

# PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 8TH MAY 2022

	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b>	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days</u></b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> Daniel J Gordon & Deceased members of Gordon Family	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Fr Jim Dean (Glasgow 70) <b>3pm Mass</b> John & Mary Muir	Eastertide
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Agnes Kane <b>5pm Mass</b> Mary, Harry & Eamon Dawson	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> James O'Hara 	<b>Good Shepherd Sunday</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon	No Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jim Doherty	Eastertide
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Kathleen Keast nee Duffin	No Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Sara Jane Buchanan (Cannon)	Eastertide
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> David, Margaret & Davina Conarty	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> 
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> Kenneth Cameron	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Mons. Des McGuire (90, Glasgow) <b>3pm Mass</b> Sara Jane Buchanan	<b>St Matthias Apostle</b> 
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> The Doherty Family <b>5pm Mass</b> Mercy Associates	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Gilbert D'Alton 	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Confessions: Broxburn - Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – Saturday 10.00 am**

### Theme: "Listen"

Today's Gospel from St John is very short but to the point. Jesus makes it clear that if we profess to be Christian, in other words a follower of Jesus Christ, then we listen to His voice; there are many voices we hear in this life, but Christ's is the one which has the message of salvation. Remember that sheep are very astute animals, they only truly listen to the voice of the shepherd. If a hired man or a stranger seeks to lead them on or take them away, they will refuse to follow them. Jesus teaches the same parallel with following him as the 'Good Shepherd'. In the world there are many who profess to be spiritual but in reality, their motives are distorted and even evil. A true shepherd is solely committed and consecrated to leading the faithful to the kingdom of God.

### Reflection: 'What Christ Means to Me' – Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ

"It is the Trinitarian Christ, with whom we are sent and through whom we approach the Father. Let us ask ourselves about the kind of approach, dialogue, union, the kind of docility to the Spirit of Christ that we try to have in our life. Beyond words, always by approximation, we need to discover a simple truth and from that draw all the conclusions. Christ is alive, he speaks and acts, receiving from the Father his being, his words, his action and our existence or life develops within Christ, so that we are sharers in the relationship with the Father. The young will be helped to meet God ... if they learn to contemplate the universal misery which is crying aloud for a Redeemer. The apostle will always respond to human misery".

### SHARED PARISH NEWS

#### "Good Shepherd Sunday"

This Sunday we are invited to truly value the vocations or calling to the sacred orders of the Priesthood and religious life. Serving Christ in the Church is not merely a job or even a profession, it is essentially a vocation or calling from God. This vocation, if it is genuine, goes on till we die; to serve the People of God in whatever capacity we are directed to by the Holy Spirit. Just as marriage is a covenant of love and service, so also is priesthood and religious life. Yes, it is not always easy to live that vocation but if it is centred on love and prayer, then all things are made possible. The second collection today is to help pay for the cost of training candidates for the priesthood. If you sense a calling in your own life for priesthood, religious life or the permanent diaconate, have a word with Fr Jeremy after Mass or arrange to see him and he will put you in the right direction. God Bless you all.

#### Sacramental Life of the Parish

Things are reaching a climax of celebration for all those preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.



#### Primary 7 – Confirmation

The penultimate catechesis for parents takes place after Mass this Sunday morning. The theme this time is 'The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit'. All the lists of candidates, their saint's names and sponsors should now be complete. The Confirmation Mass is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Broxburn Church for both parishes. Archbishop Leo Cushley, the shepherd and leader of our Archdiocese is the main celebrant.

#### Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

The last parents' catechesis is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May after the morning Masses in Broxburn and Winchburgh. The theme is 'Holy Communion – Celebration of Life'. The final parents' preparation meeting for the First Holy Communion is as follows:

**Winchburgh Parish – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12.45pm (in the Church)**

**Broxburn Parish – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm (in the Church)**

There at that meeting, all the practical arrangements for First Communions will be made clear.

**First Communions – Broxburn - St John Cantius & St Nicholas - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**

**First Communions – Winchburgh - St Philomena's – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am**

NB: The Thanksgiving Mass is as follows: **Broxburn Parish – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am, Winchburgh Parish – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am**



#### Primary 3 – First Confession

The P3 children who made their First Confession in March will be presented with a crucifix at the Sunday morning masses in both parishes on 15<sup>th</sup> May. NB: It would be right and fitting of the children preparing for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion, to make an effort, with their parent's support, to come to Confession before they receive these other important sacraments.

### New Icon of St Nicholas - Broxburn

A stunning new icon of St Nicholas, our co-patron saint, has been erected in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church. St Nicholas is the ancient saint associated with the Catholic Church in this part of West Lothian, going back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The icon was erected in Ireland and featured in the Kiltegan Fathers Africa magazine. The design and copy were sent on to us and then enlarged, mounted, and then erected by Llewelyn D'Silva for us in its present position. I am very grateful for his meticulous work. The Archbishop will be asked to bless it on 25<sup>th</sup> May in memory of all those who died in Bangour Hospital and were buried in unmarked graves. May they rest in peace. ***St Nicholas, pray for us.***



### Fabric Works

The spire at the Broxburn Church has had further works carried out on it as planned. The remedial works have included mortar pointing and securing of the stone points at the corners of the spire. Total cost is £8,500.00. I am grateful to Graham MacBrayne for doing a good job on a tight budget. The side door to the Church has been replaced and all the keyholders should now have replacement keys.

### Joint PPC Planning Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Canon Jeremy is due to meet the Chairs and Secretary of each of the Parish Pastoral Councils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Parish House, Broxburn, for joint review and planning for the future.

### Tuesday Evening Prayer Group in Broxburn

This has started up and will meet again this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the Church for prayer, reflection, music and scripture. The following week, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the meeting will start at 7.15pm due to the First Communion parents meeting at 6.30pm. All welcome.



### May – The Month of Mary

Please remember to give Our Lady a special place in your prayer life in this beautiful month of May, asking for her intercession, particularly in the war situation in Ukraine. May Our Lady help to unite people of all nations in the path to peace.

### The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 1564 – ‘The Ordination of Priests’

‘Whilst not having the supreme degree of the pontifical office and notwithstanding the fact that they depend on the bishops in the exercise of their own proper power, the priests are for all that associated with them by reason of their sacerdotal dignity; and in virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, after the image of Christ, the supreme and eternal priest, they are consecrated in order to preach the Gospel and shepherd the faithful, as well as to celebrate divine worship as true priests of the New Testament’.

### Appeal for Rented Property

A local Catholic family are looking for a home for 3 adults and 2 children in this area. Can anyone help? Please contact the parish office.

### Visit of Fr John Ghattas

Fr John is the Coptic Priest of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church and he has a parish at St Mark's in Kirkcaldy. He visited Fr Jeremy earlier this week and presented him with a beautiful Coptic cross. He has the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of his church in Kirkcaldy on Sunday. We wish him and his Coptic Christian people every blessing.

### Receiving the Sacred Host on the tongue

People can now receive the sacred host on the tongue. If they come at the end of the communion lines. They do this at their own risk/violation.



### THANK YOU

To Canon Jeremy - Just a short note to say thank you for the sympathetic way you dealt with the recent Funeral Mass for Freda Hughes. From receiving the body on the Sunday to the short service at the graveside, you managed to make a challenging time for the family so much more bearable. The McLaughlin family would also like to thank Tommy Cannon, the organist and the parish in general for their input in the service and for the kind words and cards extended to the family.

### Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 9th May 10am**

**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 13th May 6pm**

**Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible**



## The Legion of Mary

“Our Lady of Good Hope Broxburn” is running a bus for a centenary thanksgiving Service on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin**. Bus is £5.00 per adult, children free. The bus will leave Winchburgh at 1.15pm, Broxburn 1.30pm and Whitburn at 2pm following onto Carfin. Mass will start at 3pm followed by a Rosary Procession at approximately 5.15pm. Returning at 6pm from Carfin. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you would like to go.



### Corpus Christi Procession

As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year, led by Archbishop Cushley, you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19 June** (time tbc). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

### Lourdes

If you're a nurse please consider taking part in the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 8-15 July. The pilgrimage committee is looking for a night nurse (full funding available) and nurses to join to join the medical team. Contact Claire Banks, chief nurse, on 07930 928489 for more info. There is also still space for assisted pilgrims who will have 24hr care on the pilgrimage. Helpers and hotel pilgrims are also welcome. More info at [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)

### Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The monthly Mass to pray for the canonisation of Venerable Margaret Sinclair is on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (7 June) at St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate. The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. More details will follow soon. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at [www.margaretsinclair.scot](http://www.margaretsinclair.scot)

### Saints Days this Coming Week

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady of Fatima:** The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, starting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, when Our Lady asked them to pray for sinners and an end to World War I. In the final apparition on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Our Lady identified herself as 'Our Lady of the Rosary'.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Feast of St Matthias - Apostle:** He qualified as a candidate for the title 'Apostle' to replace Judas Iscariot, because he had followed Christ from his baptism in the Jordan till his Ascension, and a witness to the Resurrection. He preached in Judea and near the Caspian Sea, possible links with Ethiopia. His emblem is an axe or halberd by which he was martyred.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Eight 2. (c) 1927 3. A harp 4. The Jazz Singer

### Parish Quick Quiz

1. Who was Uriah's wife?
2. Which order of monks is noted for taking vows of silence?
3. Which great Scottish Engineer began his life as a stonemason?
4. What is frankincense?



### Prayer from St John Paul II (By a Parishioner)

“Pain and suffering is not meant to be.  
Holy children of God are being persecuted and this is all avoidable.  
With prayer comes peace. Believe in this.  
Love must prevail from one heart to another throughout the world.  
Let this message be spread and hold hands with your brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Be by their side even in thought. Blessed be the name of Jesus.  
Live from your hearts now. Put down the weapons and rejoice.  
For this world is worth saving; from the babe in the womb to the eldest of all.  
Love must prevail. Do this in my memory”.



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14:21-27**

**Psalm: Ps 144**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 21:1-5 Gospel: Jn 13:31-35**

