

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 31st JULY 2022



	BROXBURN	WINCHBURGH	Feast Days
Saturday 30 th July	5.30pm Vigil Mass John Harkness	9.30am Mass Deceased Priests of St Philomena's 3pm Vigil Mass Mary Philbin & Deceased Philbin Family	St Peter Chr ysologus 
Sunday 31st July	9.30 am Mass Michael Clarke 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Zofia Kapinska	18th Sunday of the Year
Monday 1 st August	10am Requiem Mass Michael Boylan RIP	 No Mass	St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday 2 nd August	No Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group	9.30 am Mass John Keogh	Feria
Wednesday 3 rd August	10am Requiem Mass John McNulty RIP	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 4 th August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Wilma Coyle	St John Mary Vianney
Friday 5 th August	9.30 am Mass Agnes Morgan AV	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	5.30pm Vigil Mass Michael McKeon AV	9.30am Mass Mr & Mrs Sandy Peffers 3pm Vigil Mass Norah Nelson	
Sunday 7th August	9.30 am Mass Lesley Ann Mather 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Vincent Feeney	19th Sunday of the Year

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

Theme "Greed"


Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel to avoid every kind of greed. He does not say people should be resigned to living in destitution and despair. We know that extreme poverty, (i.e., that one sixth of the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day) means that so many people cannot meet their basic needs in food, clothes and shelter. It is one thing to seek justice, knowing that without justice there is neither peace nor communion; it is quite another to look at what others have with a desire to share their greed. Remember, as in the rich fool, possessions do not give life. Make sure that your concern to have what you lack does not make you neglect what could give you life now.

Reflection: 'The Word of God and Commitment in the World' (Verbum Domini – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

"The Word of God sheds light on human existence and stirs our conscience to take a deeper look at our lives, as much as all human history stands under God's judgement; 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations (Matt 25:31-32). Nowadays we tend to halt in a superficial way before the importance of the passing moment, as if it had nothing to do with the future. The Gospel, on the other hand, reminds us that every moment of our life is important and must be lived intensely, in the knowledge that everyone will have to give an account of his or her life i.e., in Matt 25:40ff 'When I was hungry you gave me food'. The Word of God itself emphasises the need for our engagement in the world and our responsibility before Christ, the Lord of history. As we proclaim the Gospel let us encourage one another to do good and to commit ourselves to justice, reconciliation and peace".

SHARED PARISH NEWS

A warm welcome to our Visitors:

- (i) Firstly, we warmly welcome all those who are on holiday who have joined us for Mass this weekend; we welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ from wherever you come.
- (ii) Secondly, we warmly welcome the Comboni Missionaries who come to us this weekend to make an appeal for their life saving work amongst the poorest people in the world. Please offer them your generosity and kindness, exhorting the Holy Spirit to bless them in their work. The second collection this Sunday will go entirely to the Comboni Missionaries. 
- (iii) Thirdly, please could you warmly welcome Peter Shankland, a seminarian studying for the priesthood in Rome who is joining us for three weeks of pastoral work experience. Peter originally hails from Strathaven and has recently been given the Order of Acolyte. God Bless him in his formation.

Report back form Oberammergau



Canon Jeremy was privileged to witness the Passion Play at Oberammergau last week in Bavaria, near the Austrian Border. It was a huge theatrical production with several hundred of the local towns people taking part, including real animals and birds on the stage. The play revealed how easily temporal, political power can get in the way of God's will and how religion must be authentic to drawing the outcast closer to God and not a barrier to God's grace. Judas Iscariot was seen as a truly tormented apostle and Joseph of Arimathea as a brave advocate for Christ in front of the Sanhedrin. Thank you to all who make this possible every ten years.

Congratulations



- (i) To Aoife and Fraser Doak of St Philomena's Parish who were married over a year ago in Ireland, she has given birth to their first born, a baby girl, Clodagh. God bless them all.
- (ii) To Grace McCaffery who is being baptised on Saturday 30th July in Winchburgh. May she grow up to truly know and love God.
- (iii) To Jeannie and Mel who are being baptised in Broxburn this weekend. May our Blessed Lord help them to live a spiritually uplifting life of inner peace.

Forthcoming Funerals

Michael Boylan RIP – His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 1st August at 10am with his body being received into the church in St John Cantius & St Nicholas at 4.30pm on Sunday. After the committal at Uphall Cemetery there is a gathering for refreshments at St Philomena's Hall, Winchburgh. May God reward him for all he accomplished as a 'soldier of Christ' and 'Soldier of Liberation'.

John McNulty RIP – His requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 3rd August at 10am in St John Cantius & St Nicholas, Broxburn, with his body being received into the church at 6pm on Tuesday 2nd August. After a service of committal at Loaninghill there are refreshments served in the Canon Hoban Hall. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and reward for all his friendship, especially up and down the Main Street in Broxburn.

Norrie Kerr RIP – His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 8th August at 10am in St John Cantius & St Nicholas, followed by a service of committal at Loaninghill Cemetery and thereafter refreshments at the Oatridge Hotel, Uphall. Norrie's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Sunday 7th August, with rosary followed by the 5pm Mass. His coffin will go to the cemetery after the Requiem Mass in a hearse drawn by horses. May God reward him too for all his love, fidelity and care for family, friends and neighbours.

Please Keep the Sick in your Prayers

We pray for Creena Doherty and Martin Dunleavie who have been in hospital recently, as well as Margaret Dwyer. Please keep all the sick in your prayers, including Mary & Alex Hughes who are devoting their 'housebound status' to being an 'engine room' for prayer. Also, dear Canon John's housekeeper Lesley Armstrong.

Message from St John Cantius & St Nicholas PPC

As you know, after seven years as parish priest, Canon Jeremy will be leaving us at the end of the month to take up his new position as Parish Priest of Lennoxton. As an expression of our appreciation for his spiritual guidance and service to our parish community as parish priest, there will be envelopes available from this weekend if you wish to contribute to a collection for a farewell presentation on **Sunday 28 August – Save the date in your calendar – more details to follow.** You can place the envelopes in a collection box at the back of the church or drop them in the offertory bags. The closing date for the collection is **Sunday 21 August.** Many thanks, Helen Mooney on behalf of the Parish Council

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Friday 5th August 12 noon
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Saturday 6th August 1.30pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Sandy Lyle
2. Bagpipes
3. The Tay
4. Oban

Quick Scottish Quiz

1. How many counties are there in Scotland?
2. Oldest University in Scotland?
3. Which Scottish actor played James Bond?
4. What is the deepest Loch in Scotland?

Next Sunday Readings: 1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9 RP: Ps 32 2nd Reading: Hb 11: 1-2.8-19
Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

