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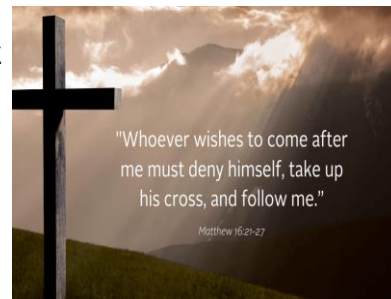
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## 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 28th AUGUST 2022

	<u>BROXBURN</u>	<u>WINCHBURGH</u>	<u>Feast Days</u>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<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
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<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 of the Year</b>
Monday 29th August	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Frances Todd (Cumiskey)	No Mass	The Passion of St John The Baptist
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass <b>6pm Family Rosary</b> <b>6.30pm Prayer Group</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Jerry Cannon	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Norrie Kerr	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	No Mass	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Norah Nelson	Memorial of St Giles
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John McNulty	<b>No Mass</b>	Feria
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Br Philip Bell	St Gregory the Great
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For all Souls <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Michael Boylan	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Margaret Foody 1 <sup>st</sup> AV	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>

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

### Vestry Hour this Week

*With the clergy changing, it would be wise to leave this now until the new priest arrives to make appointments re pastoral matters.*

**Theme: "Seek Humility Not Honour"**

In the Gospel today from St Luke, Jesus teaches the Pharisees as well as his disciples, a lesson in attitude and desire. That it is a short-sighted and ungodly desire to be given, per se, notoriety and stature among fellow human beings. As Jesus teaches us elsewhere, in the eyes of God, the exalted will be humbled and humble exalted. The more important we think we are, the greater the risk that we 'walk over' others in arrogance and become soaked in pride and jealousy. A true disciple of Christ does not seek reciprocity for what they are or what they do, instead there is an awareness of our inner intentions and purposes towards those around us. As Jesus warns, in love his Pharisee host, the higher we climb in this life, the risk of the mightier the fall. True faith is willing to risk an absence of gratitude.

**Reflection: (Rather than taking one particular Reflection this week,  
I quote now some reflections from my late father's prayer book)**

**St Francis Way**

*In unity love specifies  
In poverty love enriches  
In chastity love liberates  
In obedience love enables  
In joy love realises  
In suffering love perfects  
In dying love accomplishes  
In death love unites with Love.  
(Fr John Harding – RIP)*



**Prayer of St Michael, the Archangel**

*Holy Michael, the Archangel,  
Defend us in the day of battle.  
Be our safeguard against the  
Wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
We humbly pray and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
By the power of God,  
Thrust down to hell Satan  
And all the wicked spirits who  
Wander through the world for  
The ruin of souls.*



**Prayer of St John Henry Newman**

*'God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my vision – I may never know it in this life, but I shall know it in the next ... He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do his work ... if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling'.*

**Prayer of the Holy Father**

*'My dear friends – at this moment I can only say; pray for me, that I may learn to love the Lord more and more. Pray for me, that I may learn to love his flock more and more – in other words, you the Holy Church, each one of you and all of you together'. Amen.*

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**'The Passage of Time'**

*As you prepare to welcome your new parish priest, Fr John Deighan, I pray for him too, that he shares in years to come, the same good memories that I have of these two blessed and loving parish communities, St John Cantius and St Nicholas, Broxburn, and St Philomena's, Winchburgh. In the past seven years, we have journeyed together through the Papacy of Pope Francis, his encyclicals of Laudato Si, on care for the earth and also Fratelli Tutti, on the call for Fraternity and social friendship. We have faced the challenges to our way of life and faith of Brexit, Covid 19 and the war in Ukraine. We have been through a Diocesan rationalisation of parishes and the arrival of more overseas clergy to keep parishes open. We have seen significant house building, the arrival of new families and opening of new schools in Winchburgh. We have celebrated Canon John's Diamond Jubilee and my own Silver, just before my parent's deaths. We have had in the past 7 years, about 280 funerals, 30 weddings, 210 First Communions and about 160 baptisms. We have received around 20 adults into the Church. We have been blessed with many faithful men, women and children carrying out their parish ministries and visiting priests from abroad, as well as seminarians. We give thanks for parish life in all its wonder. No parish community remains the same. It is organic, ever changing ...*

*Continued...*

...Thanks to your commitment and generosity, we have two beautiful 'Houses of God'. Continue to see them as your spiritual home and help your new 'shepherd' to feel at home in them. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for supporting me in my parish priestly ministry. I cannot thank you enough for all your kindness. My apologies for any offences or errors of judgement. Canon John and Lesley, please look after them as they care for you. 'Laus Deo Semper'.



### **Farewell to Peter Shankland**

Our student priest leaves us this weekend. We wish him well and thank him for all his hard work. May God guide him in his future formation. Below are a few words from Peter -

*As I leave the Parish this Sunday, I wanted to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for the extreme kindness, generosity and love you have shown me over the last few weeks. You have really made me feel part of the Broxburn and Winchburgh parish family and you have even managed this during a difficult time of change. I very quickly realised why you will all miss Father Jeremy so much. If I am half as good a pastor of souls as he is, when God willing, I'm ordained I will be a happy man. Father has been a great example for me of how to be a real Father figure within a parish and I want to thank him personally for his wise advice, kindness and hospitality throughout this placement. Father John is a lucky man to be given these two parishes and I'm sure you will give him the warm welcome you extended to me. I'm also sure you will be a great support to him as you have been to Father Jeremy. Please be assured of my prayers for you all and please keep praying for me as I resume my studies in Rome. God Bless you all.*  
Peter.

### **Baptism**

We pray for Aurora Braid who is to be baptised this Sunday in Broxburn. God bless her parents and godparents on this happy and holy occasion.

### **Masses this Week**

Canon Jeremy will celebrate his final Parish Mass in Winchburgh on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am and in Broxburn on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30am. Thereafter Canon John will be at the altar in Winchburgh on Thursday and Broxburn on Friday to help the new parish priest to settle in before his first weekend of Masses. **Please note that after this weekend, there are no further 3pm Vigil Masses in Winchburgh.**

### **Altar Servers Training Day at Gillis**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 11am to 2pm, there is a special training day for altar servers at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is suggested that parents of children who are altar servers take them in by car and cooperate with each other so the children don't miss out on a super day. For more information contact the office for registration. Servers take their albs with them. Postcode EH9 1BB.

### **Fabric Update**

- (i) The church spire in Broxburn has now completed essential repairs. Final cost £4,600.00.
- (ii) The tabernacle has gone away for a refit. Temporary one now in use.
- (iii) The stained-glass window will return from repair in early September. Estimated cost £2,000.00

### **Marys Meals**

Many thanks to Ryan and Tommy, two children from the village who have raised £354.40 for Marys Meals, they camped out in front of Sainsburys in the summer holidays selling donated toys, books and sweets. It is very much appreciated and will help to feed a lot of hungry children in Malawi -Well done Boys!

**Religious Objects** at the back of St Philomena's are looking for a good home please pick up anything you would like to take.

### **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'. 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->

Saturday 10 September  
11:00am - 3:00pm

Canon Hoban Hall  
St John Cantius & St Nicholas  
34 West Main Street  
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# My Faith and Scotland

TESTIMONIES ON TOLERANCE

Father Tony Lappin  
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Edinburgh

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## What's happening in our Archdiocese

### Red Mass

The annual Red Mass will see members of Scotland's legal fraternity come together for Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at midday on **Sunday 18 September**. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a reception will follow in Coffee Saints café. All welcome.

### 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](mailto:yi@staned.org.uk).

### Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette are on tour and come to Carfin Grotto from 24 September to 1 October. The Archdiocesan Day is being held there on **Thursday 29 September** and it includes a Mass for schools at 1pm, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley, a torchlight procession at 8pm, and Mass at 9pm. All welcome.

### Still time to apply for MA in Applied Catholic Theology – begins September 2022

Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply 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](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

### Safeguarding Training

All parish volunteers who work with children and/or protected adults require annual safeguarding training. This is provided by the Archdiocese and available courses can be found in the safeguarding section of the Archdiocesan website: [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)

### Children's Liturgy Day

Those who lead/volunteer with parish Children's Liturgy, or who are interested in finding out more about it, are invited to take part in a day of training, guidance and support at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, at 10:45am on **Saturday 10 September**. Register at [bit.ly/childrensliturgyevent](https://bit.ly/childrensliturgyevent)

### The Teaching of the Catechism – Youcat – Para 250 – 'What is a Catholic Priest?'

'The priests of the Old Covenant saw their duty as mediating between heavenly and earthly things; between God and his people. Since Christ is the one mediator between God and mankind, he perfected and ended that priesthood. After Christ, there can only be an ordained priesthood only in Christ, in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and through a calling and apostolic mission from Christ'.



### Saints Days this Coming Week

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August - The Passion of St John The Baptist** –he was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his remarkable birth and prophetic preaching.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Memorial of St Giles** –he was a monk, known for his sanctity and generosity, and that he settled and was laid to rest, in France. He died in 714.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - St Gregory the Great** – (540-604) of a noble Roman Family, he had been Prefect of the city and then became a monk. He was sent as a papal ambassador to Constantinople for 3 years. In 590 he was called to be bishop of Rome and pope. He was an excellent administrator and organiser on areas of the doctrine and liturgy, as well as in disciplinary matters. Pope Gregory was a preacher, an author, a homilist, an exegete, a theologian, a correspondent. He is rightly recognised as a Father of the Church, a truly great man.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Swiss Guards
2. Palace of Sixtus V
3. Egyptian Obelisk
4. Euro

### Nest Weeks Readings: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year:

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wis 9: 13-18 **RP:** Ps 89

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Phm 9-10.12-17 **Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33

