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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th September 2021

Saturday 18 th September	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Mrs Jo Preston RIP	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Sr Mary Immaculata AV 14/09 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 19th September	9.30 am Mass James Brogan RIP 5.00 pm Mass Margaret Callander & Val McGhee	11.30 am Mass Mhairi Jamieson 	25th Sunday of the Year
Monday 20 th September	9.30 am Mass Billy McGinley RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae- Gon & His Companions
Tuesday 21 st September	No Mass  Rosary 6pm	9.30 am Mass James Neilson RIP	Feast of St Matthew
Wednesday 22 nd September	9.30 am Mass Jim Barrett RIP (AV)	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 23 rd September	No Mass 	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Keogh Family RIP	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Friday 24 th September	9.30 am Mass Gerard Ellis RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 25 th September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patricia Woodcock RIP	9.30 am Mass James O'Hara SNR 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Cloidhna Gorman (Ireland) RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 26th September	9.30 am Mass Frank McQuade RIP 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Members of the Deceased Priest Fund RIP	

Confessions

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

Theme: "Jealousy"

How many acts of cruelty are rooted in jealousy or envy? This is one of the more deadly and destructive sins of the human dark character. It's often insidious, in other words, hidden behind a veil of friendship while deep inside, behind the false smiles, the 'daggers are out'! we can be jealous of all sorts of things, someone's good looking spouse, their home, their job and rank, or their natural intelligent ability; or even their holiness, their closeness to God. Many of the saints were victims of jealousy by those who were found wanting. It was jealousy that drove the Jewish High Priest authority to see Jesus crucified. St Therese of Lisieux experienced jealousy in the convent by some of the other nuns because she was full of radiant and innocent joy.... this is a leaf out of the Gospel where Jesus says, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all".

Reflection "The Light of Many Sins" (Leonard Cheshire V.C)



"We may be sure that Satan is doing his best to divert us from the urgent task of making the world the way God intends it to be; by sowing discord, agitating our minds, persuading us that now at last we can become masters of our own destiny. The one thing that Satan does not want us to see is that it is from the heart, not the weapon; that come wars and enmities – indeed all the ills that beset human existence; just as from here come all the good and the greatness of which man is capable. "

"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family".
(St Mother Theresa of Calcutta)

SHARED PARISH NEWS

"I was A Stranger, and You Made Me Welcome"

As the number of new houses in Winchburgh and Broxburn continue to grow we realise that nothing stays the same and hundreds if not thousands of new families are making their homes amongst us. These people are potentially coming from other parts of Scotland and even other parts of the world. In the stormy waters of a COVID world we are hopefully seen as a safe sanctuary of spiritual peace. Its important that we make nominal Catholics and those to be baptised welcome amongst us. Ten adults are being received into the Church in our parishes, this year alone. However, there is a vast number of people who don't know of our existence. Fr Jeremy has composed a 'letter of introduction' to go out to all the new homes built in the past five years. Please be ready to assist in their distribution, all hands-on deck needed! More details to follow.

Red Mass in Cathedral This Sunday

In St Mary's Catedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, the senior lawyers and Judges of Edinburgh, gather for what is called, 'The Red Mass'. It is a chance for the Archbishop to address senior members of the Scottish Judiciary and rekindle the important message of respecting the rights and responsibilities of those seeking to live out their religious beliefs without fear of interference or discrimination in a secular, pluralistic and humanist society. We pray for all who work in the Criminal Justice System.

Thank you –



- (i) For the continued generosity of donations towards the defibullators in both parishes. Its fabulous how generous people have been for this life saving equipment.
- (ii) To those who have been donating further food supplies to the "Food Project" run by the Mother Theresa Nuns in Edinburgh. (Collecting station – Canon Johns home). AND to the Food Project in Winchburgh near St Philomena's. The winter will no doubt bring increased pressures on the poorest families.

From the Pettigrew Family

- (iii) The Pettigrew family wish to extend a deep appreciation for all the cards, flowers, Masses, messages of condolence at Stephens Funeral on Friday the 10th September. It was done with the great help of the parishioners. Over 200 attended the church and nearly 400 at the cemetery. God Rest His soul.

Fabric Report Update

Broxburn – The redecoration of the sanctuary and the server's sacristy is now complete to a high standard. The back gates have also been repaired thanks to a very kind volunteer. A quote has been sought to put a new radiator in the parish stall area. **Winchburgh** – The Church heating system need a new thermostat. The church house also needs plumbing work done on the upstairs bathroom. We are grateful to Peter Keogh for having the laundry room back in action.

Vestry Hour

Broxburn Parish – Monday 20th September 5pm (01506 852040)
Winchburgh Parish – Wednesday 22nd September 6pm. (01506 891310)



For all general pastoral enquiries

Congratulations to:

- (i) Alison and Logan who were baptised in Broxburn parish this weekend. We wish them every blessing in their exciting journey of growing in the knowledge and love of God.
- (ii) To Anton Valan Raj, altar server in St Philomena's who is representing Scotland in the under 10's at Badminton.

Family Rosary

This will take place every Tuesday evening at 6pm on Zoom. Please come and join us for Family Prayer. Everyone is encouraged to tune in for half an hour.

Cop-26 – World Conference on Climate Change

As this crucial world assembly draws near Glasgow let us be minded of our co-responsibilities on looking after the environment.

- (i) Hanging washing out to dry instead of tumble dryers.
- (ii) Avoiding toys that are 100% plastic.
- (iii) Not buying garden furniture made from 'Rain Forest' timber.
- (iv) Consuming less canned food.
- (v) Walking to the shops and cutting back on deliveries.
- (vi) Farmers markets instead of supermarkets.



These are a few ideas to reduce our 'Carbon footprint' on a daily basis.

Extract from Laudato Si (Papal Encyclical for the Planet' 2018) Para 78

"Judeo – Christian thought demythologized nature. While continuing to admire its grandeur and immensity, it no longer saw nature as divine. In doing so, it emphasizes all the more our human responsibility for nature. The rediscovery of nature can never be at the cost of the freedom and responsibility of human beings who, as part of the world, have the duty to cultivate their abilities in order to protect it and develop its potential".

Feast of St Francis of Assis- 4th October

As his feast lands on a Monday. Fr Jeremy will bless pets and all other animals after Mass on Sunday 3rd October. After the 9.30am Mass in Broxburn at 10.45am, and after the 11.30 am Mass at 12.00 noon – in the garden. Thank you. St Francis of Assis, pray for them.

Bus Trip to Carfin – 6th October

We are still planning a Parish visit to Carfin on the 6th October. As you may have heard, the Superior to the Holy Ghost Fathers, Fr Terence Donnelly CSSP died suddenly a couple of weeks ago; our thoughts and prayers are with the Community there. The bus will pick up at **Winchburgh St Philomena's Church – 10.00 am thereafter Broxburn - St John Cantius & St Nicholas at 10.15 am. Returning – Broxburn – 3.45pm Winchburgh – 4pm** – Cost is £5 per person return. Please bring a pack lunch and waterproofs and a mask.

Baptisms

Please pray for Sam & Bradley Davie, and Alyssa Robson who are due to be baptised on Saturday 26th September in St Philomena's Winchburgh. God bless them in all their journey of faith.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Winchburgh This will take place on Monday 27th September at 7pm in the church/on zoom, Covid19 permitting. (Please check the venue with the parish secretary) any items for the agenda please to the PPC secretary Diane or the parish office. Thank you.

Marys Meals UK - Two Million children - from some of the world's poorest communities are now having access to our daily school meals. -- thank you for your continued donations and support - please continue to support us.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – "Come for Coffee" is the annual appeal for the MacMillan Nurses on Friday 24th September. Winchburgh's fundraiser is being held at 29 Dunn Place from 08.30 in the garden. Tea, coffee, crafts and a raffle are among the many features.



Archdiocese Calendar of Events 2021/2022

The Archdiocese has published a Calendar of Events for the coming twelve months that can be found on the Diocesan Website and/or on a leaflet at the back of the church. Please access it for your own information. (Lots going on, worth knowing).

Dementia: Hope on a Difficult Journey

An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from 2-4pm on Saturday 6 November. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar, and there will be a chance to share experiences before a time of prayer in St Margaret's Chapel, onsite. Light refreshments will be served. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. To register please visit bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021



Scout Group News

The Scout Group has started up and if you would like your child (aged 5 3/4 to 17) to join please talk to Philip (07785 525 466 or philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk) Now that the Covid restrictions are lifting, the Scout Group is restarting its project to create an environmentally friendly garden using the ground at the side of the car park. This is going to take a few years to get to where we want to be, but we have to start somewhere. So, we want to start by putting in a few trees, shrubs and make a bit of colour in the New Year by planting some bulbs. We would like to keep the plants native to the UK and put in some bee friendly flowering plants. To get us started, we are asking for donations of fruit trees (e.g., apple, pear, elder) and bulbs (e.g., Winter Aconite, Snowdrop, Crocuses, Iris, Glory-of-the-Snow and of course, daffodils). We will put a box at the back of the church for bulbs but if you want to donate a tree or shrub, please talk to Philip first (07785 525 466 or philip@thestuartfamily.co.uk), so we don't get too many of the one kind. If we get more than we can plant we will ask if we can pass them on to other parts of the garden or to care homes etc. We will record who gives what and put this on the website and an information board. We will give updates via the newsletter and website. Thanks, you in advance for your help.

Children's Liturgy Meeting

St Philomena's - There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 26th September at 12.30pm in the church for those willing to help to run a 'Children's Liturgy' under current COVID 19 regulations. Thank you for your support.

St John Cantius & St Nicholas – There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 26th September after the 5pm evening Mass in the church. Please come along if you are willing to help. Again, thanks for your support.

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Teaching of the Catechism 'The Family' Para 2207-2213

The family is the spiritual womb from which we are all born. The family is the "school of Christ", where we learn to become responsible members of society and fruitful members of the Church. Our parents are our first educators. From them we lay the foundation of our spiritual lives and the lessons we learn should stand us in good stead for the rest of our lives. St John Paul II, whose mother died when he was nine, would often wake up to see his father praying on his knees in the early morning praying for the strength to be a good parent. – His vocation was inspired by this action'.



Saints' days this week

Tuesday 21st September – Feast of St Matthew- (Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Archbishop Cushley 8yrs ago) Matthew as an apostle and evangelist. Originally a tax collector, recruited by the Romans at Capernaum until called by Jesus. He wrote his Gospel in Aramaic to a specifically Jewish audience. Martyred for the faith, reputedly, his relics are at Salerno in Sicily.

Thursday 23rd September – Memorial of 'St Padre Pio' St Pius of Pietrelcina – Canonised in June 2002, He was a Capuchin Friar who developed the Stigmata in 1918 at the age of 31. He had a particular charism for penitents and the welfare of the sick. Guided by prayer and mission, after an enforced period of suspension by the Vatican, he opened a hospital at St Giovanni Rotondo in 1957. Many miracles have been attributed to him over the years.

Answers to last week's Quiz –

1. *The Dead Sea* 2. *A Large entrance i.e., to a villa, with a pool at the centre.* 3. **32**

This Weeks Quiz

1. Who was Salome in the Bible? 2. Who said her in famous Cookbook, 'A stew boiled is a stew spoiled'? 3. Which football team is nicknamed 'The Toffees'?

Next Week's Reading: 24th Sunday of the Year –

1st Reading: NM 11:25-29 Psalm: 18 2nd Reading: Jm 5:1-6 Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45, 47-48

