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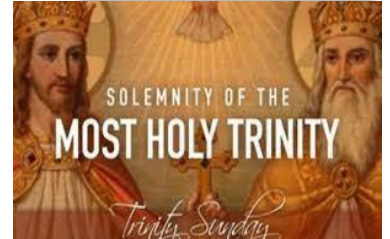
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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

Saturday 11 th June	BROXBURN 5.30pm Mass Peter Jordan	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Fr John Morrison 3pm Mass Zofia Kapinska	Feast Days St Barnabas
Sunday 12 th June	9.30 am Mass People of the parish 5pm Mass Sister Monica (Rose Dillon, London)	11.30am Mass Agnes Cannon (AV)	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 
Monday 13 th June	9.30 am Mass Stephen & Karen Neilson (Silver Wedding) 	No Mass	St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 14 th June	No Mass 6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon	11 th Week of the Year
Wednesday 15 th June	9.30 am Mass James & Shaun Watson	No Mass	11 th Week of the Year
Thursday 16 th June	No Mass	9.30am Mass Lana Devlin	11 th Week of the Year
Friday 17 th June	9.30 am Mass Michael Donnelly	No Mass	11 th Week of the Year
Saturday 18 th June	5.30pm Mass Ethan Hughes (AV) 	9.30am Mass Maureen O'Dowd & Family 3pm Mass Patrick Blair	11 th Week of the Year 
Sunday 19 th June	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish 5pm Mass Joyce Boyle	11.30am Mass John McTiernan 	Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Theme: "The Trinity is Real"

Paschal tide or Eastertide has come to an end with Pentecost but this does not diminish the commitment of Christians to the faith; indeed, having entered divine life through the sacraments, we are called every day to be open to the action of divine Grace, to help us progress in the love of God and of our neighbour. This Trinity Sunday helps in a certain sense to sum up what has been brought about by the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, then the coming of the Holy Spirit. The human mind is kind of inadequate in explaining the relationship that exists between God as Creator, God as Redeemer, and God as Holy Spirit, yet the Fathers of the Church, like St Augustine or St Ignatius of Antioch, sought to illustrate the mystery of the Triune God, by living it with deep faith in their own lives.

Reflection: 'Splendour in the Trinity' - St Athanasius

"And so, the Trinity, which is recognised in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is holy and perfect, and has no adulteration of that which is foreign or external. Nor is it compounded of creator and created matter but it is endowed with the complete power of creating and energising; its nature also is consistent with itself and undivided and its energy and activity is one. For the Father makes all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit and in that way the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved. Thus, in the Church, one God is preached, who is 'above all things and in all things'. If we have received the Spirit, then we have the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself".

SHARED PARISH NEWS

The Importance of our Prayer Life

As Trinity Sunday comes upon us and the religious rituals of our Catholic Christian Faith make another significant mark in the passage of time, we must recognise the importance of our personal prayer life. One of the most common sins confessed in the confessional is lack of time given to prayer. As a community of faith, it is my responsibility to encourage and promote the prayer life of our two parishes. Please be open to 'Sacred Space' in your busy and often stressful lives. Before Mass, the Church should be a place for silent prayer as well as the rosary and Divine Mercy. We have the Family Rosary on Zoom every Tuesday at 6pm. Link 725 827 1735 – Passcode 850988. We now have a Prayer Group Meeting every Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Church in Broxburn, for Eucharistic Adoration, silent prayer and meditation. We have monthly publications like Bible Alive that give reflections on the Holy Scriptures. I would also like to keep the Church in Winchburgh open from 10am to 12 noon on a Saturday for quiet prayer. The world needs to be more spiritual, especially in these challenging times. Come and rest for a while in the 'House of God'. Also, go online to 'Sacred Space' website with the Jesuits Community. 'Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers'.



Stanton Healthcare - Donna

Today, we welcome Donna who works for a brilliant new Pro-life charity that helps support women with child, so they choose to freely give birth to the baby in the womb and get all the support they need. A new counselling centre is being set up in Edinburgh to provide this service free of charge. She will talk about its work and how we can support it.

Sacramental Programme

Primary 4 – First Holy Communion

The children have now all made their First Holy Communion; parents please do not deny your child this spiritual food sent by God. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare them so beautifully in the school and parish. All children who have made their First Communion are eligible to become 'Altar Servers'. Please let Fr Jeremy know if you would like to serve and get your parents permission to do so.



Primary 3 – First Confession

As promised, this Sunday, the P3 children who made their First Confession in the season of Lent, will receive a beautiful wee crucifix of Jesus, to remind them of the love and mercy of God. Children, keep this in a safe place, close to your heart and remember to come again and again to Confession to experience God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

Primary 7 – Confirmation - As the P7's prepare to leave primary school for the last time, we pray for them all and hope that the 'Confirmandi' will hold fast to their faith in Christ Jesus, whilst facing the challenges of change, growth and progression.

Primary 7 Leavers Masses

Over the coming two weeks, the P7's will have their respective 'Leavers Masses' and have an opportunity to thank God for all that has been accomplished and achieved.

Holy Family Winchburgh – P7 Mass – Tuesday 14th June, Holy Family School 1.30pm. Picnic on Tuesday 21st June on a visit to Abercorn Church, whilst having a service there.

St Nicholas Broxburn – P7 Mass – Wednesday 22nd June, St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church 11am, followed by a picnic in the grounds.

God bless them all in the faith life and may God help to protect them, guide them and inspire them.

Baptisms

- (i) We pray for Aoibhe Catherine McCullagh who is to be baptised on Saturday 11th June in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church.
- (ii) We pray for Alexander Marcin Wojcik who is to be baptised also on Saturday 11th June in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church.



May God inspire the parents and godparents to be the best of teachers in the ways of faith in our Catholic Church.

Farewell to School Staff



We pray and give thanks for Mrs Frances Bell who is retiring from St Nicholas Primary after over 35 years in primary education. We wish her well and appreciate very much the way she has nurtured learning and faith in the classroom. God bless her. We also pray for Mrs Louise Maguire as she prepares to take up her new 'Headship' at St Luke's Primary in Mayfield, Dalkeith. She has been a dedicated member of staff at St Nicholas School for many years. God bless any other staff who are moving on.

Parent Council Meetings

There are School Parent Council Meetings at both Holy Family and St Nicholas on Monday 13th June at 6.30pm. May they be fruitful meetings at exciting times in Catholic education.

Parish Hall Meeting

The Canon Hoban Hall Committee is meeting on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm to review and plan for the future.

Mary's Meals

The First Communions in St Philomena's went very well last Saturday and raised £240.00 for Mary's Meals. These funds will go to the school we are sponsoring in Zomba. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Family Primary School

We would also like to thank Holy Family Primary School for their donation to Marys Meals for our sponsored school in Zomba. They raised £64.02, which is greatly appreciated, we hope to have strong links between the 2 schools in the future.

Date for your Diaries



Summer Outing to the seaside – Friday 12th August. Please keep this free. We shall either go to Aberdour or Yellowcraig or even Loch Ore. Get your bucket and spade ready and the picnic hamper!

Monthly Financial Statement

We shall now publish a monthly financial statement for both parishes, showing what came in during the previous month and what we have spent, so you get an accurate picture of how things are. Thank you for your generous stewardship.

Broxburn Parish: Apr Income: £8152.77 Apr Expenditure: £6341.99

Winchburgh Parish: Apr Income: £4201.31 Apr Expenditure: £2398.26

(This includes standing orders).

St Philomena's Parish Hall and Social Club

We would like to extend grateful thanks for the donation of 5 Picnic Bench sets as a very welcome enhancement to our hall facilities. Please come along and enjoy some Al Fresco refreshments, whilst supporting your hall. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mary O'Hara, in memory of James O'Hara Snr and James O'Hara Jnr, Martin Dunleavie, in memory of Ann, also Colette Dunleavie and Carolann Darby of Darby's Hair and Beauty Studio.



What's happening in our Archdiocese

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.

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**

Schola Cantorum sings MacMillan

This recital takes place at **7:30pm on Monday, 15 August**, at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. In the course of this recital at the Cathedral, Sir James MacMillan, Scotland's most distinguished composer, will discuss the relation between faith and music with Michael Ferguson, Director of the Schola Cantorum. For details, visit <http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2022.html>

Festival Mass

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the Festival Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **midday on Sunday 21 August**, followed by a reception in Coffee Saints café.

Margaret Sinclair

The national Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage is on Sunday 18 September. Find out more about this holy Edinburgh woman at www.margaretsinclair.scot

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 237 – 'The Trinity'

'The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God. To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit'.

Saints Days this Week

Monday 13th June – St Anthony of Padua: 13th Century saint, born in Lisbon. He joined the Augustinians and was ordained a priest when 19 years old. He then joined the Franciscans in North Africa, impressed by their simplicity and vow of poverty. He took the name 'Anthony'. It was as a powerful and effective wandering preacher in Italy and France that he gained his reputation for holiness. Patron saint of 'lost things', people and spiritual graces that have been squandered.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Who was murdered in Holyrood Palace at the time of Mary Queen of Scots? **David Rizzio**
2. What is the motto of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh? **'At One in Hope Through the Cross'**
3. What does a 'Ghillie' do? **Protect Fishing from Poachers**
4. Where in the world are the 'Pillars of Hercules'? **Between Gibraltar and Morocco**

This Week's Quiz

1. Why have 'Spaghetti Westerns' got anything to do with spaghetti?
2. Socrates and Plato are famous in Greece for what?
3. What does the Latin term 'annus mirabilis' mean?
4. Whose famous cave is located near Whithorn in south west Scotland?



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 13th June 5pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Friday 17th June 6pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Next Week's Readings: 1st Reading: Gn 14:18-20
Psalm: Ps 109 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



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