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30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Saturday 23 rd October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patrick Devenney (Father) (AV)	9.30 am Mass Special Intention 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Billy Mullen	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 24th October Mission Sunday	9.30 am Mass Tatum Rawlings 5.00 pm Mass Tommy Brogan RIP	11.30 am Mass People of the Parishes	30th Sunday of the Year 
Monday 25 th October	9.30 am Mass Imo Paul Ukpe & Family	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 26 th October	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Gordon Harrison RIP	Feria
Wednesday 27 th October	9.30 am Requiem Mass Angelo Viola RIP	No Mass 	Feria
Thursday 28 th October	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Bill Mullen RIP	Feast of St Simon & St Jude
Friday 29 th October	9.30 am Mass Cathy Feeney 11am Funeral Service Gus Ferguson RIP	No Mass 	Feria
Saturday 30 th October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Cathy Cameron (Bathgate)	9.30 am Mass Jenny McKay 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Sarah, Craig, & Luke Cuerden	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 31st October	9.30 am Mass James, Ellen & Catherine Callaghan 5.00 pm Mass Elizabeth McIntyre (AV)	11.30 am Mass Margaret Foody RIP	Feast of All Saints 

Confessions

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

Theme: "My Last Chance – To See The World Through Faith"

This is a chance in a lifetime for Bartimaeus, he has been sitting for years begging in his blindness at the city gate of Jericho, just fifteen miles from Jerusalem. Suddenly, there is a commotion, Jesus of Nazareth is walking out of the city followed by a large crowd. Bartimaeus has insight that this Jesus is a miracle worker, a healer, but the same Jesus is ready to press on to Jerusalem to his final triumph in his Passion.

Undeterred by the noisy crowd, Bartimaeus cries out with all his strength, 'Son of David, have pity on me!'

Jesus knew at once that this was the cry of a desperate man, disabled by blindness. He also had the providence to call Jesus, 'Son of David' meaning 'Messiah'. In other words, seeing Jesus as the Saviour. What about the spiritual blindness of those who don't recognize Jesus for who he truly is? Don't leave it too late to acknowledge the Saviour in your own lives. When we do embrace Christ Jesus for all that he is, life is changed forever.

Reflection

"Have mercy, Son of David!

By mercy set us free

Have mercy Son of David!

O Lord, that we may see

For we, like Bartimaeus,

Cry out with heart and soul.

We ask for faith to follow,

For faith to make us whole.

Have mercy, Son of David!

Give us your eyes to see

That we may see the Kingdom

In its simplicity

May we behold the glory

The majesty and grace

Of your mysterious beauty

Alive in every face".

(Anonymous)



SHARED PARISH NEWS

Mission Sunday – It offers us all the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, especially where the Church is young or poor; and remind us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our faith. Your prayers and donations make a vital difference to help the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. The Second collection, (normally Building Fund), is for 'Missio' charity. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacraments –

- (i) **P3 – Rite of Enrolment – Part 1** – This Sunday all the baptised children who have reached Primary 3 are invited to enrol for the next stage of their sacramental formation. The parents/guardians are expected at the Sunday Masses to present their child and their enrolment form. To help the parents feel supported in their child's spiritual formation Fr Jeremy will hold a short talk after Sunday morning Mass, every two weeks – **Broxburn Parish – Canon Hoban Hall, Winchburgh- in the church.** It is also encouraged for the children in Broxburn parish to take part in the children's liturgy at the 9.30am Mass. If parents don't attend the 'after Mass class', they will need to meet with Fr Jeremy to discern what the future holds for their child's sacramental life. Without commitment, sacraments don't work. God help us all.

Tribute to Vanessa Crolla

Dear Vanessa has decided after many years of faithful service to music and choir ministry in St John Cantius & St Nicholas parish, to step down as principal organist and choir leader. We give thanks from our hearts for all her dedicated service to the community and the glory of God. We wish her and her husband every blessing in the years to come. St Cecilia pray for her.

Vestry Hour (for all general pastoral enquiries)

Broxburn Parish –Tuesday 26th October 6.45pm. 01506 852040
Winchburgh Parish –Wednesday 27th October 5pm. 01506 891310



Cop 24- World Climate Summit Glasgow October 2021

In a few days' time, world leaders from across the globe will come together on the banks of the Clyde to discuss how to address the greatest crisis of our times. It will be a meeting characterised by tension; between activists and big business, government and NGO's. The North and South divide, science versus politics and Faith versus Secularism. The future of the planet relies upon Justice being delivered in spite of global political conflict. The irony is that the people most affected by climate are often disenfranchised from having a voice, including the poor, the young and the elderly. For more information check the SCAIF website, The Eco-Congregation Scotland website, and the Edinburgh Interfaith Association. – Father Jeremy will be taking part in an Interfaith Walk for Climate Justice on Saturday 23rd October at 1pm from New College Edinburgh to our Cathedral.

What Can I do to help the Climate? - Here are some simple practical measures:

- (i) Plant a tree in my garden
- (ii) Switch off non-essential use of electricity
- (iii) Insulate my home
- (iv) Car share to and from work
- (v) Eat less meat from intensive farming



Defibrillator Appeal

What a marvellous response to this appeal over the last six weeks. The quiz night raised £925.00, plus pledges to fund in memoriam in Broxburn church, an anonymous donation of £1,000 and another donation from the 'Round Table' mean we can certainly have these lifesaving machines in both parishes. Any excess funds will go the upkeep of the machine and Mary's Meals charity that feeds 1,000,000's of poor children every day. THANK YOU SO MUCH! A special meeting of people helping to supply, install and train for the use of these machines will be held on Sunday 31st October at 10.30am in Broxburn church and 12.30pm in Winchburgh Church.

Baptism

- (i) Please pray for Lochlann McKay Thom who will be baptised on Sunday 24th October in Broxburn. God bless his parents and godparents; may they be the best of teachers in the faith.
- (ii) Please pray for Conal McAuley who will be baptised in St Philomena's, on the 30th October. God help his parents and godparents to do well for him.

Funeral Angelo Viola RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of dear Angelo Viola, husband of the late Ellen, and father of Michael and Anne. His requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 27th October at 9.30am, thereafter to Loaninghill.

The Eve of 'All Hallows' and The Feast of All Saints – celebrated on 31st October

As you know the month of October is drawing to a close; the clocks go back an hour next Sunday morning, the 31st October. It also happens to be the 'Eve of All Hallows' or known by the secular world as 'Halloween'. It begins the observance of 'All Hallows' Eve', the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed. The 31st October marks the ancient Celtic tradition of driving away the fear of the dead by dressing up as ghosts. – a popular children's activity. 1st November - 11am Holy Family School Mass - TBC St Nicholas School Mass – 1.30pm TBC. Commemoration Holy Souls – 9.30am in both parishes.

School Life

- (i) St Nicholas Primary have followed the example of Holy Family Primary and now have a new improved 'School Noticeboard' at the back of the church and, are also providing 'Art work' from R.E syllabus to decorate our churches. Well done children.
- (ii) Holy Family School are having a Parent Council Meeting on Monday 25th October at 6.30pm on Zoom.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child - On Thursday 28th October the Annual Torchlight Procession to remember the lives lost from abortion over the last 54 years will gather at George Square, Glasgow at 6pm. Rosary at 6.30pm, followed by procession to St Andrews Cathedral for Mass at 7.30pm. for further information phone 0141 221 2094.

Rosary on Zoom – please remember that we gather for 'Family Rosary' on Zoom every Tuesday at 6pm. The Link is the same as for Mass: 725-827-1735. Passcode: 850988. See you there. Our Lady of the Rosary Pray for US.



Death of Gus Ferguson RIP - this well-known figure in Broxburn died sadly at the age of 62. His funeral service will be in the Broxburn church of St John Cantius & St Nicholas on Friday 29th October.

May he rest in peace.



Thank you - Christine Mullen wishes to express her sincere thanks for all those who supported her recently at the funeral of her beloved husband Bill; the cards, messages, flowers, Mass intentions and attendance were all much appreciated. We keep her and the family in our prayers.

Marys Meals

We have been advised by Marys Meals that they are putting the backpack project on hold at the moment due to the 12,000 backpacks currently in their warehouse and another 2,000 waiting to be collected, due to the high demand for containers and fuel, drivers etc. So please keep anything you have safe and we will keep you UpToDate with the progress.

Winchburgh Community Development Trust

A copy of the minutes of the last meeting are on the parish noticeboard for general information. Well done all the volunteers for keeping the expanding Winchburgh a very green place!

Safeguarding Scotland

The new document for Safeguarding 'In Gods Image' is now published and is made available through the Archdiocesan Website. In it there is a renewed emphasis on caring for one another and verification of the robust external auditing process that the Church is non-accountable to in Scotland, headed up by Baroness Helen Liddle, former Secretary of State for Scotland. Our Safeguarding Parish officers are:

Winchburgh St Philomena's – Julie Brechin Broxburn- St John Cantius & St Nicholas – Stephen & Karen Neilson. We are very blessed to have their dedicated overseeing eye on how we protect children and vulnerable adults and give the parish priest advice to keep himself safe too.

(Copy of the New Document – 'In Gods Image' in the porch of each parish if you wish a PDF copy please send and email to parish office.

Saints Days next week:

Thursday 28th October – Feast of St Simon & St Jude Apostles & Martyrs – The Apostles Simon and Jude have shared this feast since ancient times. Jude typically bears a medallion imprinted with the face of Christ. According to tradition, he cured the ailing King of Edessa with a miraculous image of the Lord. Jude is also the famous patron of 'hopeless cases. Simon's nickname, 'The Zealot' or 'Canaanite' suggests he was a vigorous defender of the Law. Both are believed to have killed for the faith.

The Teaching of the Catechism

What are the chief Commandments of the Church?

1. To keep Sundays and Holydays of Obligation holy, by hearing Mass and resting from servile works
2. To go to confession at least once a year or when in a state of grave sin
3. To receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. To support the life of the parish.



Extract from Laudato Si Encyclical

Para 96, "Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasising a fundamental truth: God is Father (Mt11:25). In talking with his disciples, Jesus would invite them to recognise the paternal relationship God has with all creatures. i.e., Lk 12:6'Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten by God?"

Last week's Quiz Answers

1. What does the Hebrew word 'Amen' mean? ***'Faith and Steadfastness in other words 'Yes I Believe'***
2. What does the Latin 'annus mirabilis' mean? ***Wonderful Year***
3. How many shillings in a Guinea? ***21***

This week's Quiz:

1. In 1888 the Scottish Labour Party was founded in Lanarkshire by which man?
2. Name the Seven Deadly Sins?
3. Which of these spices comes from tree bark? a) Turmeric b) Cinnamon c) Nutmeg d) Ginger
4. Where presently is the body of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair laid to rest?
5. Who wrote, 'The Three Musketeers'?

Next Week's Readings 17th October – **First Reading:** Dt 6:2-6 **Psalm:** Ps 17

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28 **Gospel:** Mark 12:28-34