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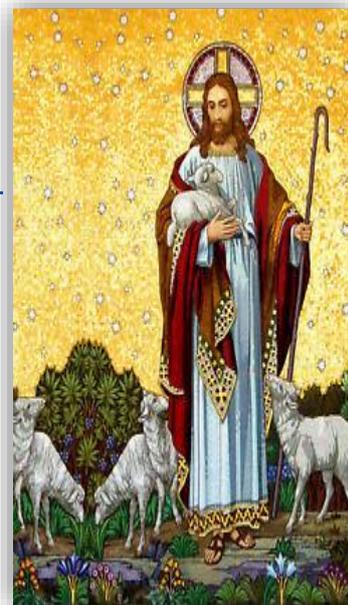
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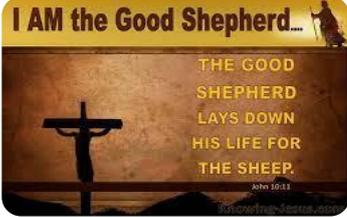
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**25th April 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BROXBURN</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Marion McGarty	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Bishop Vincent Logan <b>RIP</b> <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Joyce Sakala	Mass of Our Lady 
<b>Sunday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Philomena Gordon & Deceased members of the Cannon Family <b>5.00pm Mass</b> Bernard & Jean Rafferty	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> People of the Parish	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Tommy Brogan	6.00 pm Rosary	Eastertide
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Theresa Wilson RIP	Eastertide
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Tommy Grant RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Louis de Montfort
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Mary Archibald RIP	Feast of Catherine of Siena
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Ellen Calder RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Eastertide
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>11am Memorial Mass</b> <b>Alistair Evans RIP</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Finlayson RIP	<b>No 9.30 Mass</b> <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Rose Feerick RIP	Memorial of St Joseph the Worker 
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <b>Jean Cochrane</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Tommy Brogan RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 

### **Theme: "You are my Flock"**

Today, the fourth Sunday of Eastertide, is traditionally 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. This means reminding ourselves that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who states clearly to the world that he lays down his life for those who follow him. Therefore, there is only one true shepherd, the Christ. The woman and men who lay down their lives for Jesus then become 'persona Christi', they no longer live for themselves; they dedicate their lives for Christ. The Church has only one leader and we, the faithful, are Christ's followers. The basis of this model of the 'Good Shepherd' is the way that God unites the Christians in the world in faith, hope, and charity. Once we truly follow him, the path is then made clear for the Kingdom of God.

### **REFLECTION**

#### **'Listen to my Word'**

'One of the most prominent Catholic Biblical Scholars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Carlo Maria Martini, was a Jesuit priest and had been a Biblical professor for many years in Rome, where he was appointed as Archbishop of Milan. He turned out to be a very pastoral and much beloved leader of the people; his tool for reaching out to people was the Bible. Very shortly before he died in 2012, he said 'Vatican II gave the Bible back to Catholics... The Word of God is simple and seeks out as its companion, a heart that listens'. What a very beautiful idea. We do not need to do a lot of work or study, our engagement with the Bible, nor should we ever feel inadequate. All we need is, very simply, to listen.'

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

#### **'Come and Serve in My Father's House'**

Today as we think of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is an opportunity to pray for vocations to the Church. The ongoing life of the Church depends above all else on ordinations to the priesthood and religious life. With priests being ordained, parishes can be served and masses celebrated. We have two ordinations this year both young lads from the Scottish Borders, Martin and Bobby. It would be great if we could have some voactions from West Lothian ... Think about your calling now ... Jesus needs helpers in the Church ... Perhaps he is calling you to serve ..? Father Andrew Garden, Parish Priest of St. David's Dalkeith, is the Vocations Director, a lovely man. Tel: 0131 663 4286. Go for it!

#### **Scottish Government Elections – May 2021**

As was announced last Sunday, there are elections to the Scottish Parliament taking place next month. It is very important that we elect people to serve in Parliament that best uphold and protect our Catholic Christian moral values and ethics; particularly on Pro-life, Marriage and Family, Catholic Schools, the rights of religious freedom and an end to religious discrimination. There is a website you can Google called <rcpolitics.org> for more information or email the Catholic Parliamentary Office. Make your vote count.

#### **Prayers for Priests**

Please continue to pray for Monsignor Tony Duffy who is very ill at this time, as well as for Fr Patrick Clark and Monsignor Alastair Lawson, faithful Shepherds of God's people.

#### **Month of May Approaching**

In a week's time, we enter the beautiful month of May, dedicated to Our Lady. It's especially a good time to renew our love for the Mother of God in praying the Rosary. Remember we have the 'Family Rosary' at 6.00 pm Monday to Friday on Zoom (725 827 1735. Passcode 850988). We also have the Shrine to the Mother of God in the grounds of the Church in Broxburn. Fr Jeremy hopes to have it open every Monday morning after mass for private prayers and the Angelus at 12 noon. Our Lady help of Christians, pray for us.

#### **Recent Deaths**

##### **Tommy Brogan**

We pray for Tommy Brogan whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 am. His coffin will be received into the Church before the evening Mass on Sunday. May he rest in peace.

##### **Ellen Calder**

We pray for Ellen Calder whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 am. We remember her husband Thomas and all the family. May she rest in peace.

##### **Declan Tierney**

We pray for the soul of Declan Tierney who died on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April in Uphall. We remember all his dear family and friends. Funeral arrangements are to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

NB: As from 26<sup>th</sup> April, up to 50 people can attend a funeral in Church where two metre distancing allows.

### Baptisms

1. We pray for Theresa McGinley's three children, who are due to be baptised on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April in Broxburn. God Bless them all in their formation as disciples of Jesus.
2. We pray for the children of Shelbee Imrie, Ella and Aria, who are due to be baptised on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April in Winchburgh. God Bless them both in their formation as disciples of Jesus.

NB: As from 26<sup>th</sup> April, you are allowed up to 50 people at Baptisms in the Church where the two metre distancing allows. That would be 50 in Broxburn Church and 36 in Winchburgh.

### Sacramental Preparations

**First Confessions – P3** – The children of Broxburn Parish are now coming for the sacrament after the evening Mass on Saturdays. Parents are encouraged to book in for the Mass beforehand, ie. Monday or Tuesday of that week.

**First Communions – P4** – The children of both schools are encouraged to keep their homework up to date for the sacrament, with the help of teachers, parents and Fr Jeremy. There is a parents meeting arranged before the First Communions:

**Winchburgh – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12.30 pm**

**Broxburn – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm**

**Confirmations – P7** – There is a Parents Meeting this coming week:

**Winchburgh – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 pm**

**Broxburn – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm**

Meetings can be accessed in the Church building or online.

The parents/guardians have now been notified of the times of their child's Confirmation.

### **Broxburn 19<sup>th</sup> May. Winchburgh 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Because of COVID restrictions of numbers, ***please note for Broxburn your Child and Sponsor is allocated a seat, and then each child will have 3 additional seats for your household/bubble. Extra seats will only be allocated to siblings.*** Please respect the reservation on numbers for everyone's safety. Please also ensure by now that the Confirmation candidates have chosen their saint's name and their sponsor, who should be a committed Catholic. If the sponsor cannot travel on the day, the parents should advise the Parish Office of who the Proxy is. Thank you. The Confirmation candidates will be presented with a copy of Mark's Gospel on the first week in May.

### SCIAF Boxes

Thank you to all who have handed in your SCIAF boxes. If you get them in before the middle of May, then the Government will double whatever you have given for overseas aid. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Finance Meeting – St Philomena's Winchburgh**

This will take place on Zoom on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm, using the same code as for Mass, 725 827 1735. Passcode 850988. Please make sure all areas of Parish Finances are represented.

### **Parish Pastoral Council – Broxburn**

This will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm. It is provisionally on Zoom but if the Scottish Government allows ... it may take place in the Canon Hoban Hall. Please await clarification of venue.

### **Saints Days this Week**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** St Louis de Montford. Priest of the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century in France. He founded the De Montford Fathers. He wrote lovingly about Our Blessed Lady and promoted the praying of the rosary.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** St Catherine of Siena. Vibrant and energetic woman of the Church in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Dominican Order. Advisor to the Pope, she encouraged the Pope to return from exile in Avignon to Rome around 1375 and the Pope conducted her funeral.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Feast of St Joseph the Worker. A feast instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. The image of St Joseph the Worker is held up to emphasise the necessity of work and the part it plays in the self-esteem of many.

### **The Teaching of the Catechism**

#### **'Priesthood – In the Person of Christ' - Para 1548**

'In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his Flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice. Teacher of the Truth - it is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person his minister truly represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which has received, is truly made like to the high priest and possesses the authority to act in the power in place of Christ himself.' 'Christ is the source of all priesthood'.

### News from the Archdiocese

This September, St Mary's University in Twickenham, a leading Catholic university in the UK, will open a campus at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh in conjunction with the Archdiocese. There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. This is great news for the provision of Catholic Education in Scotland. Archbishop Cushley has written a pastoral letter about this exciting initiative which is available to read online at [bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421](http://bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421)

Find out more about the courses and register at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

### Thanks from Sneddon/Lacey Family

The Family would like to thank Fr Jeremy for a beautiful service and all the support and help from him. Thank you also to everyone who has sent flowers, cards and well wishes at this time it is a continued support to our family.

### Soprano – Emily Wishart

Emily Wishart is a Soprano who hails from Broxburn. She sang at Canon Agnew's Diamond Jubilee Mass and is available for Weddings, Funerals etc. If you would be interested, please contact Emily on 07941 819863.

### Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries (book for telephone or online if that helps)

Broxburn: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am (01506 891310)

### Eventbrite for weekend 1/2<sup>nd</sup> May

Winchburgh 9.30am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151947122935>

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150709681715>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150703517277>

Broxburn 9.30 am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150709940489>

Winchburgh 11.30am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150710058843>

Broxburn 5pm – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150710121029>

Zoom link for Mass: <https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJeFB1QT09>

### Childrens Liturgy

Here's the **Children's Liturgy** at Home guide for this Sunday. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr B, 25 April 2021. In Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus our Good Shepherd. As we gather at home today, we thank God for our families and for this time we spend together in prayer. We do this today, knowing that God is with us, helping us always especially when times are difficult. <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-43/>

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Where is the 'Stone of Destiny'? **Westminster Abbey**
2. Which glen in Scotland holds the remains of a secret seminary? **Glenlivet**
3. Which wee bird featured in the last farthing to be minted before decimalisation? **The Wren**

### This Week's Quiz

1. How many Catholic Dioceses are there in Scotland?
2. The 'Spiders' is the nickname for which Glasgow football team?
3. In old Scots what do these words mean?  
(a) Aiver (b) Chuffie (c) Parritch

### Next Sundays Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Readings: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: Ps 21

2<sup>nd</sup> Readings: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

