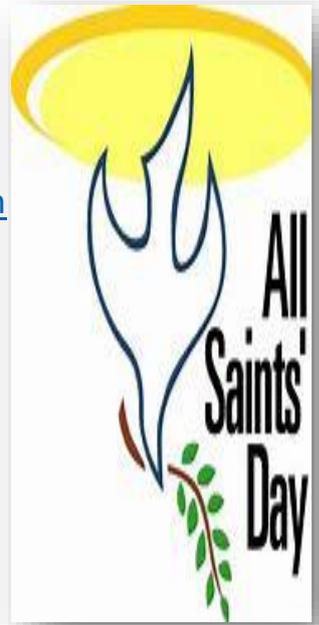




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**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Broxburn</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Cathy Cameron (Bathgate)	<b>Winchburgh</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jenny McKay <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Sarah, Craig, & Luke Cuerden	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>Feast of All Saints</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James, Ellen & Catherine Callaghan <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Elizabeth McIntyre (AV)	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Margaret Foody RIP	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Cathy Cameron <b>6pm Mass</b> Mrs E Bath RIP	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Tony O'Neill RIP 	Solemnity of All Saints
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For the Holy Souls	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Patricia Bann (AV)	All Souls Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Joseph McMahan RIP	No Mass	St Martin de Porres
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	No Mass	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Nan Clarke (AV)	St Charles Borromeo
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Joe Niven RIP	No Mass 	Feria
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Margaret Brady RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Mullen <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> George Harrison RIP	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bill Forrester (AV) <b>5pm Mass</b> Jim Mulholland	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish	

**Confessions**

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

### **Theme: "Questioning Jesus"**

In today's Gospel from St Mark, after many months of active ministry, Jesus is approached by a 'scribe'. What is a 'scribe'? A scribe is a faithful Jewish scholar, who is actively employed in the Temple of Solomon or in the synagogue to teach and explain the meaning of the Torah. (The Laws and Commandments handed down through Moses and the prophets to the Jewish people). He would therefore be very familiar with the detailed laws and teachings in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, of which there are thousands, affecting every aspect of Jewish life. The scribe can tell that Jesus knows well all the laws and to test him, asks which is the first commandment. Jesus wisely responds by highlighting that the overriding commandment is to love; simply to love God first and then your neighbour. It sounds so simple, so how is it we find it so hard to do? As Jesus says, the kingdom of God is all about love.

### **Reflection: "You Heal Us" – (Patrick Sayles)**

"You came to bind up  
Hearts that are broken.  
You came to give new life  
To our world.  
You came to strengthen the weary.  
Lord, Heal me,  
Strengthen me,  
Inspire me with your love."



'Behold me, O God; I am nothing; but you are everything; I am full of misery, but you are rich enough to heal all the misery of this world; I am sinful, but you are super abundant love. You do not love as human beings do, who love only those who appeal to them. You love the beggar in his rags, the prodigal son. You love us, not because we are good but because you are good'. **(Benedict XVI Emeritus)**

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Times are a Changing'**

The clocks go back an hour this weekend, on the eve of All Saints. It marks our entry into wintertime and the long dark nights in the northern hemisphere. Yes, times are a changing. Not just literally, but perhaps also in a broader context, with real thoughts about Catholic life in the midst of COP-26, the Pandemic and its consequences and the way we bring up our families in the IT/Technological age. The real 'anchor' in our times is our faith in God, lived out and celebrated in Word and Sacrament. It is reassuring to know that Holy Mother Church will always be with us till the end of time, whether we change our clocks or not!

#### **Feast of All Saints**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Feast of All Saints, according to the liturgical calendar. There will be a morning mass in both parishes at 9.30am and an evening mass in Broxburn at 6pm. The schools are both having mass on Zoom. It is very important that we don't just acknowledge in our tradition all the 'big saints' like St Francis of Assisi and St Therese of Lisieux, but also the many good and faithful women, men and young people who have been saints in our lives and hopefully in the eyes of God. Please remember that we are all called to be saints in the making, including those whose past lives have been sinful – just look at St Paul and St Mary Magdalene! HAPPY FEAST!

#### **Sacramental Programme**



**Primary 3:** It is great to see all the families that have enrolled for the Sacramental Programme. I think there is in excess of 25 children in all. I realise this is a challenging time to re-connect with the sacramental life of the Church, especially for those who haven't been at Mass for some time. My role as Parish Priest is to support you in your support for your child. Hence, I have put on 3 catechistical sessions, before and after Christmas, to give you the teaching you need as parents. Only 20 minutes long after the Sunday Mass in both parishes. Parents will be provided with an attendance card. If you cannot attend any particular session, Fr Jeremy will arrange to do it with you at another time. Please remember, we have 5 Sunday Masses between the two parishes, plus a Saturday morning mass in Winchburgh, so there are plenty of options. God Bless you all in your learning.

#### **Adult Catechesis**

Congratulations to Siobhan Courtney Alana Sophie Boyle who is to be received into the Church on Sunday. Her chosen Saint's name is St Angela of Foligno. Siobhan is due to be married next year. God Bless her!

**Vestry Hour (for all general pastoral enquiries)**

Broxburn Parish – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 5pm. 01506 852040

Winchburgh Parish –Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 5pm. 01506 891310



**November – Month of the Holy Souls**

As you will know, the month of November is a special month in the year to pay our respects for the 'faithful departed', our loved ones who have died. As it says in the Book of Maccabees, it is a good thing to pray for the dead and to honour them. The pastoral plan is as follows:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Commemoration of the Holy Souls - Masses at 9.30am in both parishes.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Cemetery Service in Winchburgh Cemetery at 1pm. (Candles on sale at back of church - £2.00 each).

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day of the War Dead – 11am – 2 minutes silence at Cenotaph in Winchburgh. (Numbers restricted).

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Sunday Service at Cenotaph at Strathbrock Memorial in Broxburn at 2pm. (Again, numbers are restricted).

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Cemetery Service at Uphall Old Cemetery 1.30pm. Loaninghill Cemetery 2pm. (Votive candles on sale at Church £2.00 each).

*During November, as there has been a significant number of funerals in the past year, at the masses on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November, the names of the recently dead in each parish will be read out and bereaved representatives will be invited to light a candle in their memory. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



**Death of (Michael) Mike Coyle RIP**

We pray for the family of Mike. He died in the early hours of 23<sup>rd</sup> October in ERI. Mike had a great love for the Roslin Community of Fr Roland Walls and it shaped his spirituality. His widowed wife, Malou, and young daughter, Ashley, deserve our prayers, as do all his family. His funeral mass will be provisionally on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in Broxburn. More details to follow. May he rest in peace.

**Ringing of Bells**

We ring out the church bells on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in preparation for the COP-26 Summit in Glasgow and pray for a fruitful outcome of this major world meeting on climate change.

**Defibrillator Meeting**

Today, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, after the 9.30am mass, there will be a short meeting to organise the purchasing, installation and training of these lifesaving machines. Meeting at back of church.



**Congratulations – Michael Boylan**

Michael recently celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He is our oldest parishioner and still enjoys living at home in Uphall. God Bless you Michael.

**Broxburn and Uphall Churches Together**

This group will meet on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss shared events over the Advent/Christmas period. We pray for unity amongst Christians in Scotland today.

**Fr Jeremy – Going on Retreat**



The Parish Priest is spending five days on retreat from 7<sup>th</sup> November. He will be praying for our parishes and the wider Church in the world. Priests are due to make a retreat every year but due to COVID it hasn't happened for over 2 years. Thanks to Fr Roddy Johnston for making it happen. Canon John will kindly say Mass during the week in his absence.

**The Teaching of Laudato Si for COP-26**

Para 145: "Many intensive forms of environmental exploitation and degradation not only exhaust the resources which provide local communities with their livelihood but also undo the social structures which, for a long time, shaped cultural identity and their sense of the meaning of life and community. The disappearance of culture is serious.

**COP26 – Mass:** The Bishops of Scotland will celebrate Mass during COP26 at St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, on Sunday 7 November at 1pm. The Mass is for delegates, visitors to Glasgow and all the Faithful of Scotland. Register to attend at <https://mediades.co.uk/cop26/>

**Vocations Mass**

The Archdiocesan monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 8 November at St Albert's Chaplaincy in George Square, Edinburgh.

### Radical ways to save waste

- (i) Avoid sugared drinks in plastic bottles
- (ii) Wash in shower/bath only every second day – there's a challenge!
- (iii) Use less detergent in washing dishes and clothes
- (iv) Buy second-hand furniture
- (v) Collect leaves for compost/mulch for garden



**Unclaimed Raffle Tickets:** there are still a number of unclaimed raffle prizes from the quiz night. If you have any of the following winning numbers, please see Kathleen Steyn after weekend Masses.  
WHITE: 11-15,36-40,131-135,171-175,241-245. BLUE: 51-55, 81-85, 186-190, 206-210, 216-220, 316-320.  
YELLOW: 131-135, 221-225, 241-245, 291-295, 371-375. PEACH: 106-110,221-225,251-255.

### The Teaching of the Catechism - Penny Catechism

Para 345 - How are we to take up our cross daily? "We are to take up our cross daily by submitting daily with patience to the labours and sufferings of this short life and by bearing them willingly for the love of God".

### Saints this coming week

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Memorial of St Martin de Porres.** He was a Dominican Brother. Born to a Spanish father and a black slave mother. Treated cruelly as a 'half-caste', he found solidarity with the poor and marginalised. He was renowned for his care of the sick and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Many miracles of healing have been attributed to him. Saint of Peru canonised in 1962.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Memorial of St Charles Borromeo.** Only lived till he was 46 but packed a lot into his life. Very bright, he helped to lead the 'Counter Reformation' in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Made Cardinal at 22 years old. Helped re-convene Council of Trent. Bishop of Milan. Reformed the Diocese and helped set up the seminary structure.

### World Day of the Poor

This takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. In our Archdiocese the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has been carrying out this mission since 1845. This year the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese wish to use the Special Collection to be taken that weekend to support two SSVP projects; The Furniture Project based in Kingseat and the Caravan Project in Port Seton.

### All Souls' Day

Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, including those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, will take place on All Souls' Day, Tuesday 2 November, at 10am in the Cemetery Chapel at 49 Mount Vernon Road. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

### Annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Mass to mark the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Archdiocese. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 20 November.

**For Sale** – A parishioner is selling a Statesman Washing Machine and Indesit Dryer if you are interested, please contact Llewelyn on 07510 333743 for more details.

### Last week's Quiz Answers

1. James Keir Hardie (1856-1915) born in Holytown
2. Pride, Avarice, Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Jealousy
3. Cinnamon
4. St Pat's, The Cowgate
5. Alexander Dumas

### This week's Quiz Questions:

1. What was the score in the 2018 Scottish cup Semi-final between Celtic and Rangers?
2. What was the original name of 'Coronation Street'?
3. What are the main four Catholic liturgical colours?
4. What is the national flower of Japan?

**Next Week's Readings 7<sup>th</sup> November:** – First Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16

**Psalm:** Ps 145 **Second Reading:** Heb 9:24-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

