

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



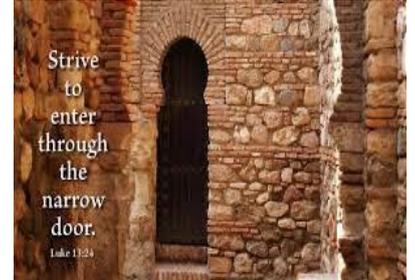
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## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
<b>Saturday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Gerard Hughes AV	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Deceased Priests <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> Martin Moore	 ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX August 20th
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Sam Keast <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> John McLaughlin	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Helen & Willie Muir	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of the Year</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Francis Edie RIP	No Mass	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	No Mass <b>6pm Family Rosary</b> <b>6.30pm Prayer Group</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Charles McWilliams	Feria
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.30am Mass</b> John & Winifred McLaughlin	No Mass	Feast of St Bartholomew
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> James O'Hara Jnr	Feria
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Michael Boylan	<b>No Mass</b>	Feria
<b>Saturday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Joyce Boyle	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Tom Timmons <b>3pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	 ST. MONICA August 27th
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Peter John Murray <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Wilma & George Coyle AV	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of the Year</b>



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



**Vestry Hour - for all general pastoral enquiries**  
 Broxburn Parish – 01506 852040 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 5pm.  
 Winchburgh Parish – 01506 891310 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 5pm.



### **Theme: "Encounter"**

In the Gospel today from Luke, Jesus is asked a simple but important question, "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" In reply, Jesus doesn't put a figure on the number who will reach the kingdom of heaven but takes the opportunity to teach us that the way to salvation is 'through the narrow door'. What does this mean? Essentially, it means two key objectives. Firstly, that we make a personal effort to inherit salvation; it will not be easy. We have to be prepared to make sacrifices and be courageous in the cause of truth and love. Secondly, that the 'narrow door' infers closeness; that we must allow ourselves to come close to God in our daily living by listening to his Word and seeking the Holy Spirit, knowing the person of Jesus and praying. How can we truly say, 'I know you Jesus' if we have not made the encounter to him in our everyday lives. The chancer or opportunist is one who pretends to know God when they have never made the effort to encounter Him. Don't be one of them.

### **Reflection: 'Letters of the Saints' – St Colette 1422 – Letter to Poor Clare Sisters**

'Jesus! Dearest and best beloved mothers, daughters and sisters, as right humbly as I can and may in God, I most heartily recommend my poor soul to your good prayers and devout intercessions before our Saviour; desiring your complete health of soul and body and begging you most lovingly to struggle on with all your might to become good and perfect religious, by grafting all your works onto the root of deep humility; kindling in your hearts an ardent love of God and serving Him with care and humble devotion, fully observing the holy rule, by loyally rendering up all that you have freely vowed and promised and resisting to the end the temptations and seductions of the devil'.

*(C.S. Lewis – 'Friendship is the least biological of our loves').*

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**



### **Rebuilding Friendships in the Community**

The Parish Community is marked by how friendly and welcoming it is to those who come into our midst. As new people arrive to start their lives in West Lothian, let us be aware of what we offer and what we do well as a Catholic Parish Community:

- (i) The Pass keepers or Church Welcomers at the door into Mass.
- (ii) The teas and coffees after Mass that help us to provide hospitality and make new friends.
- (iii) The use of our Parish Halls for festivities, birthdays and other social events to make people feel they belong.
- (iv) The various Parish Groups that can welcome new volunteers, including St Vincent de Paul Society, the Legion of Mary, the Prayer Group, the Music Groups, the Scouts, the Hall Committees, the Food Providers, the Children's Liturgy, the Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers.

As we start a new session in the parishes following the summer holidays and a new parish priest comes, let us reflect on what I can do to help make our parishes warm and friendly experiences, thus reflecting the love of God and the spirit of the Gospel.

### **Message from Father Younis**

*Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,*



*I am thankful to Broxburn and Winchburgh Parishes, all the faithful and friends for your great love, hospitality, generosity and above all your acceptance. The days I spent with you are the happiest days and I am taking lots of good memories along with me. I sincerely thank Canon John Agnew for your great company, you taught me that if you are filled with happiness only then you can share it with others.*

*Special thanks Canon Jeremy, a great and faithful friend and a true man of God. Its only you who made it possible that I can relax and refresh myself during this summer vacation. God bless you and good luck on your new journey, once again blessing for all the friends, and Peter, so that remaining humble and steadfast in his vocation he can serve in the vineyard of the Lord. See you again – Fr Younis Pervez.*

### **Thank You**

- (i) To all who helped Fr Younis with hospitality, football strips (I think 30 strips or more went to Pakistan) and the over £1,500.00 that will help his work in the Seminary and with the poorer people.
- (ii) To all who have made Peter Shankland, the Seminarian, so welcome. He starts his last week in the Parish before going back to Rome for his studies.

### May They Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Raymond Jaconelli and Brother Philip, who both died recently and were much loved members of the Monastic Community at Santa Maria Abbey, Nunraw, for many years. Fr Raymond was a very kind Guest Master, Master of Novices and also Abbot – very good to the poor and homeless. Brother Philip ran the shop for many years and was a kind, friendly, monk, also with a gentle manner. **Fr Raymond's Requiem – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11am**  
**Brother Philip's Requiem – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 11am (at the Monastery).**

### Fr Jeremy's 'Clear-out'



As he prepares to move onto pastures new, there are plenty of good books that Fr can't possibly take with him. He will leave them out on display for a few days before taking them to the charity shop/recycling. Please have a look. Fr John Deighan, the new Parish Priest, is due to arrive on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, the day Fr Jeremy departs. His first weekend of Masses will be 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September. I am very grateful to Canon John in helping with the transition.

### St Nicholas Primary School

The P7's will join us for Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August and the P6's on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. God bless them all.

### Holy Family Primary School

I am looking forward to visiting the new school once again, and this time I will be visiting the new P1's to tell them all about the role of the priest in the parish.

### Canon Jeremy's farewell presentation- Sunday 28 August at 6:15 pm following 5:00pm Mass.

Parishioners are welcome to a high tea followed by a presentation to Canon Jeremy and the opportunity for all to say their farewells to Canon Jeremy. If you would like to attend the event, please add your name to the invitation lists in the porch. We need this for catering purposes. We would also appreciate donations of home baking - scones, pancakes, fruit loaves or small cakes. There is a separate list for the home baking in the porch. - *Many thanks on behalf of the PPC*



### 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 on Sunday after Mass. Last chance to hand in donations see Jacqui after Mass. *Many thanks St Philomena's Hall Committee and PPC*



### Important information re: Mass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022

Ongoing work is starting on the Spire of the Church in Broxburn on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August; therefore, the Cherry picker will be blocking the front of the Church. So, people will be unable to get in through the front door of the Church or park at the side. Please go to the back door of the House to enter and exit for Mass, limited parking at back of the Church. Thank you for your assistance.



### West Lothian Food Bank

WLF will be running another CAP Money course starting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7-8.30pm. This course is for anyone who wants help with how to manage their money on a day-to-day basis. They will learn how to build a budget, live within their means and save for future events. They will also discuss ways of tackling debt and how to avoid it. This course will be online (Google Meet) run over three consecutive weeks hosted by John Russell the Debt centre Manager. This is a FREE course and if anyone is interested call John on 07861 905125 or email at [johnrussell@capuk.org](mailto:johnrussell@capuk.org) with a contact number and email address.

### Family Rosary

Apologies for last week, we had technical difficulties and unable to take part in the Rosary. Please join us this Tuesday at 6pm as we pray together as a family and community. Our Lay of the Rosary, pray for us.

### Tuesday Prayer Hour

Please join us for Prayer Hour after the Rosary at 6.30pm in St John Canitus & St Nicholas Church for prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Ukraine Appeal

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

### My Faith and Scotland

Is Scotland a tolerant country for people of faith? What has been the experience of Christians and Muslims? Join us for a fascinating insight into life as a person of faith in Scotland in 2022, as our speakers lay out the obstacles and opportunities and share the story of 'My Faith and Scotland'. Share your own experience at this event in which people of all faiths and none are warmly invited. Come to Canon Hoban Hall, Broxburn from 11-3pm. **Speakers** –Father Tony Lappin - Catholic priest at St Joseph's Parish, Peebles, Sheila Anderson - Penicuik Trinity Community Church. **Host** – Canon Jeremy Bath, Vicar Episcopal for Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Register at - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-faith-and-scotland-tickets->



### The Scottish Bishop's Statement on 'Gender Identity'

There has been a lot of concern about the moral consequences of the Scottish Government's plans to allow children/young people to change and rechange their gender identity or even to choose to be 'gender neutral' and what the worrying consequences can be to health, schools, wellbeing and family life. The Bishops have issued a document entitled 'Called to be Children of God'. Copies are available in the church porch. In it they state, "Authentic pastoral care should always be guided by the vision of the human person passed on by the Catholic faith. Accordingly, pastoral care should support the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social wellbeing of young people, to allow them to grow and thrive and so have life to the full". (The Head Teachers in Catholic Schools are being advised how to prepare teaching staff to respond to Government legislation).

### The Teaching of the Catechism – Youcat – Para 65 – 'What about people who feel they are homosexual'?

'The Church believes that, in the order of creation, man and woman are designed to need each other's complementary traits and to enter into a mutual relationship so as to give life to children. That is why homosexual practices cannot be approved by the Church. Christians owe all person's respect and love, however, regardless of their sexual orientation, because all people are respected and loved by God'.

### Saints Days this Coming Week

**Monday 22nd August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – This is celebrated 8 days after the Assumption. Mary is rightly honoured as our Mother and Queen, as is her Assumption, because of her role while on earth.

**Wednesday 24th August – Feast of St Bartholomew – Apostle** – One of the twelve and commonly named with Philip. He was martyred a cruel and violent death.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Memorial of St Monica** – 4<sup>th</sup> Century Saint of North Africa, who's prayers, pleading and example helped both her husband, Patricius, and her son, Augustine, to be converted and baptised. Her death moved St Augustine deeply as written in his Confessions.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Papal letter
2. Kincardineshire
3. Baldacchino or Ciborium
4. Living for pleasure
5. Quoich

### This Weeks Vatican Quiz

1. What is the name of the Vatican City's army?
2. What is the proper term for the Pope's landmark residence?
3. Which ancient attraction in Vatican City is located in the centre of St Peters Square?
4. If you travel to Vatican City, which type of currency will you need to bring with you?



### Nest Weeks Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year:

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Sir 3: 17-20.28-29 **RP:** Ps 67

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hb 12:18-19.22.24

**Gospel:** Mt 16: 21-27

