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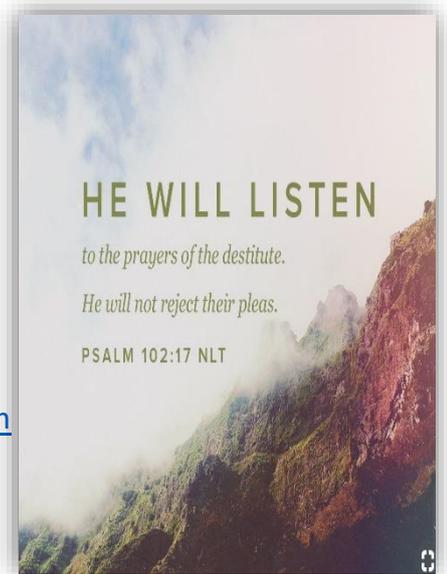


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16th MAY – 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday 15 th May	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Jonathan Dobres	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Elizabeth Sneddon (nee Lacey) RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Sarah Wilson	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 16th May	9.30 am Mass Daniel Gordon & Deceased members of the Gordon Family 5.00pm Mass Billy McGinlay	11.30 am Mass Gilbert D'Alton	7 th Sunday of Easter 
Monday 17 th May	9.30 am Mass James Rice (Alva)	6.00 pm Rosary	Eastertide
Tuesday 18 th May	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Nathan Hadlow RIP	Eastertide
Wednesday 19 th May	9.30 am Mass Bridget Hughes Confirmations 5.30pm, 6.45pm, 8pm	No Rosary	Eastertide
Thursday 20 th May	No Rosary	9.30 am Mass Frances Tierney RIP Confirmations 6pm, 7.15pm	Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena
Friday 21 st May	9.30 am Mass Billy Jenkins	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Chris Magallanes
Saturday 22 nd May	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention	9.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Lacey (Nee Sneddon) RIP	Memorial of St Rita of Cascia
Sunday 23RD May	9.30 am Mass Jackie Stewart (Melbourne Australia) 5.00 pm Mass Tommy Brogan RIP	11.30 am Mass People of the Parish	Pentecost 

Theme: "Spirit, Guide Me!"

No sooner had the Holy Spirit come down upon the 'Twelve Apostles', or, in this case, on the 'Eleven', than they were guided by that self-same spirit to choose a successor to Judas Iscariot. Drama, tragedy and departure, bring those situations where decisions have to be made that have consequences for the time to come. To make those key choices on our own could be reckless and short sighted. In the Acts of the Apostles, they nominated two candidates and then prayed about it before drawing lots. When God lives in us, as St John declares, then we also live in Him. It's about connectivity; becoming so intertwined with God's ways and revelations that our choices and decisions are spirit centred. The 'Hallmark' of a living faith is to be consecrated in the truth so that God is our constant guide. Think of the hymn 'Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land'.

REFLECTION

"The Perfect Person's Rule of Life"

'The perfect person does not only try to avoid evil, nor does he do good for fear of punishment, still less in order to qualify for the hope of a promised reward. The perfect person does good through love. His/Her actions are not motivated by desire for personal benefit, so they do not have personal advantage as their aim. They are not interested in fame, or a good reputation, or a human or divine reward. The rule of life for a person seeking perfection is the image and likeness of God'. (St Clement of Alexandria).

'The Eucharist draws you into the compelling love of Christ and sets you free'. (Catechism Para 1323).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'We are so Fortunate'

Yes, we are fortunate to be in the middle of the 'Novena' (9 Days) period, between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. I am talking, of course, about the Novena to the Holy Spirit that you can download from the internet. It is also a great blessing that our Confirmations come at this sacred time in both our Parishes. Please pray for the 50 'Confirmandi' who will present themselves, with their sponsors on Wednesday evening in Broxburn and Thursday evening in Winchburgh. Fr Jeremy is still hoping that St Philomena, St Nicholas or St John Cantius will be chosen. It is important that we can trace the Parish where the children were baptised, so that we can inform them of their Confirmation.

May – Month of Our Lady

Please remember that we have a special focus on Our Lady in the month of May. We have 'Family Rosary' Monday to Friday at 6 pm on Zoom, using the same link as for Mass. We have the shrine to 'Mary Mother of God' in the grounds at Broxburn, open to the public from 10 am to 12 noon every Monday in May. We finish the period at 12 noon with the Angelus. It is a beautiful shrine and well maintained by kind volunteers. Every Mass on a Saturday morning in Winchburgh at 9.30 am is a Mass of The Blessed Virgin Mary, unless it is a Feast Day for another saint. Our Lady Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Other Sacraments

Primary 3 – Presentation of the Crucifix – This Sunday morning in both parishes, there are 'Rites of Presentation of the Cross/Crucifix' being presented to the P3 First Confession children. The parents will be present in the Church or on Zoom. The Crucifixes will, for ease of safety, be handed out in the schools. Remember the Cross is the measure of God's infinite reconciling love.

Primary 4 – First Holy Communion – This week Fr Jeremy wants to meet with the P4 parents at Church/online to make final preparations for the First Communions.

Winchburgh, St Philomena's Parish – Sunday 16th May 12.30pm, either in Church or on Zoom (Mass link).
Broxburn, St John Cantius and St Nicholas – Tuesday 18th May 6.30 pm on Zoom (Mass link).

There will be two First Communion Masses in Broxburn Parish on Saturday 29th May at 10 am and 12 noon. Parents should know which Mass they are attending. The numbers allowed are Child plus 8 guests, 9 in total. Guests must be a household or 'bubble' as no additional pews are available. Masks must be worn in the Church. Name tags will be on pews. There will be a retiral collection at Mass to help support the welfare of the Parish. Please give generously.

There will be one Communion Mass in Winchburgh at 11 am on Saturday 5th June. The numbers allowed are 6 guests per family including the First Communicant. Each family will be allocated a pew. Same rules and guidelines apply as in Broxburn. We pray for all the children preparing to make their First Holy Communion. May it be a joyful day, full of spiritual hope and unity in the living Christ.

Adult Catechists

I am very pleased to say that there are now 6 adults taking instruction between the two parishes, in order to be received into the Church. We pray for their faith formation and connectedness with the People of God. May they prove to be a real gift to the Church in the times to come. St Barnabas, pray for them all. Ps. If you would like to become a Catechist helping with instruction, please let Fr Jeremy know. Thanks.

Parish Website - Broxburn

BT are shutting down the old website for Broxburn Parish as from this month and a new website is being set up. The website address changes to <www.broxburncatholicchurch.co.uk> therefore the 'btck' part is removed. I am very grateful to Christopher and Philip, who have revised the website and Ben and Adam who are willing to help keep it up to date. Adam will ensure there is input for Polish families in the parish. We appreciate the time and energy spent on this project.

25th Anniversary of the Death of Fr Norman Cooper RIP

Thursday 20th May marks the 25th Anniversary of the death of Fr Norman Cooper, a beloved priest of our Archdiocese who fell to his death walking on the Isle of Skye in 1996. A memorial mass is being offered up in St Martin's Tranent by Fr Basil Clark, Parish Priest. God rest his soul.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Activity

1. There is an Ecumenical Pentecost Service being held online on Pentecost Sunday at 7 pm hosted by the Council of Churches for Uphall and Broxburn. All welcome to join online, the internet link on Zoom is as follows – Meeting ID: 92730535797 Passcode: 072160
2. Interfaith Quiz. This will be hosted by Interfaith Scotland on Thursday 20th May from 6 pm to 7.30pm on Zoom. You can register as an individual or as a team. Use this Google form to register: <https://tinyurl.com/may-interfaithquiz>. For more information, contact the Interfaith website www.interfaithscotland.org.
3. Focolare Dialogue Group. There is an education evening on 'Jainism' on Monday 17th May at 7.30pm. To register, contact: yolanda.matro@focolare.org.uk.



Fabric Report

Broxburn: (i) Roof repair works on the spire are due to go ahead in the coming weeks on mortar work and cleaning of stonework. Estimated cost of £5,500.00. the works will start on Wednesday the 2nd June and continue thereafter. (ii) The Church heating system is being serviced in the coming days.

Winchburgh: (i) Repair works are nearing completion on front and rear rising damp removal and redecoration. Much thanks to Peter Keogh. (ii) The Church noticeboard has been restored and remounted. Much thanks to Allan Russell. (iii) A Parish hallway 'runner' has been ordered from Ferguson's (donation).



Parish Car

Fr Jeremy is very grateful to his brother who has acquired a 'parish car' for parish work. This will replace a vehicle left in memorian by a deceased friend. Apart from some small repairs up to £500.00, there is no additional cost to the parishes. This is much appreciated.

Parish Pastoral Council - Winchburgh

The PPC of St Philomena's will meet online on Monday 31st May at 7 pm. Any items for the agenda, please submit to Diane or the parish office. It will be a good opportunity to revitalise our activities as the country slowly opens up after 'Lockdown'.

St Philomena's Parish Hall Treasurer

I would like to express publically our prayers and support to Jerry Cannon, the Parish Hall Treasurer, and overseer for the last 26 years, who has been going through major surgery in Edinburgh. As we pray for his health and wellbeing, he has handed over the hall treasurer duties to Vivienne Brown. We appreciate his long-standing dedication and devotion to duty.

This is World Communications Sunday

On this Sunday, we pray for the media and communications work of the Church. In this age of the internet, let us use all these modern medicines for the promotion of the Gospel and the evangelisation of the world. The second collection will go to their valuable work.

Matt Mead is our Diocesan Communications Officer.



Monsignor Tony Duffy RIP

Monsignor Tony Duffy died at 2:30am on Wednesday morning in the Western after being ill for some time. Mgr was a leading priest for the Diocese for many years, not only was he parish priest of St Cuthbert's in Slateford for 30 years, he was also Treasurer of the Diocese for 25 years, and a leading figure in organising the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes for over 4 decades as well as that he was Chaplain to St Augustine's high school from when it was first built. He died peacefully, and with the rites of Holy Church. May he rest in peace.

Saints Days this Week

Thursday 20th May - Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena: Franciscan Friar of the late 14th Century. A very powerful preacher in Italy to the ordinary people. Refused 3 times to become a Bishop. He promoted the Holy Name of Jesus and the symbol 'IHS'.

Friday 21st May – Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes and Companions: He and 21 other priests and 3 laymen were put to death by the Mexican Government between 1915-1937. A period of hostility to the Church. Falsely accused of treason.

Saturday 22nd May - Memorial of St Rita of Cascia: A 14th Century married woman who was the victim of an abusive husband. She entered religious life. Her two sons tried to avenge her unsuccessfully. She was canonised in 1900. She is patron saint of impossible causes.

The Teaching of the Catechism

'Confirmation' - Para 1302-1303

'Confirmation is the Sacrament by which those born anew in baptism receive the Seal of the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father. Along with baptism and the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation – in this case, initiation into the life of adult witness. The deepened presence of the Spirit, who comes to us in this sacrament, is meant to sustain us in a lifetime of witness to Christ and service of others.

Prayers for the Holy Land



We are aware of the very serious situation in the Holy Land where Palestinian and Israeli people are in grave danger. The Holy City of Jerusalem where Jesus, the Prince of Peace is being haemorrhaged by the hatred between Arab and Jew and the absence of a universal Christian ethic of mutual tolerance and respect. As we approach Pentecost, may the Spirit of God guide the world in the way of peace.

Eventbrite next weeks Masses

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152326379301>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152326674183>

Broxburn 9.30am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152327173677>

Winchburgh 11.30 am – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152327500655>

Broxburn 5pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152327879789>

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7258271735?pwd=VG9QTVdUUFY0dHFRZENVRXRJJeFB1QT09>

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral needs

Broxburn: Monday 17th May 3 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Thursday 20th May 4 pm (01506 891310)

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Why is Dunfermline Football Club called 'The Pars'? **It comes from 'Plymouth Argyll Reserves' (regiment based at Rosyth during WWII).**
2. Which Order of Monks did Thomas Merton belong to? **The Trappists**
3. Who wrote the book 'The Black Tulip'? **Alexandre Dumas**

This Week's Quiz

1. By what name is a Cub Scout pack leader known?
2. What is the familiar name for the series of 8 Banavie Locks on the Caledonian Canal near Fort William?
3. Which Saint is the Patron Saint of Music?

Next Week's Readings: 1st Reading: Acts2:1-11 Psalm: Ps 103 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23