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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS - SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday 14 th September	BROXBURN 9.30am Mass Elizabeth McIntyre 5pm Mass People of the Parish	WINCHBURGH 11.30am Mass Bill Foster 1 st Av	<u>Liturgical Calendar</u> <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Monday 15 th September	9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.30 am Mass Byron Smith	No Mass	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Tuesday 16 th September	11.30am Requiem Mass Mary Forsyth 7-8pm Adoration & prayers	9.30am Mass Fr Younis Pervez	<i>Feast of St Ninian</i>
Wednesday 17 th September	9.30am Mass Tom White 1 st Av 6.00pm Mass Peter Williamson	No Mass	
Thursday 18 th September	No Mass	9.30am Mass James McCabe	
Friday 19 th September	9.30am Mass Jo Preston Av	No Mass	
Saturday 20 th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Rafferty	9.30am Mass Richard Strain	<i>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions</i>
Sunday 21 st September	9.30am Mass Kathleen Sweeny 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Special Intention	<i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>

Confessions: Broxburn -Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh – after Saturday 9.30am Mass

Sun 21st Sept Readings 1R: Am 8:4-7 RP: Ps 113 2R: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

Upcoming Funerals

Mary Forsyth's Funeral will be held on **Tuesday 16th September at 11.30am** in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church thereafter to West Lothian Crematorium.

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.



Blessing of Pets

On 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we'd like to offer a blessing for your pets! This will take place at 11am in Broxburn and 12pm in Winchburgh, outside the main church doors.

Mass for the Sick

We would like to have a special Mass for the sick at 2pm on Saturday 11th October at St Philomena's. If you would like to attend but don't have anyone to get you there and back, get in touch and we'll try our best to assist. Includes option to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



Church/Grounds Improvements

At Broxburn, you'll notice the new (and I think beautiful) brass rail at the ambo, improving ease of access for readers and other users of the sanctuary. At Winchburgh, we have a new bench in the garden, commemorating the centenary of the church and dedicated to the late Bill Cannon. Thank you to those who have helped put these into place.

Adult Faith Formation

Last year, you may remember we had a few sessions on the Four Gospels, led by Fr Andrew Garden and our own Fr John. This year, we'd like to offer something similar, but focusing on the Mass. On Monday 29th Sept, Fr Paul will examine the history and development of the Mass. On Monday 6th Oct, Deacon Douglas will look at the theological structure of the Mass. And on Monday 13th Oct, Fr John will speak on 'Signs and Symbols, Prayers and Practices'. 7-8pm Canon Hoban Lesser Hall. All welcome!

Save the Date!

Please put in your diary our celebration Mass on Sunday 26th October at 11.30am with Archbishop Leo Cushley for St Philomena's Centenary, light refreshments will be served after in the Hall.

Youth Groups

This Sunday we will meet up with Junior Youth, 14th September at 6pm, please see posters for upcoming activities and register with Leader on entry. £2 includes tuck shop.

MacMillan Coffee Morning (Winchburgh)

Please come along and support us to raise funds on Friday 19th September from 10-3pm in St Philomena's Hall, tea/coffee, home-baking, raffle, lucky number, prize board and more.



Fish Tea

SSVP are hosting a Fish Tea on Friday 19th September at 4pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. This is a free event. All are welcome. Last chance to put your name down this week on the sign-up sheet back of the church.

SSVP Carfin (Broxburn)

The SSVP is inviting Parishioners to join them for the Rosary and Mass at Carfin Grotto, Saturday 27th September, 1-3pm. If required, transport will be provided. Sign-up sheet at SSVP Notice Board.

Foodbank supplies needed

We have been low on our distribution to the foodbank this last few months, if you can even give 1 or 2 items this will help families and people in need of food. These are the emergency items that they require this week – Dry rice, instant Mash potatoes, sponge pudding, spreads (jam, chocolate), tinned cold meat, toilet roll, vegetable stock cubes, washing up liquid, male deodorant, shower gel, wet cat & dog food. If you are able to give a donation please leave at the back of the church and we will pass onto the local foodbank. Thank you!

Teas & Coffees

This Sunday in Broxburn there will be no teas & coffees, we will return next Sunday.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair e on Sunday 21 Sept from 12:30pm-5:30pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, EH1 1NA. 12:30pm-1:30pm. Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30pm-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00pm-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.



Vocations Awareness Week Prayer

This week we pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese. If you feel called, explore it! Contact Fr Patrick Burke, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, at vocations@stanned.org.uk or Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, Director for Religious Vocations, at religiousvocations@stanned.org.uk.

Safeguarding event

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place at the University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre on Saturday 8 November at 10:00am. For more details and to register visit <http://bit.ly/4IZwirY>

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