spiritual forces and bring them once more into balance; nor is it merely a kind of pious fiction to exercise our soul and calm them. Prayer is directed to reality. It is both heard and heeded. God, then, is someone who has the power, the ability, the will and the patience to listen to us people. He is so great that he can be present even for those who are small".

### Poem of 'The Kingdom' by R.S Thomas

'It is a long way off but inside it  
There are quite different things going on;  
Festivals at which the poor man  
Is king and the consumptive is  
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look  
At themselves and love looks at them  
Back; and industry is for mending  
The bent bones and minds fractured  
By life. It's a long way off, but to get  
There takes no time and admission  
Is free, if you purge yourself  
Of desire, and present your self with your need only and the simple offering  
Of your faith, green as a leaf".



### SHARED PARISH NEWS

#### Vocation Awareness Week

St John Paul II once said "The Church gets the priest that it deserves" ...I don't know what we deserve?... if you think of it in those terms, perhaps we should be seeking to be more deserving of more priests and religious! We need to show the Holy Spirit that we warrant vibrant and courageous servants of God in the 'vineyard of life'. I do accept that the Holy Spirit is in charge; however, the Holy spirit has been given to us so that it can grow from a little flame to become a People of God, 'On fire' with zeal for the Kingdom of God. There are plenty of potentially excellent and worthy aspirants for the priesthood and religious life; they just need to respond to the call. If you think you may be called.... **Fr Andrew Garden – Priesthood**  
**Diaconate, Sr Mirjam Hughes – Women Religious Life.** N.B there is a prayer vigil for Vocations in Broxburn Catholic Church from 2pm to 5pm this Sunday. Why not come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

#### A.I.C.F (Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund)

Thank you for your continued help and support for the welfare of aged and retired priests. In a sense priests never retire as Canon John rightly says, they perhaps do a little less as they get older. More details in due course on how to help this fund. THANK YOU for your generosity.

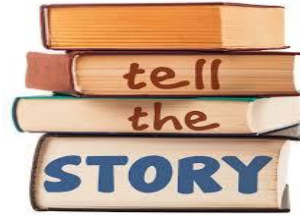


- (i) A letter from Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the sea, for your generous giving in Winchburgh which raised £170.50. "May God continue to bless your parishioners abundantly for giving from the heart".
- (ii) To the very generous response to the appeal for defibrillators. Thanks to your unbelievable kindness we can hopefully have one the church, the hall and at Winchburgh.

### Scottish Government- 'Year of Stories'

Last week the Communities Stories Fund opened for applications, as part of Scotland's Year of Stories 2022. With £300,000 available, it is directed at providing an opportunity for communities across Scotland to put on events that tell the stories that are unique and important to them. Individual awards of between £500 and £5,000 are available, the fund will provide an opportunity for new, creative events, activities and programming. There are 5 possible Strands:

1. Iconic Stories + Storytellers
2. New Stories
3. Scotland's People +Places
4. Local Tales and legends
5. Inspired by nature



Interested? Apply: [www.museumgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/year-of-stories-2022community-stories-fund/](http://www.museumgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/year-of-stories-2022community-stories-fund/)

### Celebrating Mass in the Schools

Class Masses are taking place under the current safety guidelines in our schools. It is great to see the children taking part and taking an interest in the lives of the saints and the ancient teaching and origin of Mass. Many an inciteful question has been asked about the real presence of Jesus in the host and chalice. Children of 8 or 9 years old discerning the distinction between the natural and the supernatural; I helped them understand what the ordained hands of a priest and the power of the Holy Spirit makes real at the consecration. Well Done Children!

### Climate Change: 1.5 Degrees Films

If you are interested in making a film, 'Film Access Scotland' is offering free Online Film making and Animation workshops to prepare for COP-26 Glasgow. This is a great opportunity for amateur film makers, Interested? Contact - <https://filmaccess.scot/climate-challenge-1-5-degrees-films/>

### (Maggie) Margaret Foodie RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Foodie, of Glass Road, Winchburgh. Born in 1924, just at the time of St Philomena's construction; her father helped to build the church; she was our oldest living parishioner. Much loved by family and friends. She has a great devotion to her Catholic Faith and an avid viewer of E.W.T.N. Her Requiem Mass is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am, Reception of coffin Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 5pm.

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion + Sacristans



Fr Jeremy has prepared a document on Guidelines for good practice in relation to this ministry plus how to conduct a lay service in an emergency in the absence of a priest. Please pick up copies at the back of the church. Comments and ideas welcome.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Broxburn

This will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Choir gallery of the church. The agenda has been published and we warmly welcome Mrs Kellock, the recently appointed Headteacher of the Primary School to address the meeting. Members encouraged to bring ideas for the future mission of the parish.

### Family Rosary

This will start on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September on Zoom at 6pm, this is a beautiful way for the family to be joined in prayer near and far. It is lovely to see and hear the children entering into prayer as well. Remember the link is the same as for Mass, 725-827-1735 Passcode: 850988.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Visit to Carfin

Those wishing to attend the parish pilgrimage to Carfin on the 6<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am to 3pm are encouraged to put their names on the list at the back of the church. You may also choose to come by car instead of the bus. The bus is £5.00 return. We hope to have Mass there and Rosary. As you know October is the month of Our Lady. The Rosary and the Care of the Sick.

### AGM of St Nicholas Parent Council

This will take place at 6pm online. We pray for a good meeting and those who are willing to take on the role of office bearers at this time – it shows a care for excellence and community life in Catholic Education. We give thanks for retiring office bearers.

### Sick of the Parishes

Amongst all those who are unwell please keep in your prayers, Nora Nelson, Peter & Bill Mullen, Peter Donnelly and Alex Gunn. Our Lady of the Sick, pray for them.



## 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. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](http://bit.ly/3gQRdPu). In God's Image V2 found at - [www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding](http://www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding)

## Vestry Hour

Winchburgh Parish – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30 pm (01506 891310,  
Broxburn Parish – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30pm (01506 852040).

**For all general pastoral enquiries**



## 'Colloquium' on Interfaith Dialogue During the Papacy of Pope Francis

This will take place on Zoom on Saturday from 11am to 2.30pm. It is vital in these challenging times that we develop a deeper understanding of relations between the major world religions and further the process of building bridges of peace. The link for registering for this encounter is: [bit.ly/InterreligiousEvent](http://bit.ly/InterreligiousEvent)

## 'Art for the Planet'

There is a plan to hang an enormous patch quilt of two banners down the front of New College Tower, on the Mound in Edinburgh in preparation for COP -26 – Glasgow. If you would like to submit a patch/patches, please contact Dr Emma Wild-Wood who will be happy to receive your patches at [cswc-events@ed.ac.uk](mailto:cswc-events@ed.ac.uk)

## Right To Life UK

Are recruiting for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. They are looking for highly-skilled, hardworking, professional individuals to join their team. If you or someone you know would be suitable for the positions, please apply online – [www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/)

## Saints Days this week

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Memorial St John Chrysostom** – Bishop and doctor of the Church in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. One of the four great doctors, the golden mouthed preacher was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** – This feast originally commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The remains of the cross that St Helena had recently discovered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century were venerated there.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Memorial of St Mirin** – 6<sup>th</sup> Century priest of Ireland, Prior of the monastery in Bangor. His shrine in Paisley became a place of pilgrimage and devotion to him in the cathedral continues to the present day.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of St Ninian** – Born in Cumbria about 360 A.D – was ordained a bishop in 394. He landed in Whithorn in 397 and built a church called 'White House' Great Missionary in southern Scotland.

## Teaching of the Encyclical 'Laudato Si'

### (In Preparation for COP 26 – Glasgow)

**Para 14** – "Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. – Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation".

### Answers to last week's Quiz

1. Who did Esther replace as the Queen to King Xerxes? **Queen Vashti**
2. Who was 'Dr Who' after Peter Davison? **Colin Baker**
3. What is a 'Lungo' in a Coffee Shop? **'Long pull of espresso'**

### This Weeks Quiz

1. What sea is at the end of the Jordan river from the Sea of Galilee?
2. What is a Roman atrium?
3. How many teeth in the healthy adult mouth?



**Collections August:** Offertory /Building Fund – Broxburn - £2097.10/£2678.43

Winchburgh - £706.59/£773.10

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wis 2:12.17-20 Psalm: 53 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jm 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

