

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA

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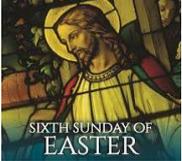
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 22nd MAY 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
Saturday 21 st May	5.30pm Vigil Mass Joseph Connolly	9.30am Mass Special Intention (for my children) 3pm Mass Fr John Morrison	Eastertide
Sunday 22nd May	9.30 am Mass Ann Marie & Roddy Ross 5pm Mass Freda Hughes	11.30 am Mass Patrick Blair	
Monday 23 rd May	9.30 am Mass James McGeough	No Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 24 th May	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Dec'd Members of the Finnigan Family	Eastertide
Wednesday 25 th May	 9.30 am Mass Joyce Boyle 7pm Confirmation Mass People of the Parishes	No Mass	Memorial of St Bede
Thursday 26th May 	9.30am Mass Davy & Kathleen Hardie & Gorman Family 6.30pm Mass Emma Murphy	9.30am Mass Fr John Morrison 	Solemnity of the Ascension
Friday 27 th May	9.30 am Mass Ann Robinson (nee Boyle)	No Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 28 th May 	10am 1st Communion Mass Jerry Cannon 5.30pm Mass Fenella & Silas Hawkins	No 9.30am Mass 3pm Mass Fr Tom Rhatigan	Eastertide
Sunday 29th May	9.30 am Mass People of the Parishes 5pm Mass Derek Gallacher	11.30am Mass Bill Cuthell (AV)	

Theme: "Make Our Home with Him"

We are called by Holy Scripture today to make our 'home' with Jesus the Son of God. What does that mean? In essence, that the Spirit of the living God is made present within us, the believer. Jesus, as St John writes, becomes the temple of holiness, no longer contained in stone walls. It is as 'Living Stones' of faith, as St Peter reminds us, that we become the Church on earth. Yes, Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle; the sanctuary of the Church building is a place for us to be at 'home' with God; thereafter, the message of Christ is that we go out into the world to bear witness to the truth. Whenever we go and speak in his name or pray in his name or again act in his name, we have made our 'home' with him. You are no longer 'aliens' in a foreign land; rather you have become sister and brothers in Christ.

Reflection: St Isaac of Syria – 'Purity of Heart'

"Until the outer man (person) dies to the whole world, not only to sin, but also to every activity, and equally until the inner man dies to evil thoughts and the natural stirrings of the body weaken, so that sinful sweetness no longer arises in the heart, until then the sweetness of the Divine Spirit will not arise in a man, his members will not acquire purity in this life, Divine thoughts will not enter his soul and will remain not sensed and not seen. And until in his heart a man has made passive the cares of life, except for the indispensable needs of his nature, and entrusts this care to God, spiritual ecstasy will not spring forth in him".

SHARED PARISH NEWS

"The Power of the Pen"

Writing a letter is a powerful means of communication, much more so potentially than a text or an email. The handwritten letter reveals much more of the person holding the pen. It illuminates the intention to take careful, thoughtful time to compose, explain and reveal messages that can be deeply personal and heartfelt, even seen in the handwriting itself. Sadly, information technology has seen a significant decline in the handwritten letter or postcard. St Charles de Foncald, a desert mystic, was a prolific letter writer. He once wrote of his joy at being in Nazareth, "I am perhaps the only soul in Nazareth, at this moment, at your feet. What have I done to merit this grace?" Try writing a letter. It could change a life!

World Communications Day – 29th May

On Sunday 29th May, we are invited to consider the importance of good communication in the mission of the Church – using all forms of communication – oral, audio, video, IT, and the humble pen! There will be a second collection next Sunday to help fund the communication work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacramental Life of the Parish

Primary 7 – Confirmation

It is with great expectant joy that we welcome His Grace, Archbishop Leo Cushley, on **Wednesday 25th May at 7pm** to lead the Confirmation Mass for both parishes, at St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish. There are 40 candidates in attendance and their sponsors, families and friends. Confirmandi, please be in the Church by 6.45pm at the latest. Reserved seats for you. Refreshments in the Canon Hoban Hall afterwards. Mrs Maguire and Mrs Murray will hand out the certificates during the Mass and His Grace is available to meet everyone in the Hall afterwards. God Bless all our Confirmandi.



This Sunday, 22nd May, the Confirmation candidates are invited to bring their baptismal candles to the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses (or another Mass if this is not possible) to renew their baptismal promises, in preparation for Wednesday evening.

Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

Broxburn: The First Holy Communion Mass is on **Saturday 28th May at 10am**. Children are asked to assemble in the Canon Hoban Hall at 9.30am so they can process into the Church together. 15 guests per child. **The Mass of Thanksgiving is on Sunday 29th May at 9.30am**, when they will receive their certificates, take part in the bidding prayers, offertory and have a First Communion breakfast in the hall afterwards. Please God it will be a wonderful day!



Winchburgh: The First Holy Communion Mass is on **Saturday 4th June at 11am**. Children are asked to assemble in the parish house dining room at 10.30am so they can process into the Church together. 15 guests per child. **The Mass of Thanksgiving is on Sunday 5th June at 11.30am**, when they will receive their certificates, take part in the bidding prayers, offertory and have a First Communion breakfast in the hall afterwards. Please God it will be a wonderful day!

Primary 3 – First Confession

Due to a delay in distribution, the presentation of the crucifixes to the First Confession children will now take place at the Sunday Masses on 12th June. Thank you.



Baptism

Elsie Bates will be baptised in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church on Sunday 22nd May at 2pm. We pray for her faith development to know and love Jesus and Our Lady.

Blessing of Gravestone

This Sunday, the gravestone of Odile Callaghan will be blessed on behalf of her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



Recent Deaths

Lana Devlin RIP: Her funeral Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 31st May at 10am in St Philomena's Parish Church, burial at 11.15 am at Winchburgh Cemetery. No reception the night before. We pray for the repose of her soul. A much-loved mother and grandmother. Please God, she is reunited in heaven with Raymond.

Christopher Boyle RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Chris, who's family reside at Leggatsyke, Broxburn. Much loved father and uncle. His funeral date at the Crematorium is still to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

Norah Nelson RIP: Dear Norah passed into the hands of God at Middleton Nursing Home on Tuesday 17th May after being unwell recently. St Philomena's senior parishioner, she was a 'pillar' of the parish for many years and a much loved and respected member of the Winchburgh community, doing much work for charity. We pray for Martin and Des and all the Nelson Family. May she be reunited in heaven with 'Junior' her husband, Kate her daughter, and Allison her daughter in law. The Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 7th June at 9.30am at St Philomena's Church followed by burial at Winchburgh Cemetery at 10.45am. No reception the night before. May she rest in peace

Inter-Faith Peace Walk – Sunday 22nd May

At 1pm outside St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, an Inter-Faith Peace Walk will commence. Members of the Cathedral parish community will pray and lead a short service before visiting other faith places of worship in the city centre. All welcome to attend.

Port Buchan Regatta

Please remember on Saturday 21st May at 11am to 1pm, there is a special 200th anniversary celebration for the opening of the Union Canal. There will be music, dancing, refreshments and the dedication of a new barge to replace 'Bluebell'. Home baking donations to be handed in on Friday 20th May from 2pm to 4pm at the Parish Church near the Co-op.

Flotilla Celebration & Farmers Market Winchburgh

Come along and join us celebrating 200 years of the Union Canal at 11.30-2.30pm on Saturday 21st May at Winchburgh parish grounds for Farmers Market and face painting. The flotilla arrives at approx. 1pm along with dancing & singing performances.

Ascension Day – Thursday 26th May

40 days after Easter, we celebrate Ascension Day, a major event in the Catholic Calendar. There will be extra Masses that day to mark this great solemnity as follows:

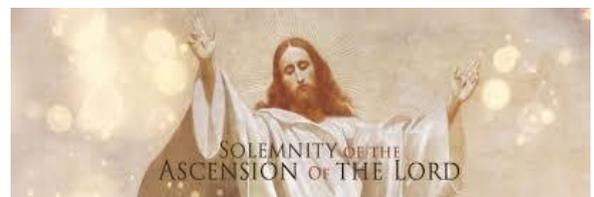
9.30am Mass in Winchburgh – with school attending.

9.30am Mass in Broxburn – with school attending.

2.00pm Mass in St Margaret's Academy.

6.30pm Mass in Broxburn.

Please note that this is a very important day for us to come to Mass. A Joyous Feast Day for All! Alleluia!



Date for your Diaries

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair's Mass at St Pat's, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, takes place on Tuesday 7th June at 1.30pm. Fr Jeremy hopes to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council - Broxburn

This will take place on Tuesday 7th June in the Canon Hoban Hall (small hall) at 7pm. Any items for the agenda, please submit to Peter Doolan (PPC Secretary) or to the Parish office.

Pentecost Service

Uphall and Broxburn Council of Churches are having a Pentecost Service on Sunday 5th June at 6.30pm in Strathbrock St Nicholas Church, Uphall. Come and join us as we celebrate Pentecost TOGETHER!



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 23rd May 3pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 27th May 3pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin in union with the Legion of Mary

A Mass to commemorate 100 years of the Legion of Mary in Scotland will be held on Sunday 29th May at Carfin Grotto at 3pm. The main celebrant is Bishop Joseph Toal. Bus will be leaving Winchburgh at 1.15pm, Broxburn 1.30pm, also pick up at Whitburn, there will be snacks and teas and coffees. The bus will leave Carfin at 6pm.

Special Collection - Day for Life (5 June)



The Day for Life collection this year will be used to help protect and care for our families and friends as they near the end of life. The collection supports quality palliative care to provide dignity to the dying while valuing life to its natural end, as well as organisations working to protect the disabled from changes in the law. A special collection will take place at Mass. Alternatively, donate direct to bit.ly/archdayforlife

Family Afternoon

A Family Afternoon at the Gillis Centre takes place on **Saturday 25 June, 2.00pm-5.00pm**. It will include separate sessions for adults and children focusing on *The Eucharist: Source of Family Love*, family prayer time in St Margaret's Chapel and family games. This event coincides with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome. Details and registration at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at midday 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.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 2360-2363 – ‘Love of Husband and Wife’

‘Sexuality is ordered to the conjugal love of man and woman. In marriage, the physical intimacy of the spouses becomes a sign and pledge of spiritual communion. Marriage bonds between baptised persons are sanctified by the sacrament. The spouses’ union achieves the twofold end of marriage: the good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life. These two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without altering the couple’s spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the future of the family’.

Forthcoming Saints Days



Wednesday 25th May – St Bede the Venerable: 7th Century – he was a monk of the monastery of Jarrow. He wrote extensively on Sacred Scripture, as well as the Church Fathers, scientific matters and gave a very reliable account of Church history, including a mention of St Ninian of Galloway.

St Mary Magdalene of Pazz: 16th Century – she was a Carmelite nun, attracted by its practice of daily communion. She lived a cloistered life of penance and prayer. Her chief penance was to do cheerfully the things she did not like doing.

(Both saints have their feast on the same day – day of the Confirmations).

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Marian apparitions
2. Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, perpetual virginity & Assumption
3. On January 18, Mariette was in her front garden praying the rosary and Our Lady appeared.
4. St Bernadette, at Lourdes. When Bernadette asked the Virgin Mary on March 25, 1858, to identify herself, Mary replied, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

This Week's Quiz

1. If 25 years of marriage is ‘Silver’, what then is 45 years of marriage?
2. Which is a harder pencil lead, 9H or 9B?
3. Which famous Scot said, ‘To die rich is to die disgraced’?
4. What is a ‘Grilse’?

7th Sunday of Easter: 1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: 96 2nd Reading: Rev 22:12-14.16-17.20

Gospel: John 17:20-26



Prayer for the Sick
Saint Augustine

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
 Rest your weary ones.
 Bless your dying ones.
 Soothe your suffering ones.
 Pity your afflicted ones.
 Shield your joyous ones.
 And for all your love's sake, Amen.