

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 20th Sunday of the Year – 14th August 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
Saturday 13 th August	5.30pm Vigil Mass Doris Langmack	9.30am Mass Special Intention 3pm Vigil Mass Agnes Lavin RIP	
Sunday 14 th August	9.30 am Mass Brendan Fegan AV 5.00 pm Mass Michael Boylan	11.30 am Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick AV	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 15 th August	9.30 am Mass Agnes Lavin RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 16 th August	No Mass 6pm Family Rosary 6.30pm Prayer Group	9.30 am Mass Josephine Tinney AV	
Wednesday 17 th August	9.30am Mass John McNulty RIP	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 18 th August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Vincent Feeney	Feria
Friday 19 th August	No Mass	9.45 am Holy Family School Mass (New School)	Feria
Saturday 20 th August	5.30pm Vigil Mass Gerard Hughes AV	9.30am Mass Deceased Priests 3pm Vigil Mass Martin Moore	Memorial of St Bernard
Sunday 21 st August	9.30 am Mass Sam Keast 5.00 pm Mass John McLaughlin	11.30 am Mass Helen & Willie Muir	

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

Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Tuesday 16th August 5pm.

Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Wednesday 17th August 5pm.



Theme: The Powerful words of Mary

Mary says more in today's Gospel than in any other and her words called the Magnificat are recited by seminarians, priests and religious at evening prayer every day. This has two parts the first in which she humbles herself to praise God for raising her from her lowly state to become the mother of Jesus. These are a good example of the thanksgiving we should offer for God's work in us and individuals. The second part is a reflection on God's dealings with us as faithful followers, raising the lowly, filling the hungry with good things, sending the rich away empty. It is worth reflecting on these words thinking about how God has been active in our lives helping us in difficult times. It is a reminder that nothing is possible without God in our lives. We must humble ourselves and open our hearts to God working in us and through us.

Then we can receive the mercy which God has promised to us.

Reflection: Pope Francis "Let Us Dream":

"What ties us together is what we commonly call solidarity. Solidarity is more than acts of generosity, important as these are; it is the call to embrace the reality that we are bound by bonds of reciprocity. On this solid foundation we can build a better, different, human future."

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Celebrating the 'Great Marian Feast' early

As you know the usual day for the Assumption of Mary's is the 15th August. However, because this major feast in the Church's calendar falls on a Monday this year, the Scottish Bishops' have chosen to move the celebration to the Sunday. This is good in the sense that more of us can be together on a Sunday to give honour to the Mother of God, otherwise known as the 'Theotokos'. Before each of the Sunday Masses we will recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, seeking the Intercession of Our Lady in the present perils of our world. Also, the Shrine to Mary, the Mother of God, will be open for devotional prayer on Saturday and Sunday after Mass in Broxburn. If you haven't yet visited the shrine this is a good opportunity to do so. Our Lady of the Assumption; pray for us.

Farewell to Fr Younis Pervez

This Sunday is Fr Younis' second last day with us, as he flies back to Faisalabad, Pakistan on Tuesday 16th August to resume his responsibility as Rector of the Seminary there. We have enjoyed his company with us and hope he has had a good rest. This retiring collection at the end of Mass will be to help him in his apostolate in the Seminary and his other work with the poor Christians in Pakistan, where they are very much an oppressed minority. He is also, as you know, very grateful for all the kindness given to him while here on holiday. We wish him God's blessing and the protection of the Mother of God. Haste Ye back! Fr Younis!



Back to School

Firstly, congratulations to all the students at High School and university who recently got their exam results; we hope they are pleased with them and they further their opportunities in times to come. Our young people are the future 'Bed rock' of society and that includes the future spiritual stewardship of the Church. The schools as you know resume this week. We think and pray for the Primary 1's starting at St Nicholas Primary AND at the brand-new Holy Family Scholl in Winchburgh. What a special moment for all the staff and pupils. We pray for all the S1 pupils too, who are starting High School for the first time; we realise that those this a time of suspended expectation as we await the opening of the new Sinclair Academy in Winchburgh in 2023 and meantime families make choices for their children. I pray, that with Fr John Deighan's help, the new parish priest, that our Catholic Schools in West Lothian have a bright future. Let us not forget new teachers starting in our schools and other new members of staff, God Bless them in their vocation.

Fabric Update - In the Broxburn church there are outstanding works to be completed.

- (i) We await the return of the restored stained-glass window of Our Lady,
- (ii) estimated cost £1,100.00
- (iii) We are due to have the old baptistry redecorated; however, the painters dad has been very ill so will take a few more weeks to get started, estimated cost £900.00.
- (iv) There are final stages of upgrading and restoring the Church Spire to be completed, pointing, coping stones and sealing from water penetration, estimated cost £4,600.
- (v) There is a wrought iron gate to be fitted to the old baptistry and a safety hand rail on and off the sanctuary. These works will probably be completed after the end of August. Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday Teas

We are very grateful for those who do provide Sunday teas in Winchburgh and those willing to do so in Broxburn. The Sunday teas in Winchburgh go towards Mary's Meals. The Sunday teas in Broxburn are starting up this Sunday 14th August, with the Scouts. Please come into the hall after Mass. This is your hall, this is your parish community and it is nice that we can enjoy each other's company after the 9.30 am Mass with a cuppa, a roll or a biscuit. There are potentially 6 groups prepared to run the teas on a rota basis; all for good causes, come in and enjoy each other's company!

The Scouts will be doing Teas Coffees again



The Scout Group will be providing teas, coffees and bacon or sausage rolls next Sunday after 9.30 am Mass. We will be using good quality food, Kenco coffee, lurpak butter and a nice selection of biscuits. So please come along and support the scouts as they start to raise funds for their activities including sending 3 of our Explorers to the World Scout Jamboree next year and a planned international trip in 2024. We kindly ask for a donation for the teas, coffees and biscuits while for the hot rolls a minimum donation of £1. We look forward to seeing you in the main hall next Sunday.

Suspension of the 3pm Vigil Mass

It has come to pass that the 3pm Vigil Mass will end on the 27th August in Winchburgh. It was put on, as you know when the numbers were restricted at Mass due to Covid to 40-50 people. St Philomena's already has a Saturday morning Mass at 9.30 am. The Archbishop has also decreed to Parish Priests that no Vigil Mass should begin before 5pm; the term 'Vigil' being connected with the 'Evening Before the Sunday'. Can I thank all those who have supported this Mass over the last almost 2 years; half of the average 35 attendees being from Broxburn. Please remain faithful to the Mass in our parishes. God Bless you all.

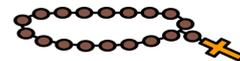
Baptism

We pray for Grace and Thomas who are due to be baptised in Winchburgh on Saturday 13th August. For their parents Ann Marie + Steven, and their godparents.

Farewell to Rev Georgina Nelson,

Reverend Georgina, the head of 'Spiritual Care' in St John's Hospital, is due to retire in the next two weeks. She has served in this post for the past 27 years and been a great support to the Catholic clergy and community in West Lothian. We pray for her happy retirement and for her successor Rev Lynne MacMurchie. Another sign of change and new beginnings. Fr John Deighan will be the new Catholic Coordinating Chaplain at St John's.

Tuesday Family Rosary 6pm on Zoom



The weekly Family Rosary is due to start again on Tuesday 16th August at 6pm. The Zoom link is: 725-827-1735. Passcode: 850988. It's wonderful to have that time of prayer together and it sustains us all through the passage of time in our world today. Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray for us, N.B The Tuesday Prayer Hour also meets at 6.30pm in the church of St John Cantius & St Nicholas.

Children's Liturgy

This has already started in St Philomena's parish and will start again this Sunday in St John Cantius & St Nicholas. It is open to all children who would like to take part. We give thanks for the dedicated volunteers.

Funeral of Martha Todd RIP

This will take place at Dunfermline Crematorium on Tuesday 16th August at 2pm. Martha was resident in Holmsview Nursing Home and has family both here and in Fife. May she rest in peace. N.B The Memorial Book of the dead has now been updated thanks to dear Kathleen Sweeney. If your loved one's name is missing let the parish office know. God rest their souls.



Ceilidh on Friday 26th August

There is still time to get your tickets for the 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. We will be holding a collection on Sunday 21st August. Many thanks
(St Philomena's Hall Committee and PPC)

Urgent Ukraine Appeal - Items are still needed before being transported on 2nd September – toiletries, toothpaste etc, medicinal items- ibuprofen, paracetamol etc, nappies, sanitary products. Please leave any donations at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Broxburn Gala Day This is due to take place, weather permitting, on Saturday 20th August, with a parade, shows and the schools should be taking part. Watch the local Facebook pages for more information. The main street may be closed for an hour or two.

Mass at New Holy Family School

Parishioners are welcome to the school Mass at the new Holy Family Primary School on Friday 19th August at 9.45 am. Canon John and Canon Jeremy will be saying the school's first Mass. Mrs Murray the Headteacher welcomes you to come along for Mass and see the new building. Please enter by the front door opposite the car park. **NB There will be no Friday morning Mass in Broxburn.**

Message from St John Cantius & St Nicholas PPC

if you wish to contribute to a collection for a farewell presentation for Canon Jeremy 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*

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Forthcoming Saints Days

Saturday 20th August – Memorial of St Bernard – Born in Dijon, France in the 11th Century. Abbot of Clairvaux Monastery. He was a charismatic, bright and eloquent preacher and leader. He founded more than 70 monasteries and kindled enthusiasm for the 2nd Crusade. A model Cistercian Monk.

The Teaching of the Catechism Para 187 'Youcat'

How important is Sunday? 'Sunday is the centre of the Christian time, for on a Sunday we celebrate Christ's Resurrection; and every Sunday is a miniature Easter. If Sunday is ignored or abolished as a 'Day of Rest', only work days are left in the week. Heaven is an endless Sunday'.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

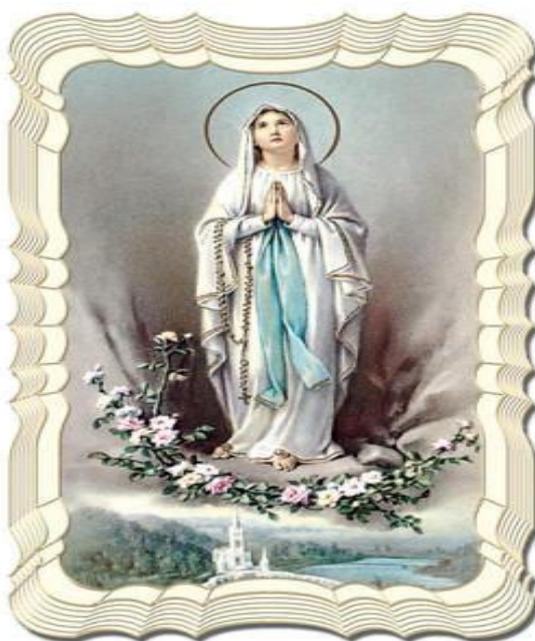
1. Lerwick
2. Perth
3. Hedge
4. Golf



This week's Parish Quiz:

1. What sort of letter is an 'encyclical'?
2. Where in Scotland is Dunnottar Castle?
3. What is the canopy over an altar called?
4. What is 'Hedonism'?
5. What is the Gaelic Word for 'cup'?

Next Sunday Readings: 1st Reading: Is 66:18-21 Psalm: 116 2nd Reading: Hb 12:5-7.11-13 Gospel: LK 13:22-30



Magnificat

My soul does magnify the Lord
And my spirit has rejoiced
in God my Saviour.
Because He had regarded the
lowliness of His Servant.
For, behold from henceforth all
generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty had done
great things to me, and holy is His Name.
And His mercy is from generation
unto generation, to them that fear Him.
He had showed might with His arm.
He had scattered the proud
in the conceit of their heart.
He had put down the mighty from their seat,
and had exalted the lowly. He had filled
the hungry with good things;
and the rich He had sent away empty.
He had received Israel His servant,
being mindful of His mercy.
As He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.