

**PARISHES OF
ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA**



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16th Sunday of the Year – 17th July 2022



Saturday 16th July	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil Mass Joyce Boyle RIP	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am St Peregrine Mass Dot & Family 3pm Vigil Mass Bill Cuthell RIP	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sunday 17th July	9.30 am Mass Rosemary Simpson 5.00 pm Mass Jim Doherty RIP	11.30 am Mass SVDP Sick and Housebound	16th Sunday of the Year
Monday 18th July	9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of Hughes and Rochford Family	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 19th July	No Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group	9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of SVDP	Feria
Wednesday 20th July	9.30 am Mass Healing for Souls	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 21st July	No Mass	9.30am Mass Norah Nelson RIP	Feria
Friday 22nd July	9.30 am Mass For All Souls	No Mass	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23rd July	5.30pm Vigil Mass Doris Landmark (nee Armstrong)	No 9.30 am Mass 3pm Vigil Mass Deceased Teachers of Holy Family School	Feast of Brigid of Sweden
Sunday 24th July	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish 5.00 pm Mass Estelita Pasion Palado Hughes RIP	11.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke	17th Sunday of the Year

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

Theme: "Listen"

As it is said that we have two ears and one mouth, so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Because the more we listen, the more we learn, as written by Dalai Lama, "When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new". In today's Gospel, Jesus, through Martha, is teaching us all that like Mary, we must listen to the word of God because she chose the better part that will not be taken from her. Mary, with her attentive listening, absorbed the word of God in her soul and mind. St Augustine says, "When I wanted to talk to God, I pray and when He wanted to talk to me, I read the sacred scripture". Let us listen to God attentively, like Mary, and choose the best part of our lives.

Reflection: 'The Solitary Life' by Thomas Merton

"The solitary life is then anything but 'lonely' – if by loneliness is meant a loveless and abandoned state. The life of Christian solitude is before all else, a life of love, a life of special love; it centres on God's love for humanity in Christ. Without faith, such a life could not possibly make real sense. This is obvious to logic, for if it is a life of love, the solitary life must have some way of remaining in contact with the good that is its object; that way is faith and faith only. It is by faith that the solitary knows himself, loved and called by God into the wilderness. If he cannot always give a perfectly satisfactory reason for his faith to other men, that does not matter. What matters is the liveliness of his faith as it burns in his own heart".

SHARED PARISH NEWS
“The Changing of the Guard”

As you probably know by now, the Archbishop has announced a series of moves amongst the Archdiocesan clergy that come into effect the first Sunday in September. His Grace has decided that my own mission in our two parishes is due to come to an end. Firstly, as an ordained priest of the Archdiocese, can I state categorically that it has been a privilege to serve here as a priest over the past seven years. Please God, if things are going reasonably well, there is never a good time to move on. I hear that parish priests in Nigeria get no more than 5 years. It is obviously a wrench when you have built up knowledge and experience with parishioners and have come through all sorts of trials together. I'm sure you will accord Fr John Deighan, the new parish priest, the same warm welcome that I received seven years ago. His first time in a West Lothian parish. He is a very devout and conscientious priest with a spiritual wisdom that can only enrich your faith. I realise that some folk are launching a spirited appeal for the Archbishop to change his mind. I do appreciate the sentiment in which it is carried out, but in all honesty, I believe the Archbishop has made his decision, so now we need to go forward in hope, faith and trust with our Blessed Lord. They say 'a rolling stone gathers no moss'. With this my tenth move in nearly 30 years, there is little danger of 'moss' gathering. I pray for you all, for Canon John and the new Fr John. Please also keep me in your prayers and all affected by change.

Other Moves in the Diocese

You may like to know the other priests who are moving:

Canon Kenneth Owens to St Peter's, Edinburgh.
Fr Kevin Douglas to St Andrews, Livingston.
Canon Jeremy Bath to St Machan's, Lennoxtown.
Fr John Deighan to St Philomena's, Winchburgh, and St John Cantius and St Nicholas, Broxburn.
Fr Daniel Doherty to St Francis Xavier, Falkirk.
Fr Scott Deeley to St Patrick's, Kilsyth.
Fr Emmanuel Francis to St Margaret's, South Queensferry.
Fr Jamie Boyle to St Mary's, Stirling.
Fr Robert Afajori back to Ghana.

Please keep all involved in your prayers, including people and priests.

New 'Children of God'

Please pray for Emily, Alan, Jeanie and Melanie who all are experiencing as adults, sacraments of initiation in the Church. God bless them all.

Visitation to Oberammergau - Germany

Fr Jeremy will be travelling with other people from the Deanery to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany this Sunday. He looks forward to the experience after a two year postponement. We pray for an enlightened understanding of the sacrifice that Jesus made out of love for the world. Canon John will preside at Masses during the week, with Fr Younis concelebrating and emergencies at the hospital will be handled by Fr Simon in Livingston.

Recent Deaths

Michael Boylan RIP: He died peacefully on Tuesday 12th July in St John's. One of 11 children, the fought in the Paras in World War II and defended our freedom and democracy. He was just 3 months from his 100th birthday. Funeral arrangements to be announced. May he rest in peace.

Frances Boyle RIP: Frances died at home on Monday 4th July. Wife of Tony Boyle, the Councillor, she was a dedicated volunteer in the parish office and an active member of the Bereavement Group. Her funeral is on Tuesday 19th July, with a service at Thomas Brown and cremation thereafter. May she rest in peace.

Frances Eadie RIP: Frances died in St John's on Thursday 7th July. Wife of Iain and mother of seven children. She also was a dedicated volunteer in the parish office. Frances's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 25th July at 10.00 am in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, with a reception of her coffin at 4.30pm in the Church on Sunday 24th July. May she rest in peace.

Thank You

To all who helped to clean the Church. Also, for your generosity to the Apostleship of the Sea and Peter's Pence.

Protection of the Sacred Host

Someone was asking what to do if they find a crumb of the sacred host in their hand. The best thing to do is place the crumb in your mouth so it doesn't fall on the floor. It's all about respecting what we receive which is the Body of Christ.

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Due to Canon Jeremy's visit to Germany, there will be no vestry hour until:
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Monday 25th July 11am
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Tuesday 26th July 11am
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Zechariah 2. Bournemouth 3. Dalbeattie Granite 4. Brother Juniper

Quick Scottish Geography Quiz

1. In which county is Traprain Law? 2. Where is the 'Soldiers Leap'? 3. What does the Scots word 'Ness' mean?
4. What's the name of Orkney's Medieval cathedral?