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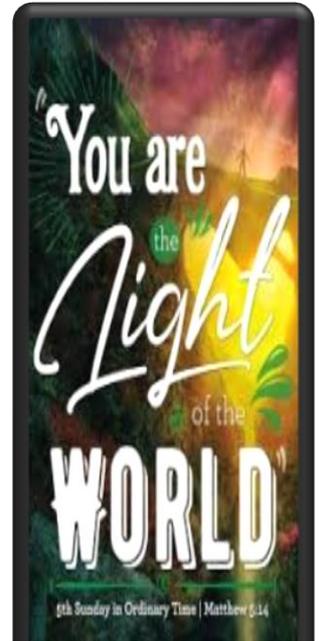
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7th February 2021 – 5th Sunday of the Year



Saturday 6 th February	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Joan Coghill RIP	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Eileen Erskine (D'Alton) RIP	Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions
Sunday 7th February	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish 5.00 pm Mass Catherine McAuley RIP	11.30 am Mass Billy McGinley RIP	5 th Sunday of the Year 
Monday 8 th February	9.30 am Mass Henry Rocks RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita
Tuesday 9 th February	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Alison Nelson RIP	Feria
Wednesday 10 th February	9.30 am Mass Christine Brown RIP	6.00pm Rosary	Memorial of St Scholastica
Thursday 11 th February	6.00pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass The Bialoszewski Family Dr Julian and Elizabeth Bath	World Day of Prayer for the Sick Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 12 th February	9.30 am Mass Helen Gunn RIP 12.00 Funeral Service William Dawson RIP	11.00 am School Mass Holy Family 6.00pm Rosary	
Saturday 13 th February	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Betty Algeo 'Al-Jo' RIP	9.30 am Mass Manus Thompson RIP Mass of the Sick	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 14th February	9.30 am Mass Bill Forrester RIP 5.00 pm Mass Hugh and Mary McCaffrey	11.30 am Mass Susan Jones	6 th Sunday of the Year 

Theme: "State of Being"

What a state I get myself into. When I'm busy, I wish that I was on holiday taking it easy; when I'm alone and have nothing to do, I get depressed and frustrated. Is it the case that we are never contented? Is there a 'Utopia' (a perfect world) out there that I'm searching for? The Prophet Job, at his lowest ebb, sees life as all chore and drudgery. St Paul in writing to the Corinthians is 'Man on a Mission'; every moment of the day is to be put to good purpose. Jesus, as God made man, shows us the preferred state of being for his disciples. He shows us that every moment of our lives is potentially a time of grace; that life is a chain of experiences for giving and receiving. Where the heart beats and the mind reflects, there is the chance to see our state of being in a new light.

REFLECTION: 'The Christian in a Secular Culture'

'Gracious Father, I thank you for the gift of faith. It is due to your grace and patience that, in spite of the lag between my faith and my life, no rupture happened; and under the favourable impact of so many wonderful believers, my faith could grow and become more deeply rooted. Praised be your graciousness forever! Holy God, send forth your Spirit, that we Christians, all together, may find ways to heal our culture, which becomes for so many, a course of unbelief. Inspire us to form a livelier community of believers and to seek light and strength from the celebration of the sacraments of faith. Help us to take our mission to be 'light for the world' more seriously. Guide our young people in the dark days of crises so that they may find their way to a mature and firm faith'.

Fr Bernard Haring, CSsR.

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'The Church Never Sleeps'

As the biggest non-government aid agency in the world, the Church never sleeps; there are works of mercy going on all the time. The media talks of the Churches being closed but it is far from true. Yes, Church buildings are closed, but the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the people are active in all sorts of ways ...

- (i) We have a letter, quoted in this newsletter, from the Sisters of Charity, thanking people for all the help with the homeless in Edinburgh.
- (ii) Fr Younis in Pakistan is building new churches and the people's kindness here is helping to make that happen.
- (iii) Over 200 newsletters are being processed and shared in the parishes each week by the parishioners.
- (iv) The housebound are being kept in touch.
- (v) Over a hundred children are expected to enrol for sacraments in our schools this spring.
- (vi) Masses every week are celebrated and streamed online.
- (vii) The Rosary is being prayed Monday to Friday to bind up families during COVID in our 'Engine Room of Prayer'.
- (viii) The sick in danger of death are being anointed and prayed for.
- (ix) The dead are being given the funeral rites of the Church.
- (x) All administration is continuing and our church buildings lovingly cared for and maintained ... and so much more besides.

As I say, the Church never sleeps.

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries (by phone or online)

Broxburn: Monday 8th February 4.30 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Wednesday 10th February 7.00 pm (01506 891310)

(Can be contacted by phone or Zoom)

Sacramental Programme for Schools – 2021

P4 1st Communions: This Sunday, 7th February, the children being registered for 1st Communion in 2021, are to be received into the Rite of Enrolment. **Broxburn Parish – 9.30 am Mass. Winchburgh Parish - 11.30am Mass.**

P7 Confirmations: The parents meetings take place as follows: **Winchburgh Parish – Sunday 7th February 12.30pm. Broxburn – Tuesday 9th February 6.30pm.** (After Rosary).

The parents are invited to connect on the link used for mass (Zoom): **725 827 1735 Passcode 850988.** All classes for sacraments are receiving input from Fr Jeremy. Please keep the children, parents and teachers in your prayers.

Mass for the Sick

Fr Jeremy is designating the Mass on Saturday 13th February at 9.30 am as the 'Mass of the Sick'. It is only two days after the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. If you would like a sick person to be prayed for at that Mass and their name read out, please let Fr Jeremy know by leaving a message by telephone or email. Make sure please that the person concerned wishes to be mentioned by name. Thank you. Our Lady Patroness of the Sick, Pray for them.

'Lent is Approaching'

Wednesday 17th February is the date for Ash Wednesday.

- (1) Due to the lockdown, parishoners are invited to burn a palm cross at their homes and then with a little water make a paste, then adminster a cross of ashes on their foreheads and each others during the Mass. Palm Crosses are available by request by the parish.
- (2) Each week in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross online.
Winchburgh Parish – Friday 6.30 pm (after Rosary). Broxburn Parish – Sunday 5.00 pm.
The Stations will also be led online with the schools.
- (3) On Monday of each week of Lent, Fr Jeremy will lead a 'Lenten Discussion Group' based on the book published recently by Fr Adrian Smith, who worked for the Vatican Secretariat for Ecumenism and Interfaith. The book is entitled 'Tomorrow's Christian – A New Framework for Christian Living'. Published by "O"Books Isbn: 1-903816-97-1. (Cost £9.99)
- (4) Please pray and reflect during this Pandemic about what God is encouraging you to do in these 'Forty Days of Prayer, Fasting and Charitable Works'. Where do I need to change to be a true Christian in my Catholic Life?
- (5) 'Pro-Life Office – Stations of the Cross'. This will take place each Monday in Lent at 7.45pm; including a reflection by one of the clergy.

Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/archdiocese-of-st-andrews_amp-edinburgh-18333988801.

Recent Deaths

Moira Richmond RIP: The housekeeper of Fr Pat Clark, who died last week after a long illness. May she Rest in Peace – a life of service to the Holy Priesthood.

William Dawson RIP: Husband of Margaret of Cleghorn Drive, Broxburn, who died last week. His funeral service will take place on Friday 12th February. May he Rest in Peace.

Patrick Owen Brady RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Owen Brady, formerly of Broxburn, who passed away in England this week.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick – 11th February 2021

Pope Francis has declared this a special day of prayer for all the sick in the world – the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. In his message for this day, the Holy Father declares, "The Feast is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care, both in healthcare and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide Corona Virus. Fraternal love in Christ generates a community of healing, a community that leaves no-one behind, a community that is inclusive and welcoming, especially to those most in need".

Thank You

- (i) To those who took down our cribs in Broxburn and Winchburgh. They were beautiful.
- (ii) To those who are now helping to host masses safely online.

Parish Accounts

Broxburn: The end of year accounts are now complete. I am very relieved to announce that we as a parish managed in the year to spend less than we received.

Total Income was £76,014.95 Total Expenditure was £69,908.99.

Thanks to your giving, economies on running costs and reduced scale of services, we managed to get by. On behalf of the parishioners, thank you to all who have administered our finances so judiciously. Copies of accounts are held in the parish office.

Winchburgh: The Winchburgh Parish accounts were also very respectable, although Income was £34,113.00 and Expenditure was £37,796.00. There were quite major repairs to the Church which exceeded £7,000. In terms of day to day running costs, we were well in budget overall.

Building Works: (i) New outdoor LED lighting in Broxburn – cost £330.00.
(ii) Rising damp repairs in Winchburgh Parish house – cost £2360.00

Justice and Peace News

1. Please write to our MSP, Fiona Hyslop, about the danger of the Scottish Government 'normalising' 'Do it Yourself' home abortions. 68% of adults who responded to the survey, said they were concerned about the legislation going ahead. Time now to speak the truth.
2. 'Green Christian Membership' – by becoming a member you receive the excellent 'Green Christian Magazine' publication, which you can use in your Church and have the opportunity to share ideas in the discussion group. <https://greenchristian.org.uk>.

Saints Days this coming week

Monday 8th February: St Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947) – kidnapped in The Sudan and sold into slavery. Rescued by Italian diplomat and became a religious sister – sent sisters out to Africa to relieve poverty.

Wednesday 10th February: St Scholastica (6th Century) – twin sister of St Benedict. Set up religious community of women near Monte Cassino. Very devout and spiritual.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. If someone has 'flaxen' hair, what colour is it? **Pale yellow**
2. The dunnock is a bird more commonly known as? **Hedge sparrow**
3. What is the name given to upper room of the Last Supper? **The Cenacle**

This Week's Quiz

1. What Christian concept is feminine in Hebrew, neuter in Greek and masculine in Latin?
2. Which tv doctor was played by Sylvester McCoy?
(a) Dr Kildare (b) Dr Finlay (c) Dr Who (d) Dr McCoy
3. What nationality was Holst, the composer?

Next Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading: lv13:1-2.44-46 Psalm: 31 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Letter from Missionaries of Charity: *Dear Canon John and Fr Jeremy, we want to thank you for all the food you have given to us over the past 11 months we have put it all to very good use, as we give dry ration food supplies to many families in need and also to our soup kitchen people. We have received another supply brought by Kevin on January 25th – thank you very much! We are giving take aways to the homeless a cooked meal and many are coming for this. Thank you to all the parishioners and your team of helpers – Lesley, Kevin, Pattiann, Eugene, Karen and all the others. Our gratitude and prayers for you all.*

Gratefully yours Sister Gracy Rosita MOC

