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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th September 2021

Saturday 25 th September	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patricia Woodcock RIP	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass James O'Hara SNR 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Clويدhna Gorman (Ireland)	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 26th September	9.30 am Mass Frank McQuade RIP 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish RIP	11.30 am Mass Members of the Deceased Priest Fund	
Monday 27 th September	9.30 am Mass Martin Ward RIP	No Mass 5pm Coffin Reception Bill Mullen	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday 28 th September	No Mass Rosary 6pm	10 am Requiem Mass Bill Mullen RIP	Feria
Wednesday 29 th September	9.30 am Mass Eileen Valentine RIP	No Mass	Feast of the Archangels
Thursday 30 th September	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Ronnie McBryde RIP	Memorial of St Jerome
Friday 1 st October	9.30 am Mass Mgr. Tony Duffy	No Mass 	Memorial of St therese of Liseaux
Saturday 2 nd October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass James Brogan	9.30 am Mass Margaret Foody 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Fr Patrick Clarke	Memorial of the Guardian Angels
Sunday 3rd October	9.30 am Mass Bill Forrester RIP 5.00 pm Mass People of the parish	11.30 am Mass Terry Eaton RIP	

Confessions

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



Theme: "Cut it Out!"

When we are bairns you may hear mum or dad shouting in desperation "Cut it out" when things are getting a bit fraught in the family home. It usually means that something's going on that is not so good for the nerves... Jesus, in the Gospel of St Mark, calls on us to "cut out" or "cut away" any aspect of our being human that is a source of falling into sin. It could be our eyes, our hands, our stomach or even our feet, i.e., legging it down the street instead of spending time with those who need help most. If we have a weakness then let us be honest about it in the sight of God and allow it to be addressed in a mature and enlightened manner. Let us be content with what God wants us to do, even if our own kith and kin don't appreciate it at the time. God Bless you all.

Reflection: "Being Christian" (Rowan Williams)

"The prayer of baptised people is growing and moving into the prayer of Jesus himself and therefore it is a prayer that may often be difficult and mysterious. It will not always be cheerful and clear and it may not always feel as if it is going to be answered. Christians do not pray expecting to get what they asked for in a simple sense – you just might have noticed that this can't be taken for granted! Christians pray because they have to, because the spirit is surging up inside them. Prayer, in other words, is more like sneezing – there comes a point where you can't not do it! It is not about results or about being pleased with yourself, it is just what God does in you when you are close to Jesus".

'Angels and Demons'



SHARED PARISH NEWS

In a few days' time, we celebrate the Feast of our Guardian Angels, at the start of October, and the last day of October is the 'Eve of All Hallows' (Eve of All Saints), otherwise known as Halloween. These religious events manifest the struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness, between fidelity and infidelity, to the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel. In Scotland today, as in the wider world, our lives are continually challenged by the call to moral virtue. This means asking the question, how strongly does my faith in God govern my conscience and shape the choices and decisions I make for my family and myself, my job and my country? The danger for the life of the world is when a person is devoid of moral absolutes and resorts to an 'anything goes' value culture. "St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle".



Sacramental Life of our Parishes

- (i) We are blessed to have three more children baptised in our parishes this weekend. So encouraging in the long-term life of the Catholic Christian Community. God Bless Sam, Bradley and Alyssa.
- (ii) The Primary 3 Sacramental Programme will be launched in about four weeks' time. It is very important that parents and guardians make a real effort to form their children in the way of Jesus and the Gospel. Remember that at their baptism you made a promise before God to carry out this beautiful vocation. The parish is here to help carry out that mission.
P3 Parents Meeting – Winchburgh – Sunday 3rd October 12.30pm in Church. Broxburn – Tuesday 5th October 6.30pm on Zoom.
- (iii) Adult Faith Catechesis – COVID permitting, Fr Jeremy plans to launch an "Adult Faith Class" in becoming a Catholic and for those who wish to learn more about their faith. Starting on Tuesday 19th October at 6.45 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall.

40th Anniversary of the Death of John Mallon RIP

John Mallon died sadly 40 years ago, while studying for the priesthood, from cancer. He was from this parish and was a popular student at Drygrange Seminary in the Borders. Friends and family of John have chosen to mark the 40th anniversary of his death with a Memorial Mass in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church on Friday 8th October at 5pm. Six or seven priests will be attending and the Mass is open to all who would like to be there. Please could parishioners volunteer to serve teas in the Canon Hoban Hall afterwards? Please let Fr Jeremy know if you can help. God bless John Mallon and we pray for his family.

Vestry Hour

Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 28th September 5pm. (01506 852040)
Winchburgh Parish – Wednesday 29th September 6pm (01506 891310)

For all general pastoral enquiries



Clergy Moves

The Archbishop has announced that Fr George Suszko is leaving the Scottish Borders to take up a Parish in Florida, USA, on 15th October. We wish him well. His successor is Fr James Cadman who presently assists in the Stirling Parishes. Fr Michael Adebajo is now leaving Our Lady of Lourdes, Blackburn, and will be taking up a post of Vicar General in his home Diocese of Nigeria. We wish him well. His successor is Fr Peter Owolabi, also from Nigeria. Welcome, Fr Peter, to West Lothian. Fr Sean Quinlan, OSA, who likes to come back for visits to Scotland, is hoping to visit us sometime soon but is presently tied up with an Augustinian Chapter Meeting in London. He sends his good wishes.

'Dementia' – Hope on a Difficult Journey

An event for those supporting family or friends with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 6th November. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar and there will be a chance to share experiences before ending with a prayer service in St Margaret's Chapel. Teas served. To register please go online to <bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021>. Surely a help to many at this time.

Requiem Mass – (William) Bill Mullen RIP

Bill died at home in Winchburgh on Friday 17th September. We pray for the repose of his soul and for his own dear family. He was a kind and gentle person who was loved and respected in the community. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 28th September at 10am, with his coffin being received into the Church of St Philomena's at 5pm on Monday 27th September. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. (Service at Winchburgh Cemetery at 11.15am).

Lovely Baby News



Please pray for Effie Sandy Reilly who was born on 21st September 7lbs 2oz – Mother Sarah is doing well.

Parish Pastoral Council – Winchburgh

This meeting will take place on Monday 27th September in the church at 7pm. Any items for the agenda, please send to Diane, the PPC Secretary, or the Parish Office. Matters for the agenda include COP-26, new schools, parish evangelisation and sacramental life.

Interfaith Scotland Annual Interfaith Lecture

The 30th September at 7pm on Zoom. The theme: "Is the Climate Crisis a Human Rights Issue?" Guest speakers are Fr Benedict Ayodi OFMCap (expert on climate change), Budi Tjakjono, Asia Pacific (expert on human rights and climate change). Register online via admin@interfaithscotland.org.

Children's Liturgy

There is 'interest meetings' in both parishes planned for the coming weeks to get things 'off the ground'. Anyone who would like to help, please join the meeting or let the coordinator know you would like to help.
Winchburgh Parish – Sunday 26th September 12.30pm in the Church (Coordinator – Shonamarie Ross).
Broxburn Parish – Sunday 26th September 5.45pm in the Church (Coordinator – Andrea Stuart).

The Teaching of the Catechism - Para 377 – What is a virtue? (Compendivided)

'A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God'. (St Gregory of Nyssa). The theological virtues are faith, hope and charitable love.

Broxburn Parish – Spire Restoration Project

Following on from the PPC Meeting last week, there is a need to form a subcommittee of parishioners willing to help with the fundraising and coordination of the church spire being properly upgraded. John Rafferty will be heading up such a group. Anyone who is willing to help with the project, please see Fr Jeremy, the Parish Priest.

Altar Servers Practice – St Philomena's

This will take place on Sunday 3rd October at 12.15pm in the church. For existing and new servers.

The Teachings of Laudato Si in Preparation for COP-26 in Glasgow (5 weeks' time)

Para 51: "The export of raw materials to satisfy markets in the industrialised north has caused harm locally, as for example, in mercury pollution in gold mining or sulphur dioxide pollution in copper mining. There is a pressing need to calculate the use of environmental space throughout the world for depositing gas residues which have been accumulating for two centuries and have created a situation which currently affects all the countries of the world. The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming. There is also the damage caused by the export of solid waste and toxic liquids to developing countries".



Bus Trip to Carfin

We have had a small number of people signed up to our trip to Carfin. Therefore, we have decided not to book the bus, where possible please take cars, anyone who is willing to carshare let the office know, and anyone in need of a lift and happy to carshare let us know. Thank you.

Quiz Night to raise funds for Defibrillator



There will be a quiz night in the Canon Hoban Hall on Friday 15th October at 7.30pm. £5 per head, maximum 5 in a team. Tea and coffee provided, due to Covid we are unable to provide a buffet, so you are welcome to bring any snacks with you. Any donations will be gratefully received. Signup sheet is at the back of the Church. All funds will help to pay for the new Defibrillators.

Courses at Gillis Centre

Applications are about to close for courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development.

These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details

at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

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. In God's Image V2 can be found

at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding

Saints Days this week

Monday 27th September – Memorial of St Vincent de Paul: 'Monsieur Vincent' was born into a peasant family near Dax in South Western France in 1582. As a seminarian, he was captured by pirates and sent to North Africa. He converted his captors and returned to France. Working with the poor peasants to the north of Paris and influenced by St Francis de Sales, he founded a charity to help the sick and the poor. He then went on to found an order of priests, 'The Vincentians' to have a preaching mission and 'The Sisters of Charity' to live a convent life but visit the homes of the sick. He died in 1660.

Wednesday 29th September – Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael: The Archangels – Gabriel brought the message to Mary of the Annunciation, Raphael was the guide to Tobias and Michael is the protector of Christians in the battle against evil.

Thursday 30th September – Memorial of St Jerome: Priest and doctor of the church in the 4th century. He translated the Bible into Latin, the common language of the Roman Empire in the 4th century. He was secretary to Pope Damasus. Inspired by his 'Matrons of Rome' he did much good works in the Holy Land.

Friday 1st October – Memorial of St Therese of Liseaux: Virgin and doctor of the church. Born in Alencon, France, in 1873, she became a Carmelite Nun at 15 years old. She was convinced that everyone is called to holiness and that she, a 'Little Soul' needed to find a 'little way' to achieve it. Contracted TB in 1894, she continued to write moving letters to missionaries in Vietnam. The underlying strength of her character and the original power of the writings is much revered to this day.

Saturday 2nd October – Memorial to the Guardian Angels: The Feast of the Guardian Angels celebrates the belief that God assigns an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought.

Answers to last week's Quiz – 1. Mother of James and John, Wife of Zebedee, at the foot of the Cross with Mary. 2. Mrs Isabella Beeton 1860. 3. Everton FC.

This Week's Quiz

1. How many official churches are there in Broxburn alone?
2. What is a Biretta?
3. In German, what does 'Verboten' mean?



Broxburn Accounts – Are available at the back of the church for viewing.

Next Week's Readings – First Reading: GN 2:18-24 Psalm: 127 Second Reading: Hb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16