

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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As They Were Walking
Along The Road, A Man
Said To Him, "I Will
Follow You Wherever You
Go."
Luke 9:57
BibleWordings.com

13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 26th JUNE 2022

Saturday 25 th June	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Mass Agnes Kane & Deceased members of the Kane family	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Canon Michael Walsh (88) Motherwell 3pm Mass Norah Nelson	<u>Feast Days</u> Ma ss of Our Lady 
Sunday 26th June	9.30 am Mass Fr John Ramsay 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Philomena Forrest	
Monday 27 th June	9.30 am Mass Violet Mulholland (AV)	No Mass	St Cyril of Alexandria
Tuesday 28 th June	No Mass  6pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon	St Irenaeus
Wednesday 29th June Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul	9.30 am Mass Pauline Hughes nee O'Leary 6.30 Mass Martin Ward (AV)	11am Mass SVDP Vocations to the Priesthood	
Thursday 30 th June	No Mass	9.30am Mass Bill Cuthell	Feria
Friday 1 st July	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Boylan & McGuinness families	No Mass 	Feria
Saturday 2 nd July	5.30pm Mass Jeremiah Cannon	9.30am Mass Wilma Coyle 3pm Mass Odile Callaghan	Feria
Sunday 3rd July	9.30 am Mass Maggie & John Weir 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass SVDP Benefactors	

Theme: "Be Guided by the Spirit"

In the Holy Scriptures today, the message of God to those who profess their faith, is to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Many people find it difficult to let go of being in control, rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to shape their calling, their moral and spiritual response to life. In the first reading, Elisha is called to be a great prophet but briefly hesitates ... In the second reading, St Paul reminds the people of Galatia to resist the temptation to be self-indulgent and give into violence. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus calls on people to become his disciples but many look for an excuse not to follow Him; they choose not to be guided by the Holy Spirit. However, thankfully there is one who boldly declares, 'I will follow you wherever you go' – an enlightened person of true faith.

Reflection: 'The Crossroads of the Spirit' by St Gregory of Nyssa

"It is the task of the hands to find food for the body's necessities, and the task of the mouth to give service to the word. This particular order is ours so that we can emit sounds and we have another organ to receive them. The two activities are not muddled up, every organ carries its own specific function without disturbing the one next to it. Imagine a big city welcoming its visitors by many different gates. Not everyone goes to the same part. Some go to the market, some to their homes, some to the narrow alleyways. Something similar takes place in the city of the spirit, the city within us. The door of the various senses is filled with many things. The spirit examines these, it distinguishes between them and sorts them out ... this is what happens in the crossroads of the spirit".

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Summertime is Upon Us - This is traditionally the time of year when people take a rest in whatever way they can. The schools are off, parish life slows down to a different pace and we have perhaps more of a chance to recreate ourselves, catch up with old friends and enjoy the beautiful open spaces of Scotland and further afield. Various economic, logistical and health related challenges will have a bearing on what is made possible. We hope and pray that we can help one another to experience some form of rest and recuperation. God bless you all!

Mental Health Sunday

This Sunday we are reminded of all those who are affected by mental health issues, whether that be autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, depression, anxiety or bipolar. Mental health is the invisible burden on the human psyche that is real and present but not always obvious to the human eye. It can have a major effect on home life, working life, marriage, family, social life and indeed parish life, interconnected with education. We pray for all those who assist those in mental health related work. We pray for the support of the carers including family and volunteers. We recognise that our NHS psychiatric wards are full, and resources are urgently needed. May our faith in God help to relieve suffering.



Welcome to Fr Younis Pervez

Fr Younis is an old friend of our parishes and visited us several times before the Covid pandemic. He is a priest of the Diocese of Faisalabad in Pakistan, where he has been working tirelessly without a break for the last 4 years. He is the rector of the Seminary, Diocesan treasurer, parish pastoral worker, looking after the poor, the orphans, and the marginalised. He is here for a rest and we are delighted to make him welcome. Since the pandemic broke, we have been supporting projects in his remit for which he is really grateful. Alex and Mary Hughes went out to see him in November 2019. They will be so happy to see him as they are both sick now.

Thank You (i) Thank you to Donna Cameron who came from Stanton Health Care, she has sent her sincere thanks to you all and ask to keep in touch via email – donna.cameron@stantonscotland.org

(ii) To all who supported the Aid to the Church in Need that raised the following sums:

St Philomena's Parish - £ 495.00

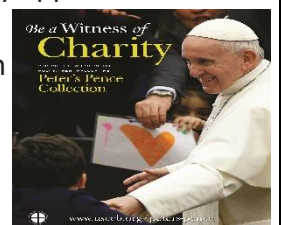
St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish - £774.00

These funds have been sent on to where they are urgently needed, as William More mentioned, there are many urgent needs just now. THANK YOU for all your generosity.

(iii) To Jason Irvine for the donation of flagstones for the church grounds. Greatly appreciated.

'Peter's Pence' Collection Today

Today, Sunday, the second collection goes to 'Peter's Pence'. This is an annual collection taken all over the world to assist the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his work at the Holy Office in Rome. The other half of it goes to whatever are his chosen charitable causes at this time. As you know, there are many appeals for help just now. Thank you for your enormous kindness.



Winchburgh Gala Day

Canon Jeremy has been invited to attend the crowning ceremony of 'Queen Mia' at the park in Winchburgh on Saturday at 12 noon. God Bless the Gala Queen.



Funerals Coming Up

- (i) We pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Boyle whose funeral service will now take place on Thursday 30th June at 12 noon in West Lothian Crematorium. May he rest in peace.
- (ii) We pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Johnston who died in St John's on Monday 20th June. Anne was a tireless worker for the Diocese, the wider church in the world and other good causes. She trained student priests at the seminary and did much in the way of counselling the needy. She has a lovely family in Bathgate and beyond. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- (iii) Canon Jeremy has been asked to do the funeral in Linlithgow of Patricia Lamont in mid-July and Canon Pat Boylan to do the funeral of Robert McMeechan. May they rest in peace.

Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul – Wednesday 29th June

This major feast of the Church's year which is also a Holyday of Obligation, is being celebrated in both parishes: **9.30am Mass in Broxburn, 11am Mass in Winchburgh and 6.30pm Mass in Broxburn.** There will also be a **12 noon Mass in Linlithgow** for those who are interested. Please bring the children who are on holiday to this wonderful feast day mass.



Office Hours during the Summer Holidays

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be operating under restricted office hours in the first two and a half weeks in July, so please check that the office is open before being in contact. Otherwise, please send information by email or answer machine.



Fabric Report Update

- (i) Broxburn Parish car park recently had repair work carried out to the tarmac. Cost £1,500.00.
- (ii) The Baptistry area of Broxburn Church is due to be redecorated over the next few weeks. Estimate cost £900.00.
- (iii) The Parish House boiler in Winchburgh needs a major service. Cost not yet confirmed.

Scottish Bishop's Conference

Statement on Catholic Devotion to the Holy Eucharist

A 'Bishops Letter' was published too late to go out with other information at last Sunday's Feast of Corpus Christi. Copies of the letter are available at the back of the Church. The bishops are emphasising how important Holy Communion is to the life of the Catholic faithful and how we should cherish and enhance the awareness of God's greatest gift to us.

Canon John Agnew

The Canon is very grateful for all the prayers, support and kindness while he has been unwell recently. We pray for him and Lesley, his housekeeper.

The Teaching of the Catechism – Para 1655 – 'The Domestic Church' (Married Life)

'Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "The Family of God". From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers together with their household. When they were converted, they desired that their whole household should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world'. Why not during the summer holidays take the chance to enjoy reading some of the Church teaching? Just go to the Vatican website.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

- 1. Where in Winchburgh Parish was Scotland's First Bishopric established in the 7th century?
Abercorn
- 2. What is the contradictory proverb of 'No fool like and old fool'? **'With age, comes wisdom'**
- 3. What is 'Ganymede'? **A moon of Jupiter**
- 4. Which year did 'telephone banking' start in the UK? **1989**

This Week's Quiz

- 1. What does 'Yom Kippur' mean?
- 2. Where is 'Herculaneum'?
- 3. Who was the first footballer to be knighted?
- 4. In July 2004, Marlon Brando, the actor, died. What was his age?



What's happening in our Archdiocese

Ordination

The priestly ordination of Deacon Josh Moir will take place at Our Lady & St Andrew, Galashiels, on Tuesday 28 June, 7:00pm. Please keep him in your prayers ahead of this special occasion for the Archdiocese.

Relics of St Bernadette

Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24 September until 2 October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2 October. Carfin Grotto is situated in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's in the village of Carfin, near Motherwell, and is Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. The grotto is open 365 day a year, with daily Mass, Confession, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Visit <https://www.carfingrotto.org/> **Schola Cantorum sings**

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

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>

Broxburn Teas & Coffees

Thank you to everyone who has come along to our Friday tea and coffees. We have raised £100.00 which we will pass on to Fr Younis for his mission in Pakistan. Thank you for your generosity. See you next week!



Saints Days this Week

Monday 27th June – St Cyril of Alexandria: 4th Century Egyptian Christian. Bishop of Alexandria. He defended the faith against Heresy. At the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD, he championed the teaching that Our Lady is the Mother of God. His sharp intellect made him a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

Tuesday 28th June – St Irenaeus: 2nd Century. One of the last Bishops to have known St John the Apostle. Wrote beautifully on spirituality and fidelity to the Apostles. Became the second Bishop of Lyon in France. Died a martyr in 200 AD.

Wednesday 29th June – St Peter and St Paul: Peter, famously one of the first to be called by Jesus in Galilee, brother of Andrew. Part of the inner circle of apostles, others being James and John. Highly respected by the apostles and his witness to the resurrected Jesus. Martyred by Emperor Nero in AD64. Paul, originally called Saul, was a tent maker from Tarsus, of Jewish parents and of the pharisees. Trained to be a scribe, he approved early on of the persecution of the Christians. Had a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. He wrote widely and travelled far, as recorded in all his letters, with people like Barnabas, Silas and Timothy. Died a martyr in Rome 67AD.



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Wednesday 29th June 5pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Thursday 30th June 6pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



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

Next Week's Readings Sunday 3rd July:

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14

Psalm: 65

2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12.17-20

