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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> James Brogan	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Margaret Foody <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Fr Patrick Clarke	Memorial Of the Holy Guardian Angels
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Forrester RIP <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Benedeta Di Bona	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Terry Eaton RIP	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Peter Donnelly	No Mass	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	No Mass  <b>Rosary 6pm</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Mullen RIP	Memorial of St Maria Faustina Kowalska
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Alex Gunn RIP <b>Carfin Mass:</b> Kathleen Finlayson	No Mass 	Feria
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	No Mass	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Deceased members of the Finnigan Family RIP	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Mary & Michael McKeon (AV)	No Mass 	Feria
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Eleanor Greenan (AV)	<b>9.30 am <u>NO MASS</u></b> <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James & Shaun Watson <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Deidrie McLaughlin	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Paddy Callaghan (AV)	

**Confessions**

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

### **Theme: "Conjugal Love in Marriage"**

St Augustine wrote that "Everyone loves, the question is, what is it that we love?" One of the most precious powers that creation bestows to us is the capacity to love and be loved. Carnal or erotic love is an obvious example of human love; a beautiful and powerful one too. However, like anything powerful, it must be exercised carefully, wisely and with informed conscience. A foolish or ego centric spouse is a liability to themselves and those they are pledged to in marriage. The teaching and spirituality of Catholic Christian sacramental marriage gives us the ethical and moral safeguards to celebrate and exercise the power of sexual, emotional and spiritual love in a fulfilling way that genuinely seeks to know and appreciate the beauty of indissoluble marital love by the grace of God.

### **Reflection: "Live and Let Yourself Be Loved" (Poem by Enrico Chiara Petrillo – whose baby died at birth and she died later from cancer)**

"You are the only one for me.  
You take me by the hand and bring me far away.  
Sadness leaves me.  
You love me.  
I would like to be reborn from the height of your spirit.  
How it can be I do not know.  
But to live together in every instant  
that remains to me.  
Would be like not dying anymore.  
This flower that is born speaks to me of you.  
You are the only love for me.  
You will love me always with a love greater  
than me. I have been created by you.  
So much love, so much love, so much love.  
So much love is there for you".



### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Marriage and Family Life'**

Jesus in the Gospel today puts his divine seal of support on the covenant of marriage. Humanity per se, wrestles with fidelity to marriage due to our human failings and vulnerability to not being committed to the promises we have made before God. Sadly, we sometimes make the wrong choices and, where there is a 'moral compass' of faith, hope and love, resolutions can be found. The Church's moral teaching is based in Natural Law, whereby because only male and female can come together in conjugal love to bring new life into the world, one of the fundamental fruits of marriage mean the Church can never recognise 'same gender unions' as marriage. Beyond that, Jesus treats every human being, in dignity, as an equally loved member of society.

#### **October – Month of the Holy Rosary and Praying for the Sick**

As we enter the month of October, we pray especially for all our sick sisters and brothers. There are at least 55 parishioners who are now treated as 'housebound', either at home or in residential care. We must also remember and pray for those who are still too anxious to come out and mix with the public. We give thanks for all the care given by family, friends and parishioners for the housebound. We pray for them and greet them through our parish newsletter. Please make an extra effort to pray the rosary during October as a family and as a 'parish family'. We have rosary before Mass during the week and on Zoom every Tuesday at 6pm. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us all.

#### **Sacramental News**

##### **Primary 3 – First Confession – 2021/2022:**

All the parents should have by now received an invitation to come to an information gathering in each of the parishes. The details are as follows:

**Winchburgh Parish** – Parents Meeting – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 12.30pm in St Philomena's Church. Enrolment Mass – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am in St Philomena's Church.

**Broxburn Parish** – Parents Meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church. Enrolment Mass – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October either 9.30am or 5pm Mass in the Church.

**Note:** Please bring proof of baptism to the meeting if child is not baptised in Winchburgh or Broxburn. Bring a mask too for Mass and Meeting. Thank you.



### Parish Visitation to Carfin

This will take place at 12 noon in the Grotto on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Travelling by car, as bus too expensive. You can also travel by train from Livingston South Railway Station. Please bring a packed lunch. We will have Mass, the Rosary and Stations there. Try to share a car safely if you can. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.



### Baptisms this Weekend

Please pray for three children this Sunday who are to be baptised. Poppy-Rose Clark, Roli Abiola and Olakayomide Abiola. We pray for their parents and godparents that they will be the first and best of teachers in the ways of faith. God bless them all.

### Fabric Update Report

**Broxburn Parish:** Groundwork repairs have been undertaken around the Canon Hoban Hall and drains cleared out. Costing £1,500.

**Winchburgh Parish:** Pointing has begun on the East gable end of the Church to prevent water penetration into the Church. Cost including scaffolding £1,950. Thanks to your generosity to the Building Fund, these works can be carried out.

### Forthcoming Funerals

**Peter Donnelly RIP:** Dear Peter's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am. His coffin will be received at 4.30 pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Broxburn Church. Peter lived in Uphall Station for many years and was a much-respected member of the Parish. We remember his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace. Burial at Loaninghill at 10.45 am followed by teas at Canon Hoban.

**Alexander Gunn RIP:** Dear Alex's Requiem Mass will be at 10am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, followed by a burial at Loaninghill at 11.15 am. He was a much loved and respected member of the Parish and much missed his dear wife, Helen. He worked for many years in the ambulance service, saving lives. May he rest in peace. His body will be received into the Church at 9.45am.

**David Aird RIP:** David or 'Davie' was resident in Craigshill, Livingston, and married to Marie for many years. He was a kind-hearted person. Davie's Requiem Mass will be at St Andrews, Craigshill, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am, followed by a burial at Adam Brae. May he rest in peace.

### Memorial Mass - John Mallon RIP

This special Mass for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of John Mallon, a seminarian at Drygrange Seminary in 1981, will take place in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. Six priests are due to be in attendance and the Mass is open to any parishioners who wish to attend. Teas will be served in the hall afterwards. God rest his soul.

### Blessing of the Animals – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

As Monday is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Fr Jeremy will bless any pets after Mass on Sunday. **Broxburn – 10.45 am in the garden. Winchburgh - 1 pm in the garden.**



### Mailing of New Homes in Winchburgh

Thanks to the office staff for all their help in preparing 2,000 letters to go to the new homes in the Winchburgh area. This is a simple letter welcoming new families to the community and encouraging them to find belonging; if not in our own parish, then with our friends in the neighbouring church. Thank you for the volunteers willing to be 'Postie' for the day! Watch your fingers on the letterboxes!

### Teas/Coffees after Sunday Mass

**Winchburgh** - In aid of Marys Meals will start again from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October after 11.30 am Mass in St Philomena's Hall. Please give us your support - Thank you.

**Broxburn** – Please contact Catherine Lynch on 01506 852040 or email the office if you would like to continue on the previous rota.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much for all the help and support for MacMillan Coffee Morning, in Winchburgh. The amount raised was £3100.00. **(Ellen Paul)**

### Defibullator Quiz Night

If you can give any donations for the raffle, please contact Kathleen on 01506 852403, to arrange. Any donations would be gratefully received.



