

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 7th AUGUST 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	
Saturday 6 th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5.30pm Vigil Mass Michael McKeon AV	9.30am Mass Mr & Mrs Sandy Peffers 3pm Vigil Mass Norah Nelson	
Sunday 7 th August	9.30 am Mass Lesley Ann Mather 5.00 pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Vincent Feeney	19 th Sunday of the Year
Monday 8 th August	10am Requiem Mass Norrie Kerr RIP	No Mass	St Dominic
Tuesday 9 th August	No Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group 	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of Finnigan Family	St Teresa Benedicta of the cross
Wednesday 10 th August	9.30am Mass Helena Simpson	No Mass	St Lawrence Deacon + Martyrs
Thursday 11 th August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Mercy Associates	Feria
Friday 12 th August	9.30 am Mass Shaun Watson	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 13 th August	5.30pm Vigil Mass Doris Langmack	9.30am Mass Special Intention 3pm Vigil Mass Agnes Lavin	
Sunday 14 th August	9.30 am Mass Brendan Fegan 5.00 pm Mass Michael Boylan	11.30 am Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick AV	 <i>The Assumption</i> <small>Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</small>

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

Theme: "Be Prepared"

In the Gospel today, Jesus leaves us in no allusion that we must be prepared for redemption. Whether that be for the 'second coming' of the saviour, the end of time as we know it, or the end of our own lives on earth. As we know, our own hold on life is very unpredictable. We are not the ultimate power of life on earth, only God is. Jesus uses the metaphor of 'master' and 'servant' to emphasise that relationship of faith and service. This is further expanded on by teaching us that we will be judged according to the lives we have led. By faith, we are called to serve God and our neighbour; it should then be no surprise to us that if we ruin our lives by greed and immorality, then our destiny after this life is potentially very concerning. So be prepared for the judgement of God and keep your faith strong, active and loving; thereafter, there is no need to be afraid.

Reflection: 'The Active Church in Malawi' – John Ryan

"As long as the faithful respect the hierarchical structure, they own the Church. Rather than the 'ordinary Christian' being a guest in the 'clerical' Church, the minister or priest or bishop is a guest in the Church of the faithful. The Church is owned by the baptised lay people. Largely, they build it themselves. The support given to the Church by the laity represents a large percentage of their earnings. And what is more exciting is the fact that Church services/prayers/Mass are full of activity, energy and life. Singing and dancing are integral parts of Church life. The activity of movement of faithful Christian people are mimicking the dance which is carried out in the atoms of the microscopic world, as well as the dance of the stars and the galaxies. It is a unified adoration; it is the way forward". (Extract from 'Africa' Magazine – July/August 2022).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Countdown to Change

It is unsettling potentially when priests are changed from one parish to another. It can bring uncertainty and vulnerability to a community that has built up a relationship with their priest, like a shepherd with their flock. However, historically, it is an integral part of the living Church on earth that the evangeliser or missionary has a dynamic sense of going out and teaching all nations. Yes, change brings uncertainty, but it also brings with it growth and hopefully new insights in how to be a Catholic Christian in Scotland today. As your departing Parish Priest, I am very conscious of praying for you all, in both parishes, praying for my successor and for all affected by change. Ultimately, it is our faith in Christ that will carry us through to new horizons. God bless you all.



- (i) To all who supported the appeal for Ukraine emergency supplies recently. These items will be sent on to go out by 3rd September. Much appreciated.
- (ii) For all your kind support for the Comboni Missionaries. *Thank you for an enjoyable weekend that was full of kind generosity. My gratitude to the faithful who attended last weekend masses. May God bless them hundred-fold for their generous contributions. United in prayer, Fr Paul.* We did also get inspiration from Fr Paul's preaching and teaching. The Comboni Appeal brought in funds of £474.00 from Winchburgh and £698.00 from Broxburn. Very helpful to the poorest in the world.
- (iii) Iain, Kathleen, Sarah, Tricia, Tom, Clare, Pauline and Bobby Edie would like to thank Fr Jeremy for his kind pastoral care to Frances, also a big thank you to Fr Younis for concelebrating the Mass. We would like to thank everyone who helped the family during this sad time for us. Thank you all for your Mass offerings, cards, prayers and in some cases food. Also, everyone for their very kind wishes throughout her illness. Thank you to everyone who attended her funeral on Monday and to the ladies who provided the refreshments in the hall after her interment. Thank you also to Thomas Brown for their superb help in organising the funeral. Thank you also to the staff in St John's for their devoted care. Finally, we put a box in the church for donations to Alzheimer's Scotland. We were all astounded at the generosity of the people in the church and Alzheimer's Scotland West Lothian branch thank you all. We will remember you all in our prayers.



Ceilidh on Friday 26th August

There will be a Ceilidh on Friday 26 August to celebrate and give thanks for Canon Jeremy's time with us. Music is by Delaney's Ceilidh Band. Tickets are £6 each and can be bought from the bar at St Philomena's Hall from Sunday 8 August. If you have donation envelopes to hand in towards a gift for Canon, please do so by Sunday 21th August. Many thanks (***St Philomena's Hall Committee and PPC***)

Schools Going Back – 16th August

We pray for all those returning to school on 16th August – especially the new Primary One's And the new First Year's at Secondary. This year we pray for the opening of the new Holy Family School in Winchburgh. May it be blessed with many happy years of fruitful Catholic education and be a 'Beacon of Light' in the expanding Winchburgh community. Also, we pray for all young students expecting exam results at this time. We hope whatever their results, they will find good opportunities to use their talents well in the wider world.



Seminarian from Rome

Hi, my name is Peter Shankland and I have just completed the second of four years of study to become a priest. I'm studying at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome. Having been brought up as a Catholic in Strathaven in South Lanarkshire I went on to study in Edinburgh. I loved the city so much that I lived and worked there for around 25 years mainly in customer services and also briefly as a primary school teacher. I believe God has been preparing me for this all my life but I first realised that in 2016. At that time, I didn't feel I was in the right frame of mind to discern what God wanted for me. However, when I visited Rome in 2018, I heard God clearly ask me to be His priest. This very powerful experience prompted me to begin the process of applying. Since then, I've never looked back and have thoroughly enjoyed my formation so far. I look forward to meeting you all and to learning more about the Priesthood from Canon Jeremy. God Bless, Peter.

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**

Forthcoming Feasts

Saturday 6th August - The Feast of the Transfiguration: We pray on this day for insight and appreciation of Jesus' unique status as God and man.

Monday 8th August - Memorial of St Dominic (Founder of the Dominican Order)

Tuesday 9th August – Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Wednesday 10th August – Feast of St Lawrence Deacon and Martyr

Thursday 11th August – The Memorial Feast of St Philomena: Please come to the 9.30am Mass at Winchburgh on 11th August when we celebrate our pastoral feast day of the parish. After Mass there will be tea/coffee and goodies served in the parish house dining room. St Philomena, pray for us.

Sunday 14th August – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This is a feast that honours the blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of the immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a feast that offers to the Church and all humanity fulfilment of our highest hopes. Our Lady's altar will be specially decorated on this day and the Shrine to Our Lady will be open in Broxburn for personal devotion, including the rosary.



Answers to Last Week's Quiz: 1. 33 2. St Andrews 3. Sean Connery 4. Loch Morar

Quick Quiz: 1. What is the capital of Shetland? 2. Which city shares its name with an Australian city? 3. Scotland is home to the world's tallest what? 4. Which sport originated in Scotland – Rugby, golf or football?



Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries
Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Wednesday 10th August 4pm
Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Monday 8th August 5pm
Please call by phone first to book a timeslot if possible



What's happening in the Archdiocese

Abortion Bill

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a two-page briefing on Gillian Mackay MSP's proposal to introduce buffer zones around abortion facilities in Scotland. The briefing provides details on the proposal, highlights some concerns and shows how people can respond to the consultation, which closes on **Thursday 11th August**. Find it at <https://rcpolitics.org/>



Schola Cantorum sings MacMillan

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

Annual Justice & Peace Mass

This takes place at 7pm on Monday 5 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. The lead celebrant is Canon Brian Gowans, the Vicar Episcopal for the Archdiocese's Caritas Justice & Peace Commission and there will be a homily from Fr David Stewart SJ. Buffet and refreshment served in hall after. Register at bit.ly/caritasmass

My Faith & Scotland

Is Scotland a tolerant country for people of faith? Take part in an in-depth conversation on the experience of Christians and Muslims, with guest speakers outlining obstacles and opportunities. This event takes place at the parish hall of St John Cantius & Nicholas, Main Street, Broxburn, on Saturday 10 September, from 11am to 3pm. Register at bit.ly/myfaithscotland



Youth Pilgrimage

The National Pilgrimage for young people aged between 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and Mass. A bus will leave from the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh at 9:30am (£10). To book your place email yi@staned.org.uk.

MA in Applied Catholic Theology

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology. It is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

40 Hours' Devotion

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. This weekend (7 August) it takes place at St Joseph's in Peebles and The Sacred Heart in Lauriston, Edinburgh. See parish websites/social media for details. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist



Festival Mass

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the Festival Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **midday on Sunday 21 August**.

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

Next Sunday Readings: 1st Reading: RV 11:19; 12:1-6.10

Psalm: Ps 44

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

