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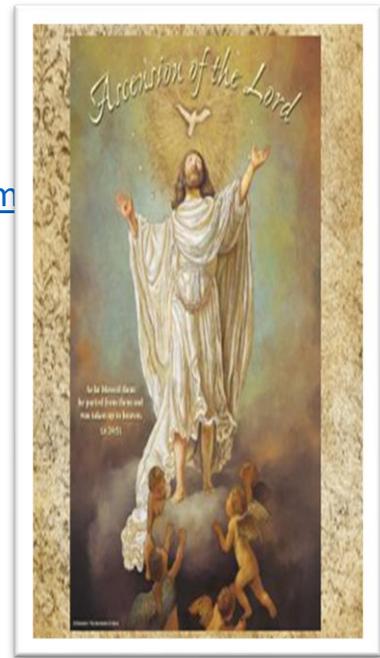
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9th May 2021 6th Sunday of Easter



Saturday 8 th May	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Hugh Devine RIP	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Special Intention 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Daniel Aspden	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 9 th May	9.30 am Mass Catherine McAuley RIP 5.00pm Mass Bernard Rafferty RIP	11.30 am Mass James O'Hara Jnr RIP	6 th Sunday of Easter 
Monday 10 th May	9.30 am Mass Cavanagh Family	6.00 pm Rosary	Eastertide
Tuesday 11 th May	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Fausna'na Dbu	Eastertide
Wednesday 12 th May	9.30 am Requiem Mass Declan Tierney RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Pancras
Thursday 13 th May	6pm Mass Jim McCabe RIP No Rosary	9.30 am Mass Special Intention 1.30pm School Mass James Barrett RIP	Solemnity of the Ascension 
Friday 14 th May	9.30 am Mass Peter Jordan RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feast of St Mathias
Saturday 15 th May	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Jonathan Dobres	9.30 am Mass Elizabeth Sneddon (nee Lacey) RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Sarah Wilson	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 16 th May	9.30 am Mass Daniel Gordon & Deceased members of the Gordon Family 5.00 pm Mass	11.30 am Mass Gilbert D'Alton RIP	7 th Sunday of Easter 

Theme: "Love One Another As I have Loved You"

If our view of love is essentially a sexual one, then it is a very narrow view of the definition of the word 'Love'. Jesus talks about love many times in the Gospels and encourages us to have a more enlightened understanding of being in love with a fellow human being and with God. He teaches us that 'Divine Love' does not in itself contradict 'Eros Love'. All of our capacity to love ultimately comes from the Creator and all our loving comes from a natural thirst for completeness. The journey or development of our capacity to love or be loved is full of potential hazards, the worst being selfish or dishonest 'love'. In a sense, as St Augustine taught, 'Sin is the short cut of love'. When we don't get the human love we think we deserve, we also eliminate 'Divine Love', then we leave ourselves wide open to all sorts of perversions of truth and love. The key is to love one another as Jesus taught us to do.

REFLECTION

*'God loves me
as nobody else loves me
and as he loves nobody else.'*

*I love God
as nobody else loves him
and as I love nobody else'.
(Nun of Stanbrook Abbey)*



*'Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love thee
and worthily magnify thy holy name
Through Christ Our Lord'. Amen.
(St Gregory, Abbot of Canterbury)*

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Sacramental Life of the Church'

It is wonderful that 50 children are being prepared in these challenging times for Confirmation and nearly 40 children for First Holy Communion. I give thanks to God for all the extraordinary efforts of teachers, parents and catechists to make this happen. However, I have a serious point to make to the parents. Jesus says in the Gospel, 'Make your house in me as I make mine in you'. There is little or no value in coming to God's house for the Confirmations or First Communions or the First Confessions if you are not, at the same time, committed to your faith and that of your child. COVID-19 is not a justification for avoiding Christ and the Mass. Faith is a committed relationship of love and service. If the commitment is not there, then the faith will wither and die. The synergy or 'Coming together' of Sacraments and Catholic life must be allowed to be expressed and brought into reality for your child. If our attitude to the Sacraments is merely to 'tick another box' then we have tragically let our child down in their loving relationship with God. Please be encouraged to do all you can to make these Sacramental celebrations count and be the beginning of a life well lived in the presence of Jesus, the Son of God. I pray for you all that no-one may be lost and that the lost may be found.

Solemnity of the Ascension – 13th May

In a few days time, we celebrate the great event of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. Forty days after Easter Sunday, it is time to let Christ ascend to the Father. Parting from your friends, even if part of Divine revelation is not easy; challenging our concept of loving and being loved. As written beautifully by J.G. Davies, theologian, 'In relation to this humanity, the ascension must also be understood as the occasion when, having been subject to the normal considerations of growth and development, it reached maturity and an indissoluble unity with the Godhead; entered upon a new mode of being and was liberated from its previous limitations'. Try and get to mass on Ascension Day by attendance or Zoom.

9.30 am Mass in Winchburgh, 6.00 pm Mass in Broxburn. God Bless you all.

God Bless Monsignor Lawson

Monsignor Alastair Lawson has his 80th Birthday on 12th May. Now in residential care, we wish him every blessing on this special day.

Vestry Hour this coming week

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

Winchburgh: Monday 10th May 5 pm (01506 891310)

Broxburn: Thursday 13th May 5 pm (01506 852040)

Sacramental Life

First Confessions – P3 – On Sunday 16th May, the P3 First Confession children receive a Crucifix at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. It would be good if the parents could make an effort to book them in for Mass that day. Some children still making their First Confession in Broxburn.

First Communions – P4 – There are final parents sessions coming up in both parishes to prepare for the First Holy Communions **St Philomena's Parish – Sunday 16th May 12.30 pm**, **St John Cantius and St Nicholas – Tuesday 18th May 6.30 pm**

The Winchburgh meeting can be accessed in the Church or online by Zoom. The Broxburn meeting is accessed on Zoom due to larger numbers. Parents **must** attend. Please notify office or Fr Jeremy if unable.

Confirmations – P7 – The Parents/Guardians should know by now which Confirmation Service their child is attending and should by now have advised the school the guests per child. The Sponsor's name and the saint's name chosen by each candidate must also be sent into the school. Please pray for all the children involved and that we can make it a special day for all of them.

Broxburn Parish – 19th May: 5.30 pm, 6.45 pm and 8.00 pm

Winchburgh Parish – 20th May: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Candidates are expected to wear **school uniform**, Archbishop, Leo Cushley, is praying for you all.

Parish Pastoral Councils

St John Cantius and St Nicholas: The PPC met last week, 29th April, with Helen Mooney in the Chair. We gave thanks for the 3 years of service to the PPC of Ronan Doyle and approved the nomination of Tomasz Bialowski and Adam Koziel. The rebirth of the Parish community was discussed, a renewal partnership with the Primary School, encouraged by the Sacramental programme. Spire building repairs to go ahead, further clarification sought on a statue of St Joseph and a handrail on the sanctuary.

St Philomena's: Margaret Russell, the Chair, has called a meeting of the PPC on Monday 31st May at 7 pm on Zoom. Items for the agenda should be submitted to Diane, the secretary, or to the Parish office. We need to start thinking about the centenary of the consecration of the Parish in 2025. We pray for Jerry Cannon who has served for many years as Hall Treasurer, who is in poor health. God bless him.

Baptisms

There are 4 children due to be baptised in our parishes this weekend – 3 children in Broxburn and Robbie in Winchburgh. We pray for their spiritual wellbeing and the dedication of their Parents and Godparents. There are 4 adults now receiving instruction.

Saints Days this Week

Wednesday 12th May - Memorial of St Pancras: You will have heard of St Pancras Railway Station but what about the saint? He was a Physician of noble birth in the late 3rd century. He was brought to Rome by his uncle after the death of his father. They were baptised by the Pope and then martyred soon afterwards by the Emperor Diocletian. Like St Philomena, he was only about 14 years old at the time. He is said to be the special enemy of those who swear falsely. Quoting the words of St Gregory of Tours, 'If there be a man that will make a false oath/promise in the sanctuary of God, he shall be travailed with an evil spirit or out of his mind'.

Friday 14th May – Feast of St Matthias – Apostle: He was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles. After Pentecost, he travelled at first to Judea and then onto Cappadocia and Georgia.

Thanks!

The family of the late Kathleen McMahon would like to thank Fr Bath for his comforting services. They would also like to thank everyone most sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy and Mass cards.

The Teaching of the Catechism

'YouCat' (Catechism for Young People) Para 262

What is necessary for a Christian Sacramental Marriage?

'A Sacramental Marriage has three necessary elements: (a) free consent (b) the affirmation of a lifelong exclusive union (c) openness to children. The most profound thing about a Christian Marriage, however, is the couple's knowledge: 'We are a living image of the love between Christ and the Church'.

Catholic World News (Extract from Universe)

India – Pandemic: Fr P.A. George, Director of the Holy Family Hospital in New Delhi, said, 'I have no place, even in emergency to give oxygen. Patients are just dying in front of my eyes. Feeling so distressed and helpless'.

Safeguarding Training – Part 1 and Part 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 to 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) or Karen (kazneilson@talktalk.net) if you have any queries.**

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training> Julie's sessions - Online Induction Part 1 Training via Zoom Online Induction Part 2 Training via Zoom Friday 28 May at 10am, Saturday 22 May at 10am Trainer: Julie Brechin - julie.brechin@staned.org.uk Friday 25 June at 10am

House of Lords:

Lord McFall of Dumbartonshire has been elected as new Lord Speaker, the first Catholic to take up the role. He is a former Labour MP.

Marriage Preparation

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course for May is now fully booked. More courses are expected to be scheduled for later in the year.

Freedom to Pray under threat

Your right to pray in public is being threatened by a group of Scottish Local Councils. Please sign this petition urgently. <https://citizengo.org/en-gb/201800-protect-freedom-pray-scotland>

St Mary's University

Masters courses in Theology and Education will begin in September at the Gillis Centre Campus in Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, run by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese. All information is available on the St Mary's University website: stmarys.ac.uk/Edinburgh

Laudato Si' week

SCIAF and Justice & Peace Scotland host an online event titled 'Everything and Everyone is Connected' at 7pm on Monday 24 May, "an evening of reflection on Laudato Si' and the climate crisis". To register visit eventbrite.co.uk and type the event title in the search bar. Laudato Si' week takes place 16-24 May as part of the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home.

Mailing List

Stay updated on news from across the Archdiocese by subscribing at archedinburgh.org/news-events/

YouTube

Archdiocesan online events are recorded and posted on YouTube. You can find them at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Eventbrite for next weekend

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152324004197>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150711798045>

Broxburn 9.30 am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152324443511>

Winchburgh 11.30 am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152324587943>

Broxburn 5pm – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152324740399>

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

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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

This Week's Quiz

1. Why is Dunfermline Football Club called 'The Pars'?
2. Which Order of Monks did Thomas Merton belong to?
3. Who wrote the book 'The Black Tulip'?

Next weeks Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17.20-26

Psalm: Ps 102 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4: 11-16

Gospel: Jn 17: 11-19

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