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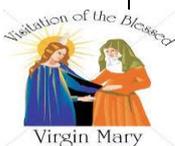
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 29TH MAY 2022

	BROXBURN	WINCHBURGH	Feast Days
Saturday 28 TH May 	10am 1st Communion Mass Fr Gerry Prior (AV) 5.30pm Mass Fenella & Silas Hawkins	No 9.30am Mass 3pm Mass Fr Tom Rhatigan	Eastertide
Sunday 29 TH May <i>World communications Day</i>	9.30 am Mass People of the Parishes 5pm Mass Derek Gallacher	11.30am Mass Bill Cuthell (AV)	
Monday 30 TH May	9.30 am Mass Keith Butt	No Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 31 ST May	No Mass 6pm Rosary 	9.30 am Requiem Mass Allanah Devlin	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 1 st June	9.30 am Mass Kenneth Cameron	No Mass	St Justin
Thursday 2 nd June	No Mass	9.30am Mass Anne Douglas	Eastertide
Friday 3 rd June	9.30 am Mass Gebal & McAuley Families	No Mass	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Saturday 4 th June 	5.30pm Mass Joseph Nelson 	11am 1st Communion Mass James & Mary Doherty 3pm Mass Fr John Morrison	Eastertide
Sunday 5 th June	9.30 am Mass Freda McLaughlin 5pm Mass Mary, Harry & Eamon Dawson	11.30am Mass Tony O'Neill's family & friends	

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

Theme: "May They All Be One"

In today's Gospel from St John, Jesus pleads to his heavenly Father to help his Disciples to be united in the mission of the Church. Jesus, as the Son of God, is acutely aware of how the power of evil seeks to divide and conquer. History has proved this to be the case, as Christianity has been repeatedly shaken by Schism and separation. In this sacred time between Ascension and Pentecost, we are called to draw on the power of the Holy Spirit to keep safe the teaching of Jesus; not distorted or diluted and not used or abused in an ungodly way. Remember that Jesus is the 'keystone' that holds the Church together. When we choose to forget this, we instead pick up stones to kill those who have true faith, like St Stephen, disciple, deacon and martyr.

Reflection: 'Come and have breakfast' Herbert McCabe

"The Eucharist is about the way we are with each other, about our unity. This is obvious from its shape, a ritual meal, an eating and drinking together, to say we share one life. Now it is not just an ordinary ritual meal, but a sacramental ritual meal, because it expresses the mystery of our unity. It is plain that the Eucharist is not a meal any more than baptism is taking a shower. It ought not to look like an occasion when hungry people come to eat and drink. It is a token meal, when something is said. The bread and wine are there for symbolism, not nourishment, though of course they wouldn't have their symbolism if they weren't food and drink. A purely ritual meal in which all share a token portion of bread and wine is purely symbolic, a piece of language, a word".

SHARED PARISH NEWS



"A Time of Sacred Expectation"

We are now halfway between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This is a ten-day period when we mark the time when the apostles and disciples of Jesus were waiting, after Jesus' Ascension, for the coming down of the Holy Spirit. There is a lesson here for humanity; that we must be patient in awaiting the coming of God's presence into our lives. Also, that the Holy Spirit is equal but distinct from Jesus Christ. Jesus is the second person of the Trinity; the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. We must, if we are to be an authentic Catholic Christian, listen to the Holy Spirit before we act in God's name. We do this by prayer and conversion.

'World Communications Sunday'

It is fitting as we await Pentecost, that we mark 'World Communications Day', to remind ourselves of the Church's responsibility to evangelise, to communicate the message of Christ in an authentic and loving way. We are saturated in the present age by social media, internet and information technology but paradoxically we are losing the ability to be sociable, to hold a conversation and avoid isolation and loneliness. Perhaps today we should put off our mobile phones and laptops, to instead spend time in face-to-face communication with our neighbour and dwell prayerfully in the presence of God, listening to the Holy Spirit. The second collection today goes to the 'World Communications Commission' of the Church.

We Celebrate Sacraments!

Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

Broxburn: Today, Sunday, the Holy Communion children who received the sacrament for the first time in Broxburn yesterday will return in their outfits for the Mass of Thanksgiving. There, they will take part in the Mass, receive their certificates, sing a song of thanksgiving and share in a Communion Breakfast in the hall afterwards. May their parents help these children to grow close to Jesus by bringing them to Mass every Sunday. Do not deny them this sacred spiritual food.



Winchburgh: The First Holy Communions in St Philomena's, Winchburgh, will be on Saturday 4th June at 11am. Children are asked to assemble by 10.30am in the parish house. The Mass of Thanksgiving is Sunday 5th June at 11.30am. We look forward to this celebration of faith and pray for all the children involved.

Primary 7 – Confirmation



Thank you to His Grace, The Archbishop, for administering the sacrament of Confirmation on 25th May. We pray that these newly confirmed young people will be worthy 'ambassadors' of Jesus Christ in the world. A massive £350.00 was collected for the Building Fund thank you too ALL.

Primary 3 – First Confession

The children will receive their crucifixes on Sunday 12th June at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses.



If any parent is attending a different Sunday Mass, could they please let Canon Jeremy know in advance.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

We pray for Roberta Carlone from Italy and Yiorgos Kanellos from Greece who will be married at St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 31st May in the afternoon. Both now resident in Glasgow, they have chosen to be married in our beautiful church. We pray for their married life together and wish them every blessing in living out this sacred covenant of divine love. Keep an eye on the plates!

Forthcoming Funerals

Lana Devlin RIP: Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 31st May at 10am in St Philomena's Church, Winchburgh, followed by a Service of Committal at Winchburgh Cemetery at 11.15am. Her coffin will be received at 9.45am. We pray for the repose of her soul, for all her beloved family, and that she may be reunited with Raymond in the kingdom of heaven.

Norah Nelson RIP: Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th June at 9.30am in St Philomena's, Winchburgh, followed by a Service of Committal at Winchburgh Cemetery at 10.45am. Her coffin will be received in at 9.15am. We pray for the repose of her soul, for all her beloved family, and for 'Junior', Kate and Allison who went before her.

Christopher Boyle RIP: The Cremation Service for dear Chris is still to be confirmed at West Lothian Crematorium. We pray for Jeanie and all the family. May he be permitted to rest in peace.

Wilma Coyle RIP – We also pray for the family of Wilma who has recently died. Funeral details to be confirmed. May she rest in peace.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you will be aware, Her Majesty the Queen, celebrates this week 70 years on the throne. As Monarch of the British Isles and the Commonwealth, we wish her every blessing and congratulations for 70 years of public service and duty in this unique 'Office'. She has a great love for Scotland. We are grateful for the public holidays to celebrate this event. Prayers will be offered at Mass for her.



Pentecost Sunday Joint Service

On Sunday 5th June, Pentecost Sunday, there will be an Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving in St Nicholas Church of Scotland, Uphall, (The North Church) at 6.30pm. All welcome to come along. Rev Hanneke has organised a lovely service with a guest speaker, Rev Ken Ross, Missionary in Malawi. This is a chance to see in this ancient church that has its origins in the 12th Century.

National Prayer Breakfast

Fr Jeremy will be taking part in the National Prayer Breakfast at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh, where members of the Catholic Church Community meet with representatives from the political parties. A chance to clarify what the Church teaches.

Visitation of Care Homes

In the next 10 days, Canon Jeremy will be visiting the Care Homes in the parish, as restrictions are being lifted about access to the elderly in these residential homes. He has been visiting individual residents in past months when the families have requested a visit or for end-of-life sacramental care. We pray for all our parishioners in Care Homes and the staff who care for them.



The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Mass

On Tuesday 7th June at 1.30pm, there is a special Mass in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, in promulgation of her beatification by the Universal Church. All welcome to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Broxburn Parish will be hosting a PPC on Tuesday 7th June in the Canon Hoban Hall (small hall) at 7pm. All items for the agenda, please submit to Peter Doolan (PPC Secretary) or to the Parish office. Winchburgh Parish have a provisional date of Monday 6th June at 7pm for a PPC meeting in the Church. Any items for the agenda to Diane or the parish office.

The Scouts are having a Barbeque

On Sunday 5th June at 2pm, there is a barbeque in the church grounds at St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church. This is open to everyone and will help raise funds for the Scouts and the Parish. Please come along and enjoy.

Tuesday Prayer Group This will take place on Tuesday at 6.30pm after the family rosary in the Church.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Monday 30th May 5pm

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Friday 3rd June 11am

Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



St Columba's Hospice - Winchburgh

The annual fund-raising Celtic Cycle Run in aid of St Columba's Hospice is from 24-29 May. A collection Box is still available in the porch for any donations.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week beginning 5th June, we will, with the local churches, be marking the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. The theme is 'I saw His Star Rising in the East'. That week, different churches will take a turn to hold a lunchtime service with refreshments afterwards. The provisional timetable is as follows:

Monday 6th June 12 noon – St John Cantius and St Nicholas, Broxburn.

Wednesday 8th June 12 noon – South Church, Uphall.

Thursday 9th June 12 noon – Church of Scotland, Broxburn.

Friday 10th June 12 noon – St Nicholas, Old Uphall.



Please know you are welcome to come along to all the services. A good chance to get to know each other better.



Joiner, Plumber, Painter or Electrician?

Could you volunteer some time to help a new pregnancy support service open its doors? Stanton Healthcare is getting ready to welcome mothers and babies in need of help in our Archdiocese. It is looking for volunteers to help make the new centre in Edinburgh an attractive and welcoming place where women can receive support. Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office:

prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

Corpus Christi Procession

As part of the Eucharistic renewal in the Archdiocese this liturgical year, you are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on **Sunday 19 June at 3pm**. Gather at the Bandstand in High Street (FK1 1YD) before processing to St Francis Xavier's Parish (around 20 min walk). This is a major event for the Archdiocese and should be a beautiful and prayerful experience (as well as a chance to be a witness to the Eucharistic Christ in public).

Family Afternoon

A Family Afternoon at the Gillis Centre will take place on **Saturday 25 June, 2.00pm-5.00pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh**. 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



The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 660 – 'The Ascension'

'The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time, is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene, "I have not ascended to the Father, but go to the brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God". This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension'.

Forthcoming Saints Days

Wednesday 1st June – St Justin: 2nd Century – he was born in Palestine, probably of Roman stock. From his youth he was passionate about philosophy and this led him to become a Christian. He went to Rome and set up a school of philosophy. When the Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, started a persecution, he was an obvious target.

Friday 3rd June - St Charles Lwanga and Companions: 19th Century Saint and Martyrs. He became a Catholic while serving as the major-domo to the local king who had an immoral interest in his young courtiers. Charles tried to protect them. The enraged king marched them out and had them burnt to death. The youngest was 12 years old.

Answers Last Weeks Quiz: 1. Sapphire 2. NH 3. Andrew Carnegie 4. Salmon that has swam out to sea and has spawn for the first time.

This Week's Quiz 1. What is the full name of St Rose of Lima?

1. During Low Mass, how many candles are lit?
2. How many movies have Al Pacino & Robert De Niro appeared in together?
3. Which football club plays at Loftus Road?



Solemnity of Pentecost: 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm: Ps 103 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23