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**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>BROXBURN</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Finlayson RIP	<b>WINCHBURGH</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b> Julian & Elizabeth Bath <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Rose Feerick RIP	Feast of St Joseph the Worker 
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <b>Jean Cochrane RIP</b> <b>5.00pm Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Tommy Brogan RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Maryanna McCluskey RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feast of St Philip & St James
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James Keirnan RIP	Eaastertide
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> James Barret RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Eaastertide
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm Rosary	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> John & Mary Muir	Memorial of St Dominic Savio
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Niall Sweeney RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Eaastertide
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Hugh Devine RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Special Intention <b>3.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Daniel Aspden	Mass of Our Lady
<b>Sunday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Catherine McAuley RIP <b>5.00 pm Mass</b> Bernard Rafferty RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> James O'Hara Jnr RIP	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 

**Vestry Hour this coming week**

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

Winchburgh: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 5 pm (01506 891310)

Broxburn: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2pm (01506 852040)

### Theme: "Remain with the Vine"

If there is one person to keep in touch with in life, it is God. I can't imagine life cut off from God. After all, God is life: all life emanates from God and returns to God. It is God who gives shape, form and fulfilment to our existence. If we were in any doubt about the connectedness, God sent his only Son, Jesus, to reaffirm this covenant of Divine Love. You could say that even the 'fire of hell' has a connect with God, as they manifest the active resistance to God's will. Why in any rational way would you choose to cut yourself off from a Divine Power that we are totally dependent on? As the parable of the 'Prodigal Son' teaches us; when all of life goes terribly wrong and we are in the depths of despair, there is only one ultimate solution, 'to come home to the Father', who thought we were lost but we are found.

### REFLECTION

#### 'The Human Creature'

'Mankind is truly himself when his body and soul are intimately united ... should he aspire to be pure spirit and to reject the flesh as pertaining to his animal nature alone, then spirit and body would both lose their dignity. On the other hand, should he deny the spirit and consider matter, the body, as the only reality, he would likewise lose his greatness'. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). 'Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring'. (St John Vianney).

### SHARED PARISH NEWS

#### 'We are Parish'

Every Catholic Parish is a 'Spiritual Home' for the faithful. The Parish Community is the gathering of the baptised faithful in the celebration of the Mass. It is very important for us, as Catholic Christian people, to find our 'Spiritual Home' before the Sanctuary of the Lord, ie in the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. Since March 2020, we have become cut off or disconnected from our 'Sacred Space'. Now we are invited to reconnect under COVID-19 safety regulations. Unless you have genuine health and safety needs not to attend Church, it is better now to gently reacquaint yourself with the 'Sanctuary of the Lord'. We will of course continue to Zoom Masses for those who remain frail, vulnerable or too sick to be there in person. God Bless you all.

#### May – The Month of Our Lady

We delight in being in the month of May whilst also being in Eastertide. As this is very much a 'Marian Month', I encourage you all to embrace the chance to pray the Rosary in Common (on Zoom Monday to Friday 6pm – Family Rosary) or to pray on your own. Every Monday morning the Marian Shrine to 'Our Lady Mother of God' will be open in the grounds at Broxburn and the Angelus prayed at 12 noon for those who wish to attend. (The far side of the Canon Hoban Hall). 'Pray does not change God but it changes the person who prays'. (Suren Kierkegaard).

#### Sacramental Preparations

**First Confessions – P3** – We embrace the chance that is now given for the P3 children to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on a Saturday evening after Mass (*Broxburn*)- Parents invited to attend and go to Confession too if they wish to do so. On 16<sup>th</sup> May at the morning Masses 09.30 & 11.30am, the P3 children will be presented with a Crucifix, virtually, using the Rite of Presentation of the Cross – as a sign that through the cross of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

**First Communions – P4** – The P4 children are continuing with their home learning for the sacrament and Fr Jeremy is providing the schools with online talks. The booking for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses will be available very soon and are as follows: **St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Masses at 10.00 am and 12 noon. St Philomena's Parish – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Masses at 10.00 am and 12 noon.**

**Confirmations – P7** – This is a very important time for the Confirmation children. This Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at the 9.30 am and 11.30 am Masses, the candidates go through the Rite of Presentation of the Gospels, either in Church or by Zoom. The actual Gospel books will be handed through the schools. By now the children should have chosen their sponsor and saint's name. This must be advised to the respective parish offices by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Also, in light of the recent parents meetings, we need by 10<sup>th</sup> May, the names and contact details of the sponsor, parents/guardian and other siblings who will be attending the Confirmations. We pray for the 'confirmandi' and their future role as Catholic Christian believers in the world to come. May they rise to the spiritual challenge that God lays down before them. Any questions, contact the parish office or Fr Jeremy Bath, the Parish Priest.

### Booking in for Masses in our Parishes

To help people understand the current procedures for attending Mass, please be aware that every week we have 11 Masses between the 2 parishes, 6 in Broxburn and 5 in Winchburgh. Because Broxburn Church seats normally 400 people, there is no need to book for the weekday Masses. In Winchburgh, a smaller Church, that normally seats 150, under COVID 2 metre distancing, that is restricted to a maximum of 42 people. So for Winchburgh weekday Masses it is better to book in advance but normally the weekday Masses have spare seats. Saturday morning Mass is via Zoom as we do not have enough Welcome Ministers at the moment. For the Saturday Vigil Masses and the Sunday Masses, it is better to book online by Eventbrite or by phoning the Parish Office:

**Monday: 9 am to 12 noon – Broxburn**

**Tuesday: 9 am to 12 noon – Winchburgh**

**Wednesday: 9 am to 12 noon – Broxburn**

**Thursday: 9 am to 12 noon – Winchburgh**

**Welcome Ministers:** We are urgently in need of volunteers in both parishes please contact safeguarding officers or Fr Jeremy if you are able to help!

In order to give other people a chance, try to vary the Mass you attend, especially at the weekends, and help the less confident to book in for Mass. The Bishops Conference advice is for all Catholics (who are able) to try to attend Mass on a weekly basis, whether that is during the week or at weekends. Thank you for your patience and perseverance. **NB: If you book in for Mass and then choose not to come, please let the Parish Secretary or Fr Jeremy know in advance, so those seats can be reallocated. Last Saturday 5.30pm Vigil, 11 people who had booked did not turn up.**



### Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child

This month SPUC Scotland is launching a new initiative to commemorate the gift of life and to particularly call to mind the many lives that have been lost in our country due to abortion. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 at Carfin Grotto, SPUC Scotland will display 14,000 white flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year, to create a 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display at 2 pm. If you would like to sponsor a virtual flower, please visit [www.whiteflower.org.uk](http://www.whiteflower.org.uk) or call SPUC Scotland 0141 221 2094 to make a donation. Our Lady of the Unborn, pray for them all.

### Safeguarding Training – Part 1 and Part 2

Safeguarding Training - Part 1 & 2 - As restrictions begin to relax and we think about getting back to a more active parish life the Diocese has re-started Part 1 and 2 of the mandatory safeguarding training. This will be delivered on Zoom by diocesan trainers including Julie Brechin the PSC at St Philomena's. Training sessions are being added the website regularly and the link is below. If you have already completed Part 1 (or level 1) please apply for Part 2. When applying for training please say which parish you are from and what your role is. Please contact Julie ([juliebrechin@hotmail.com](mailto:juliebrechin@hotmail.com)) or Karen ([kazneilson@talktalk.net](mailto:kazneilson@talktalk.net)) if you have any queries. <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training>

#### **Julie's sessions -**

##### **Online Induction Part 1 Training via Zoom**

Friday 28 May 2021 at 10am

Trainer: Julie Brechin - [julie.brechin@staned.org.uk](mailto:julie.brechin@staned.org.uk)

##### **Online Induction Part 2 Training via Zoom**

Saturday 22 May 2021 at 10am

Friday 25 June 2021 at 10am

### Countdown to 'Climate Change Conference'

In 7 months time, Glasgow will host the United Nations Climate Change Conference. The theme is 'Together for our Planet'. It would be good to get ideas of what we can do as a parish to become more environmentally considerate of the planet. Please think about it in terms of energy consumption, tree planting, reusing manufactured goods, less use of processed foods and reduced use of plastics in our daily lives. Let Fr Jeremy know if you have any ideas.

### Laudato Si' week

This takes place from 16-24 May as part of the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home. Resources and more information can be found at [LaudatoSiWeek.org](http://LaudatoSiWeek.org)

### Forthcoming Scottish Elections

There are many political parties standing at this election and we all should exercise our democratic vote. All candidates need to be scrutinised as to how near or far they are from the social and moral teaching of our faith.

### Church Cleaning

As the Churches get up and running again, we are very grateful for all the volunteers who clean both our Parish Churches. If you are presently a cleaning volunteer in Broxburn or would like to become one, please contact the parish office or Lesley Armstrong, to let us know how often you can help. Look forward to hearing from you.

### Ecumenical News: Uphall South Church

They are organising a 'Muddy Church' Bee Trail in King George V public park, Uphall, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 12 noon till Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12 noon. Very interesting for nature lovers. Contact Morag on [Moragmjc@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Moragmjc@blueyonder.co.uk) if interested.

### The Teaching of the Catechism

#### 'How to Baptise in Case of Emergency' - Para 1240-1256

Pour ordinary water on the forehead, not the hair, of the person to be baptised and say while pouring it: 'I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Any baptised person can and should baptise in case of emergency – the same person must say the words while pouring the water.

### Saints Days this Week

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Feast of St Philip and St James. They were 2 of the 12 Apostles. Philip spread the faith in Greece and Turkey, being martyred there in AD80. St James, the lesser was Bishop of Jerusalem, and was martyred there in AD62. He wrote the letter of St James which is in the Bible and contains good practical advice on living the Christian life.

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Pope has chosen 'I am with you always' for the theme for this 'World Day' which is due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> July. This will coincide with the feast day of Jesus' grandparents, Joachim and Anna. This will be a good Sunday to have a special Mass for grandparents and all they do in these challenging times.

### Leprosy Mission's Day of Prayer

Join Christians across the world who are praying for a world without leprosy on Wednesday 12 May. Zoom prayer sessions take place throughout the day. Find out more at [leprosymission.org/dayofprayer](https://leprosymission.org/dayofprayer)

### Ordination to the Diaconate

Josh Moir, 27, a seminarian for our Archdiocese, is being ordained a deacon on Sunday 2 May. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes this important step towards priesthood.

### Eventbrite for the Weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152322932993>

Broxburn 5pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150711320617>

Broxburn 9.30am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152323253953>

Winchburgh 11.30 am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152323310121>

Broxburn 5pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152845784857>

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJeFB1QT09>

Please note **OFFICE is closed** on Monday, all Eventbrite bookings and calls to book can be taken from **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** for next weekend Masses.

### Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. How many Catholic Dioceses are there in Scotland? **Eight** (St Andrews and Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dunkeld, Glasgow, Motherwell, Paisley, Galloway and Argyll and The Isles.
2. The 'Spiders' is the nickname for which Glasgow football team? **Glasgow Queens Park**
3. In old Scots what do these words mean?  
(a) Aiver **an old horse** (b) Chuffie **Fat faced** (c) Parritch **Porridge**

### This Week's Quiz

1. Which garden in Scotland holds the largest varieties of rhododendrons in Britain?
2. In 1958, Uniroyal Ltd in Castle Mill Edinburgh manufactured the world's first what?
3. In 1975, 104,000 people saw Scotland play who at Murrayfield Stadium?

**Next Week's Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

Psalm:97 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

