

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 15TH MAY 2022

	<b><u>BROXBURN</u></b>	<b><u>WINCHBURGH</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days</u></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	St Matthias
<b>Sunday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>P4 Parents</i> <i>Catechesis</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> The Doherty Family <b>5pm Mass</b> Mercy Associates	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Gilbert D'Alton	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Emma Murphy	 No Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass  <b>6pm Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jeramiah Cannon	Eastertide
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bridget Hughes (AV)	No Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	 <b>9.30am Mass</b> Jim Doherty	Eastertide
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Christine Race (Special Intention)	<b>No Mass</b>	Eastertide
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> Joseph Connolly	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Special intention (for my children) <b>3pm Mass</b> Fr John Morrison	Eastertide
<b>Sunday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Anne Marie & Roddy Ross <b>5pm Mass</b> Freda Hughes	<b>11.30am Mass</b> Patrick Blair	

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

### Theme: "The Defeat of Evil"

The Book of Revelations in its last part of today's Sunday readings for Eastertide, gives us a magnificent description of the City of God; the heavenly Jerusalem. St John prophesies the definitive defeat of evil and the triumph of perfect Communion between God and humanity. As we look around the world today, we realise that we have some way to go in the crusade against the force of evil. The dark side of humanity, in other words, sin, is as real as water and light, however, it is often the cause of our downfall. Only Christ can in his redeeming power, rescue us from this plight. The Communion of Saints and the conversion of sinners are a consistent sign to the world of what can be done through faith.

#### Reflection: 'Devotion to the Heart of Jesus' – Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ

"The glorious Christ – he who showed himself to St Thomas the apostle and let him see the wounds inflicted by our sins, he who showed himself to St Ignatius, bearing the Cross upon which he redeemed us – is he who has shown us his heart transfixed on the cross, a furnace of love. The loving attention to Christ glorified, wounded by love, reveals the sacrificial nature of this life of prayer and action for the transformation of the world to which people of prayer commit themselves. The Christian spirit of sacrifice is a supremely active attitude. It is a gift of oneself in love, with generosity having divine dimensions.

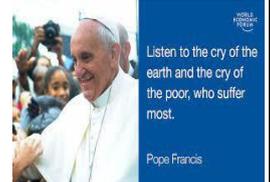
(From Arrupe's Work, 'In Him Alone ... Our Hope').

### SHARED PARISH NEWS

#### "The Cry of the Poor"

One of the key attributes of the 'living Church' is the welfare and care of the poor.

Since the very beginning of Christianity in the Acts of the Apostles, we see the Holy Spirit empowering the Church to make provision for those who are in need of help. The last three or four years in Europe and particularly in Scotland, have highlighted the spectre of poverty. Poverty comes in different forms; material, mental, social, spiritual and educational, to name but a few. I was in Glasgow last week and could not get over the number of people begging in the streets. Covid has highlighted the poverty of loneliness and mental issues. Parish life is called to be a 'well' of God's love and service to our brothers and sisters. In our own parishes, there is a tremendous amount of generosity going on; the work of St Vincent de Paul Society, Mary's Meals, the Food Project to the Mother Teresa nuns, the Food Service in Winchburgh, the response to the crisis in Ukraine, the support given to Fr Younis in Pakistan, the service of love given at the door and many personal acts of charitable love given by individuals. As Jesus reminds us, the poor will be with you always. The critical issue in terms of the parable of the Good Samaritan is, 'Do I hear the cry of the poor and respond in love'? God Bless you all in the works of mercy.



### Sacramental Life of the Parish

#### Primary 3 – First Confession

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, at the morning Masses, P3 children are presented with a wee Crucifix to remind them of Jesus' love for them and by his Cross, he has freed us from our sins.

#### Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

Today, Sunday, Fr Jeremy gives the final Catechetical talk to the P4 Parents on the subject of "Holy Communion – Celebration of Life". This will be at 10.30am in Broxburn and at 12.30pm in Winchburgh. Also, the final parents meeting takes place before the First Communions:

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

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

At that meeting, Fr Jeremy will highlight the Order of Service, dress code, the Mass of Thanksgiving, seating, photography and most important of all, the spiritual preparation for Holy Communion.

**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**

#### Primary 7 – Confirmation

Confirmations take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church in Broxburn**. All candidates should be in the Church with their sponsors and families by **6.45pm (latest)**. The dress code is school uniform. Baptismal candles not required at this Mass.

Archbishop Cushley is the main celebrant. Teas, coffees and juice will be available in the Canon Hoban Hall afterwards. Last parents Catechism talk – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 10.30am Broxburn/12.30pm Winchburgh.



## Recent Deaths

### Lana Devlin RIP

Beloved Mum, grandmother and sister, Lana Devlin died in St John's hospital on Tuesday evening surrounded by her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Shonamarie and all the family. The funeral details will follow shortly. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Nazareth Gonsalves RIP

Nazareth Gonsalves who died recently - Canon Jeremy will conduct the funeral in St Cuthbert's in Edinburgh on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, his daughter Mabel and all the family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### In your Prayers

Please pray for Norah Nelson and Frances Edie who are very sick at this time.

### Joint Planning Meeting – Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Jeremy will meet with the Chair and Secretary of each of the PPC's on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Broxburn Presbytery to review and plan joint collaboration for the two parishes.

### Clergy Deanery Meeting - Whitburn

The Clergy of the West Lothian St Mary's Deanery will be meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May to support and plan activities in the time to come. A growing challenge is providing cover over the summer due to Covid.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John Paul II's Visit to Scotland

As we draw near to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John Paul's visit to Scotland in 1982. Here is a short extract from his speech to the staff and residents at St Joseph's, Rosewell, Midlothian.

"No visit to Rosewell would be complete without mentioning a young woman whose holy life and final suffering have full expression to the message from Sacred Scripture that we have reflected on, The Venerable Margaret Sinclair, known later as Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds; for it was to Rosewell that Margaret came on holiday with other members of her family. She could well be described as one of God's little ones, who through her very simplicity, was touched by God, with the strength of real holiness of life, whether as a child, young woman, factory worker or sister".



### The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 2566 – 'Man is in Search of God'

'In the act of creation, God calls every being from nothing into existence. Crowned with glory and honour, mankind is, after the angels, capable of acknowledging how majestic is the name of the Lord in all the earth. Even after losing through his sin his likeness to God, humanity remains an image of our Creator and retains the desire for the one, who calls him into existence. All religions bear witness to mankind's essential search for God'.

### Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Carfin

A Mass to commemorate 100 years of the Legion of Mary in Scotland will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Carfin Grotto at 3pm. The main celebrant is Bishop Joseph Toal. Rosary Procession & Benediction at 5pm.

### Declaration of Friendship between The Church of Scotland and The Catholic Church

Last week, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church Leader, Archbishop Cusley, signed this 'Declaration'. It includes this "We, the undersigned, representing the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland, wish publicly to express our recognition of each other as Christians and as children of God in Christ. We recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and we wish to express our friendship and respect for one another, as fellow Christians, citizens and partners in announcing the Kingdom of God in our land".

### The Solemnity of the Ascension – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There are extra Masses that day.

**9.30am Mass in Winchburgh – with school attending.**

**9.30am Mass in Broxburn – with P4,5,6 and 7 attending.**

**2pm Mass at St Margaret's High School**

**6.30pm Mass in Broxburn – open to all.**



This is a very important day to celebrate that after 40 days in appearing in his resurrected state, Jesus ascended to the Father.

### Toccata Choir

First concert in our Church since Covid a big Thank you to the ladies' choir who sang beautifully on Tuesday night, everyone enjoyed the music and was very well attended over 200 people. And some of the donation went to the building fund. We look forward to welcoming you back.

### Marys Meals Prayer

Mary, our Mother, we entrust to your intercession for this work carried out in your name: that children throughout this world will see their lives transformed through the promise of a daily meal at school; that our volunteers across the world on whom this work depends will be filled with hope and strength; that new seeds of possibility will be planted, and more people will discover their place in the Marys Meals family. Amen

### St Columba's Hospice

The 2022 Celtic Challenge cycle run in Aid of St Columba's Hospice takes place from 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May. Peter Anderson from Winchburgh is taking part in this challenge, if you wish to donate a collection box) is available in the porch at St Philomena's and also a sponsor form if anyone wishes to Gift Aid their donation. Contact Peter Anderson 01506 500951 for any further information.

### Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Archbishop Leo will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Noon on Sunday 5 June to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. This will be a lovely and joyful celebration and will finish with a champagne reception after the Mass. All welcome.



### 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).

### Roman Catholic Church & Church of Scotland Declaration

A Declaration of Friendship between the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland (Extract) We, the undersigned, representing the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland, wish publicly to express our recognition of each other as Christians, and as children of God in Christ (Galatians 3: 25-28). We recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we wish to express our friendship and respect for one another as fellow Christians, citizens and partners in announcing the kingdom of God in our land. Since the World Missionary Conference (Edinburgh, 1910), and the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) much has been done ecumenically to repair what was broken and to restore mutual respect and friendship.



### New Dawn event

New Dawn in Scotland host a day-long spiritual event at St Mary's Church, Upper Bridge Street, Stirling on Saturday 21 May. It includes Holy Mass, Confessions, Testimonies, Workshops, a healing service and more. No registration required, just turn up on the day. More details at [www.newdawninScotland.com](http://www.newdawninScotland.com)

### National Prayer Breakfast

Join Archbishop Cushley and Christians from across Scotland at the National Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday 1 June at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. Tickets available at <https://www.npbScotland.org.uk/>

### Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

**Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Tuesday 17th May 5pm**

**Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 20th May 5pm**

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



### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Bathsheba
2. Trappist
3. Thomas Telford
4. It is a resinous substance which comes from several trees of *Boswellia* genus, found in Africa, Arabia and India.

### This weeks Quiz on Blessed Virgin Mary

1. What was the prayer that Our Lady asked us to say every day?
2. What are the four dogmas?
3. When did Mary appear to St Philomena?
4. To whom did the Virgin Mary state "I am the Immaculate Conception"?

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 15:1-2.22-29**

**Psalm: Ps 66**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 21:10-14.22-23**

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**



**My Peace I Leave with you.**

