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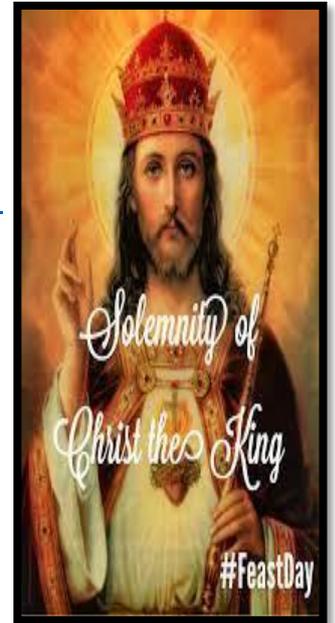
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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe –21st NOVEMBER 2021

Saturday 20 th November	Broxburn 5.30 pm Vigil Mass James & Shaun Watson RIP	Winchburgh 9.30 am Mass Members of the Deceased Priests Fund 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Linda D'Alton	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 21st November	9.30 am Mass Derrick Brown AV 5pm Mass Stephen Pettigrew RIP	11.30 am Mass Fr Pat Clarke RIP	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday 22 nd November	9.30 am Mass Laura Glencouse RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Cecilia
Tuesday 23 rd November	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Bill Mullen	Feria
Wednesday 24 th November	9.30 am Requiem Mass Sylwia Kujawska RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions
Thursday 25 th November	12.00 noon Requiem Mass Robert Tait RIP	9.30 am Mass Mary McCann	Feria
Friday 26 th November	9.30 am Requiem Mass Paul Gebal RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 27 th November	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Rose Kelly Smith RIP	9.30 am Mass Canon Alistair Mason Doyle 3.00 pm Vigil Mass John Ferguson 'Fergie'	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 28th November	9.30 am Mass Eileen Valentine 5pm Mass Frank Kelly AV	11.30 am Mass People of the parishes	 FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>

Confessions

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

Theme: "Ruler"

There are rulers and there are rulers ... I'm not talking about classroom rulers in centimeters and inches but rather temporal rulers of republics and kingdoms. They wield their earthly power at the potential peril of their citizens and subjects. Perhaps there is a pretense of command, the confidence of surety and clear thinking of vision and strength but in reality, many rulers blindly lurch from one potential crisis to another, like firefighters trying to put out forest fires. Dare I say it, Queen Elizabeth has shown consistent stable rule as a monarch over nearly 70 years. She herself would subsequently admit and does so in her Christmas Day broadcasts that it is faith in God's dominion that carry's one through the storms of life. Let us not forget that Christ's Kingdom is 'not of this early kind'. It is a Kingdom of Divine and sacred authority – we ignore it at our peril!

Reflection: "Dying Words of St Margaret, Queen of the Scots 1093"

"I give you praise, Almighty God, for what you have been pleased that I should endure such deep sorrow at my departing and I trust that by means of this suffering, it is your pleasure that I should be cleansed from some of the stains of my sins".

'The Long-Distance Disciple' (Karol Wojtyla – Pope John Paul II)

'If the Church of the future knows John Paul II as "John Paul the Great", it will be for this reason, at another moment of peril, when barbarisms of various sorts threatened civilization, a heroic figure was called from the Church to meet the barbarian threats and propose an alternative ... the barbarism threatening civilization has been a set of ideas whose consequences include barbarous politics – defective humanizing that in the name of humanity and its destiny, create new tyrannies and compound human suffering'. (George Weigel 1999).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Catholic Education Week'

Scottish Catholic Education is facing a 'Watershed' in its history. Catholic primary and secondary schools are still extremely popular, with Catholic and non-Catholic pupils making up the school roles. The academic and formation standards are often seen as above the non-denominational sector and ethos of the Catholic school is a tangible draw. However, the widespread non-participation by parents, even pre-COVID, in regular Mass attendance, somewhat undermines the legal mandate for 'faith schools. It is drawing near to the 'Eleventh Hour' for parents, teachers and clergy to protect the future of our Catholic State Schools by being committed to the faith and re-strengthening the bond of mutual mission between the school, home and parish. The schools depend on the Church for their unique existence and the Church depends on the schools to keep Catholic Faith, teaching moral spiritual formation at the forefront of the formation of our future Scotland, which is threatened by a humanist, secular and relativist culture, where moral absolutes are no longer respected or understood. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. God Bless our Catholic schools and all who serve in them.

Welcome to:

- (i) Mrs Murray and Mrs Kellock who will speak at our Sunday morning Masses about Catholic Education.
- (ii) To those who have come back to Mass after being away for some time!

News of an Appointment by Archbishop Cushley

BIG NEWS!

His Grace, Archbishop Leo Cushley, Archbishop of our Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, has invited Fr Jeremy to join the Charter of Canons at our Cathedral Church of St Mary's in Edinburgh. It doesn't mean he's moving out but that he has a seat in the Canon's stalls when he chooses to use it. He accepts the invitation graciously, on behalf of the People of God, who have helped and encouraged his vocation in 12 different parishes over the last almost 30 years. He thanks you for your prayers, understanding, goodness and kindness. Now joining, in one sense, but way down the line, our esteemed Canon John Agnew, 'the 'Master and the Apprentice'. It is an honour and tradition for our parishes to present our new Canon, his robes, a donation box will be held at the back of the church. If you would like to attend the service at St Mary's Cathedral on the 14th December at 12.45pm, we are arranging a bus which will be £10 return, to get an idea of numbers we have put a sheet at the back of the church, please put your name on it this weekend so we can book as soon as possible (more details to follow). Afterwards we will be going to the Canon Hoban Hall to celebrate with our Canon for tea/coffee and of course CAKE!

Vestry Hour (for all general pastoral enquiries)

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Monday 22nd November 6pm.
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Thursday 25th November 7pm.



November – Month of the Holy Souls

Cemetery Service for Uphall and Loaninghill: This will take place today, 21st November, at 1.30pm in Uphall Cemetery and 2pm in Loaninghill. The votive candles for the graves will be blessed at the service and are still available at the Sacred Heart altar priced £2.00 each. The names of all the deceased in the last year or so will be read out. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Memorial Mass for the Dead: This will take place on Saturday 27th November at 5.30pm in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church. Members of their families will be invited to light a candle in their memory.

Forthcoming Funerals this coming week

Sylvia Kujawska RIP – Not long after her 50th birthday, Sylvia of Badger Court, sadly took seriously ill and died. Much loved wife of Andrzej and mother of Martyna, her Requiem Mass will take place at 9.30am in Broxburn Church on Wednesday 24th November and thereafter to West Lothian Crematorium. Such a kind and caring person. May she rest in peace.

Robert Tait RIP – Robert died in St John's last week with members of his dear family at his bedside. He was much loved and respected, being also one of the first paramedics in the Lothians. His Requiem Mass is on Thursday 25th November at 12 noon in Broxburn Church and thereafter to Loaninghill Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Paul Gebal RIP – Paul was a much-loved father, husband, grandfather and greatly respected in the county of West Lothian as a wise and caring lawyer. He loved the arts, language and literature, as well as the football banter of following 'The Hoops'. Coffin received at 6pm on the Thursday evening, Requiem Mass is on Friday 26th November at 9.30am in Broxburn Church, followed by 11am at Loaninghill. May he rest in peace.

Sacramental Life

Primary 3 Parents The short instruction for parents starts straight after mass today. In Broxburn after 9.30am Mass in the Hall. In Winchburgh after 11.30am Mass in the Church. The theme for parents today is 'Who is Jesus'? Fr Jeremy is keen to get new Catechists or 'faith formation' volunteers to help with preparation for the sacraments. Please recognise the need in our parishes and give of yourself generously.

Baptism

We pray for Effie Sandy Reilly who is due to be baptised in St John Cantius and St Nicholas on Saturday 27th November. We encourage parents and godparents to form this little child well in the ways of faith.

The World Synod called by Pope Francis

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has called on you, the Catholic People of God, to be consulted through the medium of a 'Synod'. What is a 'Synod'? It is an assembly of Godly People to share ideas, thinking and opinions on what you see, observe and aspire to in the life of the Catholic Church, to get your honest opinion about what's going on right now.

The questions for the discussion on Sunday 28th November at 12.30pm in St Philomena's Church and at 5.45pm in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, are as follows:

- 1. What does sharing in the life of the parish mean to me?***
- 2. How can we support and encourage parents whose children are leaving the faith?***

The questions should be thought and prayed about personally and then shared in small groups, before submitting contents and ideas to the Archdiocese and then onward to Pope Francis. Remember your opinion matters. The second module will be on Sunday 5th December at the same times.

St Nicholas Primary School Parent Council

The next meeting is on Monday 6th December at 6.30pm on Zoom. Claire Roxburgh, the Parish Rep, has kindly kept the link going between the school and parish. Mrs Kellock, the new Headteacher, is building on that model. The minutes are available on the noticeboard. The aims of the school have been updated and revised and now are on display in the Church porch. The parent Council office bearers are now elected for a new session: *Chair – Lindsey Swinney, Vice Chair – Claire Smith, Secretary – Louise Sharkey, Treasurer – Julie Zasada, Vice Treasurer – Claire Roxburgh.* **Holy Family School Parent Council** - The Parent Council met on 25th October and elected its office bearers for another year. The office bearers now include Ali Beth Griffin as Vice Chair. The plans for the new schools were shared and discussed.

PPC Meeting in Broxburn on 23rd November at 7pm

If you have any items for the agenda please send to Peter Doolan (Secretary). Thank you in advance.

Nativity Carol Concert – Edinburgh

On Sunday 28th November at 3pm in St Andrews Square, Edinburgh, 2 days before St Andrews Day, the City Churches will hold a Carol Concert and the Salvation Army Brass Band will play. The Nativity scene will be blessed by Church Leaders, including Archbishop Cushley – free entry.

St Andrew's Day Celebrations – 30th November

Please remember to mark the Feast Day of our Patron Saint of Scotland, two weeks after we celebrated our co-patron, St Margaret. We don't do enough to acknowledge our Patron Saint whose relics are on display in our Cathedral in Edinburgh. There will be masses in both parishes on that day and hopefully it will be celebrated too in the schools. St Andrew of Scotland, pray for us.

Broxburn and Uphall Council of Churches

The minutes of the last meeting are now on the Church noticeboard. There is an Advent Service of Scripture readings and hymns planned for Sunday 28th November at 7pm in Uphall South Church. All welcome to attend.

John Deighan – Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Their latest newsletter highlights the campaign to save lives of the unborn across the UK and Ireland. In particular, to raise funds to fight through the courts the fact that Brandon Lewis exceeded his powers as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland by ordering Stormont Ministers to rollout late-term abortions across the province. For more information, please see their website.

Christmas Appeal for Marys Meals & SCIAF

A Christmas Raffle is being organised to help this Appeal, tickets will shortly be available, 1st Prize is a hamper, Large Panda (doesn't need fed!) and many other prizes. Remember monies raised will be doubled from now until 16th January.

Wee Cinema at St Philomena's Hall

Don't forget the screening of 'Dream Horse' is this Saturday 20th November in the hall. Tickets cost £5, doors open at 7pm and the bar will be open. Order your tickets now before its too late using:
<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/9285>

The Teaching of the Catechism

'The Dignity of the Human Person' – Para 280 – 'Youcat'

'Every person, from the moment of his/her life in the womb, has an inviolable dignity, because from all eternity, God willed, loved, created and redeemed that person and destined her/him for eternal happiness'. He (God) looks at every person and loves them as though they were the only creature in the world.

Saints Days this coming week

Monday 22nd November: Memorial of St Cecilia. Virgin and Martyr, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third century Roman Christian martyr. She refused to worship Roman Gods and was beheaded.

Wednesday 24th November: Memorial of the Vietnamese Martyrs. St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions and Martyrs in the 17th and 18th Century in Vietnam. Many Christians suffered martyrdom. Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, of which 96 were native Vietnamese women and men, plus overseas missionaries from France and Spain.

Answers to last week's quiz

1. 4 Olympic Gold
2. All clear
3. None – a shark's skeleton is made entirely of cartilage
4. St Teresa of Avila

This week's quiz

- 1.** Who played the parish priest in David Leau's 1970 film, 'Ryan's Daughter'?
- 2.** In the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, how many were there?
- 3.** Where is Duff House located in Scotland? (Nearest town)?
- 4.** Who wrote the hymn 'For those in Peril on the Sea'?

Readings for next week: 1st Reading: Jr 33:14-16 **Psalm:** PS24 **2nd Reading:** 1 Th 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28.34-36