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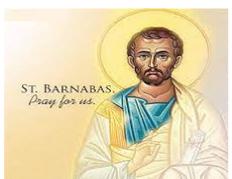
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PENTECOST SUNDAY – 5TH JUNE 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
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	Pentecost Sunday 
Monday 6 th June	9.30 am Mass Mercy Associates	No Mass 	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday 7 th June	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Requiem Mass Norah Nelson	10 th Week of the Year
Wednesday 8 th June	9.30 am Mass Freda Hughes	No Mass	10 th Week of the Year
Thursday 9 th June	No Mass	9.30am Mass Andrew Brown (AV)	St Columba
Friday 10 th June	9.30 am Mass May Walter	No Mass	10 th Week of the Year
Saturday 11 th June 	5.30pm Mass Peter Jordan	9.30am Mass Fr John Morrison 3pm Mass Agnes Cannon (AV)	St Barnabas 
Sunday 12 th June	9.30 am Mass People of the parish 5pm Mass Sister Monica (Rose Dillon, London)	11.30am Mass Zofia Kapinska	Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity 

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

Theme: "The Holy Spirit"

Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter Sunday, marks the time when, as promised by Jesus, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit would come upon them in a definitive way and empower them to go out to build the Church on earth. The first reading from Acts gives us the historical context in which this experience took place, the sights, the sounds and the dramatic consequences that prevailed on these apostles and disciples of Jesus. It is made clear to them and us, that they are no longer doing their own work but rather are working in the name of the Lord. The universality of the mission is manifested in the speaking of many foreign languages. There is no uncertainty in the command of Jesus to go out into the world, refute evil, and baptise people of all nations in my name through the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: 'Poverty of Spirit' – Fr Jack Dalrymple

"Poverty of spirit can be seen as a condition of progress in prayer, something to be achieved in order that growth should come in prayer. It can also, however, be seen as a fruit of progress in prayer, something that happens to us as a sign that we have grown in contemplation. Put simply, what happens is that as through prayer, God comes to be seen as the Absolute, the 'One Thing Necessary' in our life. Everything else comes to be seen as relative. The created world is recognised as good, created as it is by God but it is viewed now in the light of God. It is seen as beautiful and desirable but relative and provisional. This does not take away from its importance, rather does it enhance it ... God has become more important to us. Progress in prayer has brought a certain detachment from material things".

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PENTECOST
SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday – The Birthday of the Church

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us be conscious of our spiritual ancestors who brought Christianity to these West Lothian lands over one thousand years ago. Churches like Ecclesmachan, Abercorn and 'Old St Nicholas' in Uphall, are a legacy of the Catholic Christian missionaries from the 9th century or earlier. 1560 saw the Catholic Church suppressed but thankfully, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are encouraged to work towards Christian unity, in company with other Christian denominations. As Jesus said in St John's Gospel, "May they all be one, as you are in me and I am in you".

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week the local presbyterian churches, along with ourselves, are joining together in worship for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. The theme this year is 'I saw His Star Rising in the East'. This in some ways is a call for Christians of the 'East' and the 'West' throughout the world to celebrate the incarnate God in Jesus Christ. We have local services planned as follows:

Sunday 5th June 6.30pm – Pentecost Service in 'St Nicholas Old' (The North Church, Uphall).

All the local clergy will be taking part. Hosted by Rev Hanneke van Heusen. Please come along. During the course of the next four days, the local churches will take turns to host a lunchtime service at 12 noon, followed at 12.30pm with a cup of tea/coffee and a bite to eat. The 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 – Old St Nicholas, Uphall (The North Church).

Can I please ask for volunteers to help host our 12-noon service on the Monday 6th June? It is a simple half hour service with 2 hymns, scripture and prayers. Soup and rolls in the Canon Hoban Hall afterwards. Thank you in anticipation of your local support.

Sacraments

Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

Broxburn: The St John Cantius and St Nicholas First Communions went very well last weekend. I think all the children and their families found it a very memorable and positive experience.

Winchburgh: The First Holy Communions in St Philomena's, Winchburgh, take place on **Saturday 4th June at 11am. Please note NO 9.30am Mass that day.** The 12 children will be in our thoughts and prayers. 15 guests per child are permitted, with each child having a row, and remaining guests filling up pews behind.

The Mass of Thanksgiving is Sunday 5th June at 11.30am, when the children will wear their outfits again and take part in the bidding prayers, offertory and the post communion song. They will get their certificates and have a First Communion breakfast in the hall afterwards. We pray it goes well.

NB. Parents, please try to keep the number of cars to a minimum. There is limited parking and we don't wish to upset the neighbours.



Primary 3 – First Confession

The children will be presented with their crucifixes on Sunday 12th June at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, as a sign of Jesus' love for them and how he heals us from our sins through the cross.



Primary 7 – Confirmation

Thank you again to all who supported these children in their sacraments. We pray for them as they prepare to make the transition to the High Schools.

Marys Meals

Our collection from our First Holy Communion Mass in Broxburn, raised £500.00 for funds for the Marys Meals appeal to relieve famine in Somalia. Thank you for all your kindness.

Requiem Mass – Norah Nelson RIP

Dear Norah's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th June at 9.30am in St Philomena's, Winchburgh, with reception of her coffin at 9.15am. The Rite of Committal is at Winchburgh Cemetery at 10.45am, followed by reception at St Philomena's Hall. May she rest in peace.

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Mass

As our new High School due to open in August 2023 is to be dedicated in the name of 'Sinclair Academy', it is good for us to deepen our devotion to the Venerable Margaret Sinclair and pray for her Beatification. There is a special mass for her in her 'home parish' at St Patrick's, the Cowgate, Edinburgh, where her tomb is located, on Tuesday 7th June at 1.30pm. All welcome to attend. Fr Jeremy hopes to be there.

June – The Month Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please note that this month of June, we are encouraged to renew our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We remind ourselves that through the wounded heart of Jesus, he helps to heal our wounds. The Church as the 'Bride of Christ' is called to be a 'Healing Church' for all those who come seeking spiritual, mental and physical healing; manifested in the healing power of the Holy Eucharist. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 24th June. There will be a 9.30am Mass in Broxburn and a 10.30am Mass in Winchburgh that day.



Prayers for Canon Paul Kelly (sick)

We pray for the Parish Priest of Linlithgow who fell and broke his shoulder in the church recently. He is now having a period of convalescence. In the meantime, the local Deanery is responsible for covering his masses, funerals, baptisms, sick calls etc. We appreciate the support and prayers of parishioners, Deacons and local Priests. God bless him in his recovery. Masses in Linlithgow may be subject to change.

Stanton Health Care

Next Sunday, Donna from Stanton Health Care, a new Diocesan Pregnancy Advice Centre, will come and address all our Sunday Masses. They carry out vital lifesaving and supportive work for those who are with child in the womb. This is part of the Diocesan Pro Life initiative.

Forthcoming Meetings

Tuesday 7th June – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Broxburn. 7pm in the Canon Hoban Hall.

Wednesday 8th June – Canon Jeremy meets at 7.30pm with the Archdiocesan Lay Commission.

Monday 13th June – Parent Council Meeting – Holy Family School 6.30pm.
Canon Hoban Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm.

Wednesday 15th June – Meeting of School Chaplains via Zoom for the Archdiocese 2pm.

St Patricks Missionary Society

St Patricks Missions Annual Draw is approaching on the 16th June. Up to £5000 in prize money to give away. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket and enter the draw, tickets available in the porch £2 each. You can post directly back to the, enter by phone, or leave the money and we will forward on for you. Thank you for your donations.

Altar Servers

Now that our Holy Communion have taken place in our parishes, your child is now able to take on the role of Altar Server. If your child is interested, please get in touch with Canon Jeremy for an application. Full training is given. We would love to see the next generation of Servers!

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Tuesday 7th June 5pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 10th June 5pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



What is happening in our Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Justice & Peace event

An event titled *Caritas, Justice and Peace – a Synodal Way Forward* takes place on **Saturday 25 June, 10:00am-3:30pm** at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ. It's a chance for everyone who sees Caritas, Justice and Peace as integral to their Catholic faith to participate in shaping the agenda of the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace over the next two years. All welcome. Details and registration at bit.ly/justiceandpeaceevent

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

Archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul Mass

Renato Lima de Oliveira, International President General of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, will attend the annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 7pm on **Friday 24 June**. A buffet will be served after Mass. All welcome.

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, EH9 1BB**. 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 47 – 'Who is the Holy Spirit?'

'The Holy Spirit is God; as is the Father and as is the Son. It is the Holy Spirit who, since the very beginning, fills creation. It is the Holy Spirit who spoke through the Prophets. It is the Holy Spirit through whom Mary became the Mother of God. It is the Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at the baptism in the Jordan. It is the Holy Spirit who freed the disciples from their fear at Pentecost. It is the Holy Spirit who brings the divine love into the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who makes me a dwelling place of God'.

Saints Days this Week

Monday 6th June – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church: Pope Francis added this to the Roman Calendar in 2018, to remind all Christ's disciples that if they want to grow and be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant their lives firmly in 3 great realities; the Cross, the Eucharist and the Mother of God.

Thursday 9th June – St Columba – Feast: Abbot born of royal blood in Ireland. 563AD left for Iona and founded a monastery from which the faith spread to the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Saturday 11th June – St Barnabas - Martyr: A Levite of Cypriot origin. Helped St Paul to work well with the apostles. Centred at Antioch. Martyred at Salamis in 61AD.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. What is the full name of St Rose of Lima? **Isabel Flores De Olivia**
2. During Low Mass, how many candles are lit? **Two**
3. How many movies have Al Pacino and Robert de Niro appeared in together? **Four**
4. Which football club plays at Loftus Road? **Queens Park Rangers**

This Week's Quiz

1. Who was murdered in Holyrood Palace at the time of Mary Queen of Scots?
2. What is the motto of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh?
3. What does a 'Ghillie' do?
4. Where in the world are the 'Pillars of Hercules'?

**Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity: 1st Reading: Prov 8:22-31 Psalm: Ps 8
2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-5 Gospel: John 16:12-15**

