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23RD MAY 2021 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



Saturday 22 ND May	BROXBURN 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention	WINCHBURGH 9.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Clarke 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Sneddon RIP	Memorial Mass of St Rita of Cascia 
Sunday 23rd May	9.30 am Mass Jackie Stewart 5.00pm Mass Tommy Brogan RIP	11.30 am Mass People of the Parish	Pentecost Sunday 
Monday 24 th May	9.30 am Mass McCallion Family	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial B.V.M Mother of the Church
Tuesday 25 th May	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Finnigan Family	Memorial of St Bede
Wednesday 26 th May	9.30 am Mass Maureen Smith	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Philip Neri
Thursday 27 th May	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Frances Gibb	Feria
Friday 28 th May	9.30 am Requiem Mass James Brogan RIP 12.00 Requiem Mass Kathleen Hardy RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Saturday 29 th May	Holy Communion Mass 10am, 12 noon 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Joe & Marion McGarty RIP	3.00 pm Vigil Mass Bill Cuthell (AV)	Memorial of St Paul VI 
Sunday 30th May	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish 5.00 pm Mass Colville S Lobendham RIP	11.30 am Mass Liz Sneddon (nee Lacey)	 Trinity Sunday

Theme: "Be on Fire with the Holy Spirit"

Today is Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter Sunday, we mark the God inspired moment the followers of Christ were bestowed the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. What was promised by the Son of God prior to his Ascension is now brought to fulfilment. As the Divine Godhead models perfect love in the three persons of the Trinity, so the People of God, the Church, is called upon to build that covenant of love between God and humanity here on earth. The revelation of Divine Love in the person of Jesus is now to be proclaimed and passed on to the four corners of the world. The grace of God is potentially there for all of us; it is for the Church now to 'fan into a flame' the 'fire of God's love and truth', celebrating it in Word and Sacrament and expressing it in actions of unconditional love. Jesus says in Matthew 5 'Let your light shine for all the world to see, do not hide it under a tub'.

REFLECTION

"The Power of the Holy Spirit"

'Living life in the power of the Holy Spirit is at the very heart and essence of the Christian vocation. As we open up our lives to this power, we will begin to manifest the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5: 22-23, St Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, St Paul points to love as being the greatest fruit of the Holy Spirit. One thing we need to be very clear about is that the Holy Spirit can give us the power, the grace and the strength to live and act in a way that we ourselves could never do on our own. (Bible Alive).
'We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the invisible trinity, who has saved us'. (Byzantine Prayer for Pentecost).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Peeping Out at Pentecost'

As society seeks to gradually emerge, to 'peep out' after many months of restrictions and controls to stem a pandemic, we recognise that the Church is God's instrument of the spiritual reconstruction of life. There are still dangers surrounding us and caution is needed but we also realise that the will to live and make the best of our lives is an important one. We are social beings by nature, the local parish is a vital 'linch pin' in that connectiveness with God and each other. Let us be conscious of those who need our loving attention and recognise how spiritually draining it is to be forgotten. May the Pentecost Spirit warm our hearts to 'peep out' and make sure everyone is looked after. God bless our spiritual works of mercy.

'Back to Green – But Be Aware'

As from Monday 24th May, we return to 'Ordinary Time' but there is nothing ordinary about celebrating our faith in the Mass. On Monday, the first day after Pentecost, Pope Francis has declared this day to be the 'Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church'. This Marian Feast Day is a good day to pray for the welfare of the Church and also pray for 'Motherhood', thanking God and Our Lady for all those women who have shone out in their vocation as devoted mothers to their families. The Shrine dedicated to 'Mary, Mother of God' will be open after Mass in Broxburn on that Monday and the Angelus prayer there at 12 noon. Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray for us all. If using a Weekday Missal, we now start at the 8th Week of Ordinary Time, Year I.

Sacramental Life of Our Parishes

First Holy Communions 2021 – The celebrations are drawing near in both our Parishes.

Broxburn – Saturday 29th May. Masses at 10.00 am and 12 noon. (No 9.30am Mass that day at St Philomena's). Canon John will be the main celebrant at 10.00 am and Fr Jeremy at 12 noon. The children and their families should know by now which Mass they are to attend. The families should have submitted their names and details of their 'guest list'. Current PPE and Track and Trace remain in force. We pray for a happy day for all the First Communion candidates and that receiving Jesus for the first time at Mass will be the first of many times in their lives that they receive Jesus as their spiritual food from heaven. God Bless them all.

Winchburgh – Saturday 5th June – Mass at 11.00 am for all the children. (No 9.30 am Mass that day at St Philomena's). Hopefully, both priests will be there that day. The same PPE rules apply as in Broxburn but due to the smaller Church, it is the First Communicant plus 5 guests from the same household/bubble. Please ensure you arrive at both Churches in good time, ie. 20 minutes before Mass begins to be allocated seating. There is still time to request items from the Parish stalls, if you wish, rosaries, prayer books or cards, after the Parish Masses. God Bless all the children and extended family and friends who can watch it on Zoom.

Confirmations – P7 - Thank you to all who assisted at the Confirmations last week in both Parishes. It is a blessing that we could go ahead with this important Sacrament so near to Pentecost and with the blessing of Archbishop Leo Cushley. Never forget your Saint's name and your Sponsor!

Baptism

We pray for Amelia Wilkins who is to be baptised on Sunday in Broxburn. God Bless her parents and Godparents, as they commit to a vocation of Christian discipleship in the Church on Pentecost Sunday.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service – This Sunday 7 pm

If you would like to join in this service on Zoom, the link is 927 3053 5797 and the passcode is 072160. Look forward to seeing you there. God Bless our efforts at Christian Unity. Theme - 'Holy Spirit - We Welcome You'.

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn: Monday 24th May 4 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Wednesday 26th May 7 pm (01506 891310)

Recent Deaths in our Parishes

James Brogan RIP – James, brother of Tommy who died recently, died last weekend at home surrounded by family and his pets. We pray for the repose of his soul and our thoughts are with his family. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28th May at 9.30 am in Broxburn.

Kathleen Hardie (Gorman) RIP – Dear Kathleen who lived in Uphall Station, a widow for some time and hampered by acute deafness, died peacefully in St John's Hospital. In her early times she loved walking and coming to Mass. She always loved having visitors. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28th May at 12 noon, in Broxburn.

Parish Pastoral Council – St Philomena's

This will take place on Monday 31st May at 7 pm on Zoom. Please contact the PPC Secretary or the office to include items on the agenda. Thank you.

Thank You

- (i) For all your generosity for Communications Sunday Special Collection. A cheque from the two parishes will go off to the Archdiocese for a total of £200.00.
- (ii) For all who have taken up their Gift Aid envelopes for the new Tax Year 2021/22. There are still spare envelopes available for anyone who would like to put their collections in an envelope and may wish to Gift Aid it, thus providing additional income to the Parish from HMRC. Contact the office please if interested.
- (iii) SPUC – Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child – 'White Flower Appeal' – 'Our aim is to create a display of 14,000 flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display on Saturday 22nd May at Carfin Grotto when we create our 'carpet of flowers' for the unborn. We are hoping that individuals will be willing to sponsor a virtual flower and these can be purchased online at www.whiteflower.org.uk or call 0141 221 2094 to make a donation.

Beatification of Fr Francis Jordan SDS

On Saturday 15th May in Rome, the Salvatorian Priest was beatified by Pope Francis. He was the Founder of the Salvatorians in the last century. We have a Salvatorian Priest in St Mary's Haddington, Fr Edward Wanat. God Bless them in their work.

Prayers Please for the Church in Nigeria and Palestine

We know there is an infinite number of urgent causes that need our action and prayers at this time. The 'Aid to the Church in Need' are carrying out emergency action in the Middle East and Nigeria to help Churches under seige. To find out more, contact www.acnuk.org. 'Help the suffering Church today'.

Mary's Meals

"Congratulations to Pauline Steyn who this week sent 200 backpacks to Mary's Meals on our behalf. Much of the money used came from donations given to mark the 60th Anniversary of Canon John's Ordination. This was in addition to the money sent direct to Mary's Meals which topped £10,000. Pauline is to be congratulated for the months of hard work she has put in, all of it during lockdown. The parish is to be congratulated for the generosity shown to this great cause. Well done, everybody. ***Thank you from Canon John.***

Welcome back! Deputy Head Louise McGuire is returning to St Nicholas School as of the 7th June, we wish her every blessing and goodwill from the parish.

Saints Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable (7th Century): Monk of Yarrow Monastery. He wrote extensively on Sacred Scripture, scientific matters and historical events, including the arrival of St Ninian in Galloway and St Cuthbert of Holy Island.

Wednesday 26th May – Memorial of St Philip Neri: Born in Florence in late 16th Century. Evangelised people to Christ on the streets of Rome. Helped as a layman and a confessor, the poor and those treated unjustly. Ordained a priest at 35 years old. Great sense of humour and big influence on the Church in Rome.

Saturday 29th May - Memorial of St Paul VI: Elected Pope in 1963 and oversaw Second Vatican Council. He was the first Pope to travel beyond Europe. Through his word and action, characterised evangelisation, visiting too the Holy Land.

Special Collection: Day for Life (31 May)

your support Day for Life donations will help pregnancy support projects in our Archdiocese and across Scotland. Women in the most deprived areas of Scotland have abortion rates twice as high as those in wealthy areas. Your support will make a difference to unborn children and their mothers. As well as the parish collection, you can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DayforLifeCollection2021> or by cheque, payable to 'Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh' (write 'Day for Life' on the back) can be sent to Pro-Life Office, Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Thanks for your support.

Open Evening

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of education and the Catholic faith? Are you a teacher, an aspiring school leader or simply intellectually curious? Come to an online open evening (Zoom) to hear about courses from St Mary's University, Twickenham, which will be taught at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh this Autumn. It takes place 6-7pm, Wednesday 2 June. Register at bit.ly/OurOpenEvening For more information about courses visit stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Mental Health event

The Archdiocese is hosting an event titled 'Mental Health and the Pandemic: How can we respond?'. It takes place on Monday 7 June, 7:30-8:30pm and features Fr Tony Lappin and Professor John Crichton (Zoom webinar). Register now at bit.ly/MentalHealth_Webinar

Eventbrite: 29th/30th May

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152328754405>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152328694225>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152328481589>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152328337157>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152328240869>

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

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. By what name is a Cub Scout pack leader known? **Akela (Wolf in Book – The Jungle Book 1894)**
2. What is the familiar name for the series of 8 Banavie Locks on the Caledonian Canal near Fort William? **Neptune's Staircase**
3. Which Saint is the Patron Saint of Music? **St Cecilia**

This Week's Quiz

1. What is the collective pronoun for a group of foxes?
2. What is the highest waterfall in the world? (Careful, not what you may think!)
3. Which Church in Glasgow's Gorbals has a claim to the relics of St Valentine?

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Dt 4:32-34.39-40

Psalm: Ps32 2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

