

PARISHES OF ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS & ST PHILOMENA



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21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2026

Sunday 23 rd August	BROXBURN 9.30am Mass Margaret Moran 5pm Mass People of the Parish	WINCHBURGH 11.30am Mass Kathleen & Michael Philbin	<i>Liturgical Calendar</i> 21st Sunday of the Year
Monday 24 th August	9.30am Mass Catherine Traynor Wardrop	No Mass	<i>Feast of St Bartholomew</i>
Tuesday 25 th August	No Mass Adoration & Prayer 7pm	9.30am Mass Special Intention	
Wednesday 26 th August	9.30am Mass Bernard Boyle	No Mass	
Thursday 27 th August	No Mass	9.30am Mass Malcolm McLaughlin	<i>Memorial of St Monica</i>
Friday 28 th August	9.30am Mass John McAuley Av	No Mass	<i>Memorial of St Augustine</i>
Saturday 29 th August	5.30pm Vigil Mass Jimmy Chapman Av	9.30am Mass No Intention	<i>Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>
Sunday 30 th August	9.30am Mass Mary Forsyth 1 st Av 5pm Mass People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Cass McKeon	22nd Sunday of the Year

Confessions: Broxburn -Saturday 4.45pm, Sunday 5.45pm, Winchburgh -after Saturday morning Mass.

Sunday 30th Aug Readings: 1R: Jer 20:7-9 RP: Ps 63 2R: Rom 12:1-2 Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Collections: Broxburn: £791.00 Building Fund: £357.00 Winchburgh £325 Centenary Fund: £159

Sacramental Dates 2027

Please keep the following dates in your diary for next years Sacraments.

First Confession – Winchburgh 8th March 6pm, Broxburn 9th March 6pm

First Holy Communion – Winchburgh 22nd May 11am, Broxburn 29th May 10am

Confirmation – Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church, Broxburn – 7th June 7pm

Baptism

Congratulations to Theo & Lyla Ng who will be baptised this Sunday in St John Cantius & St Nicholas Church, may God bless you both on your special day and every day that follows.

Altar Server Training/Day

Next Sunday after the morning Masses we will have short training session for the altar servers, please stay back after Mass. Please could you also return the form for the Altar Server Day this Sunday.

Parish Council Meetings

Winchburgh Parish Council will meet this week on Tuesday 25th August at 7pm. Broxburn's PPC will meet the following week on Monday 31st August at 7pm.

Youth Groups

Our parish youth groups will be starting up again soon. We're just getting the timetables finalized. New members are of course always welcome. P5-P7 for the junior group. Senior group S3-S6. Yes, we know that misses out S1 and S2 – sorry! But we can't have the age ranges too wide, and we don't have enough volunteers for 3 groups. If you'd like to volunteer as a youth group helper, please have a chat with Fr John.

Children's Sacraments Group

Thanks to those who offered to help with this! We currently have four volunteers, which is enough to get us started. Fr John will be in touch through the week to arrange an initial meeting.

Teas and Coffees

Please join us after the morning Masses for teas & coffees in the hall for some home baking. Look forward to seeing you all.

West Lothian Foodbank

Our local foodbank is in urgent need of the following – curry sauce (jars), tinned cold meat, veg stock cubes, sponge pudding, creamed rice, custard, breakfast cereal, bleach, washing up liquid, toilet roll instant mashed potatoes, male deodorant. Please leave any donations in the porch at the back of Broxburn Church.

Diocesan Structures in Scotland

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Archdiocesan online consultation on diocesan structures in Scotland. Archbishop Cushley is grateful to all who took the time to share their thoughts & reflections. Read the summary of responses at bit.ly/archupdate The responses are being carefully considered as part of our contribution to the national discussion being led by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

National Pilgrimage to Whithorn

Mass will be celebrated on the beach on Sunday 30th August at 4:00pm by Bishop Frank Dougan (Galloway Diocese). For those unable to walk to the beach, there will be Mass at 4:45pm in St Martin and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Toal (Motherwell Diocese).

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd helps children develop their understanding of the faith in hands-on, child-friendly ways. Interested in learning more? Enquire about our training day for assistants on Tuesday 1st September, 10:00am-3:00pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. Register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8RU6YraThh>

Assisted Suicide Bill

Please contact your MP today and urge them to vote no to assisted suicide in the UK Parliament. Vulnerable people must be protected, proper care strengthened, and compassion, dignity and support prioritised over assisted suicide. Find your MP at: <https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons>

If you would like to make a donation to the Heater Fund (Broxburn) or the Centenary Fund (Winchburgh) by bank transfer please see details below, any donations greatly appreciated:

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