

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 12 th October	BROXBURN 9.30am Mass Niall Sweeney Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	WINCHBURGH 11.30am Mass Mary Forsyth	<u>Liturgical Calendar</u> 28 th Sunday of the Year
Monday 13 th October	9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.30 am Mass Charlie Farrell Av	No Mass	
Tuesday 14 th October	7-8pm Adoration & prayers	9.30am Mass Stephen McTiernan	
Wednesday 15 th October	9.30am Mass Harry Welsh 6.00pm Mass Flora Donachie	No Mass	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus
Thursday 16 th October	No Mass	9.30am Mass James McCabe	
Friday 17 th October	9.30am Mass Joyce Boyle	No Mass	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday 18 th October	5.30pm Vigil Mass May Lawson	9.30am Mass Ledgerwood Family	Feast of St Luke
Sunday 19 th October	9.30am Mass Deceased members of the Dalrymple Family 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Catherine Norris	29 th Sunday of the Year Mission Sunday

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

Sun 19th October Readings 1R: Ex 17:8-13 RP: Ps 121 2R: 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Gospel: Lk 18:1-8



Collection - Broxburn: £902.00 **Building Fund:** £175.00

Winchburgh: £318.00 **Centenary Fund:** £318.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection

World Day of Prayer for the Missions (**Mission Sunday**) is on **19th October** and a second collection will be taken up for the work of Missio Scotland.

Streaming

Please note that both our parishes are now live on YouTube. Please type in search “Broxburn and Winchburgh parishes” We will be streaming our Sunday Masses 9.30 & 11.30am.

Talk

The last event in our mini-series on the Mass will take place on Monday evening, 7-8pm at the Lesser Hall. (Don't worry, Fr John will know exactly what he's presenting on by the time you read this.)

Memorial Mass

Please note for your diaries the Mass for the faithful departed will be on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm. Cemetery Sunday will be held on Sunday 2nd November (All Souls Day) times to follow.

Youth Group

Our junior Youth Group will be putting on their safety goggles this weekend for some science experiments! New and existing members welcome, P5-S1.

Energy Bills

We recently got a VERY large pile of energy bills through the letterbox! This was due to billing delays on the part of our supplier (SSE). We knew it was coming, so no crisis – but still, it's a lot of money. Just to put you all in the picture.

Building Fund update:

Broxburn: Tiles on roof replaced, railings sanded and painted, main church door sanded and painted, garden area at the back of the hall cleared, all bushes and overhanging tree branches cut back. Streaming serviced.

Winchburgh: Garden area refreshed, slabs washed and new bark put down, drains and gutter to be cleared. New Altar carpets. Work beginning on priests' headstones. Streaming serviced and now in operation.

St Philomena's Centenary Silent Auction Fundraiser

We plan to hold a Silent Auction on **Friday 21st November**. During October, we are asking the parish (Broxburn too please!) to donate good quality items to auction. Please ask family and friends to support this effort. It's a great opportunity for a de-clutter! If you have a business, we would also welcome vouchers from your business. As with regular auctions bids are made for goods but on this occasion, bids are written. Anything in GOOD CONDITION will be welcome such as household items, boxed jewellery and large toys which your children may have outgrown. All donations to Julie, Theresa or Margaret, throughout October.

Christmas Hamper Appeal – Bottle Donations Welcome! (Canon Hoban Hall)

We're preparing a festive hamper to raise funds for the refurbishment of the parish hall kitchen, and we'd be so grateful for your help. We're looking for donations of bottles—wine, spirits, soft drinks, or any sealed item suitable for a prize. All proceeds from the Christmas hamper raffle will go directly towards improving our kitchen facilities, making the hall more welcoming and functional for everyone. A donation box is now available in the church porch for your contributions. Thank you for your generosity and support—every bottle brings us closer to a refreshed space for our parish community.

National Family Conference

The National Family Conference takes place on Saturday 25 October 2025, from 10:00am to 5:00pm at St Bride's Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell, ML1PP, featuring keynote speaker Chris Stefanick (live from the USA), the event celebrates marriage and family life with talks, prayer, and community. Book your place at <https://www.bcos.org.uk/NFC25> or by email at VEmarriage@staned.org.uk

Venerable Margaret Sinclair event

Commemorate the centenary of the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair on Saturday 22 November 2025 by meeting at her former grave in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, at 9:00am to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a walk to her tomb at St Patrick's in The Cowgate. Benediction at 12:15pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:30pm. A Centenary Mass will be offered at the Sacred Heart Altar, in St Patrick's on Monday 24 November at 5:45pm.

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