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20th June 2021 – 12th Sunday of the Year



Saturday 19 th June 	<u>BROXBURN</u> <u>5.30pm Mass</u> Barbara Bialoszezewska RIP	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30 am Mass Fr Patrick Walsh RIP 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Cass McKeon RIP (AV)	Memorial of St Romuald 
Sunday 20 th June 	9.30 am Mass Gail Taggart 5.00pm Anne Hancock	11.30 am Mass Frances Tierney RIP	12th Sunday of the Year
Monday 21 st June	9.30 am Mass Lawrence Dow RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga
Tuesday 22 nd June	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass John Keogh RIP (AV)	Memorial of St John Fisher + Thomas More
Wednesday 23 rd June	9.30 am Mass Paul Gillespie RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Thursday 24 th June	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Benefactors of SVDP	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 25 th June	9.30 am Ann Fraser RIP	11.00am School Mass 6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Saturday 26 th June	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Pauline Hughes nee O'Leary	9.30am Mass Joe Boyd 3.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 27 th June 	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of Lynch Family 5.00 pm Mass Bishop Kevin Rafferty RIP	11.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Hanlon Family RIP 	 13 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Theme: 'Calming of the Storm'

We are at the mercy of the elements. The power of nature, the weather and the coming and going of the seasons is mostly beyond human control. The sailor's song cries out "For those in peril on the sea", as winds rise up and change calm waters into crashing waves that so easily can capsize an open boat and send the seafarers into the ocean deep. Jesus uses the calming of the storm to reassure his disciples of his divinity; that there is a greater danger, even beyond drowning in the sea; that is sinking away into hell, away from the heavenly realms. Yes, even the winds and the seas obey Him; but the question is, will I obey his teaching and allow myself to be rescued from the storms of life, especially the deadly wave of sin and death?

REFLECTION

'Prayers for Peace' by Rabbi Harold Kushner

'Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let the warmth of the sun heal us whenever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly; so that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin colour. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness; so that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbours'.

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'Bringing in the Changes'

We are hearing in West Lothian that a new priest has been appointed to Fauldhouse and Canon Hugh White is retiring. We wish him well and pray for his successor, Fr William McQuillan, Curate in Kilsyth Parish. We welcome this coming week, Gerard Holden, a Seminarian who has completed his first year of studies in Rome. He will be with us for four weeks of work experience. Fr Jeremy also welcomes Llewellyn and Lorraine, friends from Swansea, who will be staying in Winchburgh for the next few weeks. We pray for Miss Amy Miller who is leaving St Nicholas School at the end of this term to take up a new appointment in West Lothian.

Holiday Time during COVID



As you may know, the schools break up for the summer holidays at the end of this coming week. Perhaps a time for parents of great uncertainty when going any long distance, either in the UK and abroad is not guaranteed. It is likely that the Scottish Highlands and Islands will be very busy over the next 3 months with visitors. With regard to getting to Mass while on holiday, it seems, at least in the UK and Eire, that all Catholic Churches are open for Mass but with restricted numbers. It is better to plan ahead and check the relevant parish website/phone link to see what the policy is for booking in for Mass. Our Parish Office can provide contact information for UK parishes. Further afield, you would be best to go on the internet. I wish you well and enjoy a good break in these challenging times and come back rested! God Bless.

Father's Day 20th June

In the year of St Joseph, patron saint of husbands, we are invited to give special prominence to Fathers on this Sunday. A good, loving and faithful father is beyond price. In our secular times and with Covid, there are new challenges for a devoted father to respond to. It is faith in God and love for the family that will help to overcome these challenges. St Joseph, husband of Mary, bless our Fathers. Let us pray, 'Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life'.

Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral needs

Broxburn: Wednesday 23rd June 12 noon (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 25th June 4.00 pm (01506 891310)

Sacraments

- (i) Please pray for Stephanie Campbell who receives the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation on Saturday 19th June in Winchburgh. We wish her every blessing.
- (ii) Please pray for Florence Bradley who will be baptised on Sunday 20th June in Broxburn; for her Parents and Godparents at this time too.
- (iii) Please pray for Caitlan Douglas who is entering into the Scrutinies in preparation for her invitation into the Church.

It is wonderful and encouraging to see the Sacraments being sought after and celebrated at this time!

Planned Meetings this Coming Week

- (i) On Monday 21st June, Fr Jeremy will meet with the Head Teachers in both Primary Schools to plan the Sacramental and Religious Observance programme for the 2021/2022 school session. It is hoped to build in some 'Inservice Time' for supporting spiritual and pastoral care for school staff.
- (ii) On Sunday 20th June the St Philomena's Hall Committee AGM will take place at 1 pm in the hall. New members of the St Philomena's Social Club would be wonderful to see. Come along and find out more.
- (iii) School Chaplaincy Webinar on Wednesday 23rd June being hosted by Fr Robert Afajori to help priests and headteachers to work together well in school chaplaincy.
- (iv) St Nicholas Primary Parent Council Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd June via Zoom/internet.
- (v) The St John Cantius and St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 23rd June at 7 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. Items for the agenda include: Evangelisation Post COVID, the new Catholic High School, Diocesan Degree courses and training, Sunday Liturgy, Care of Buildings, Climate Change Prevention measures and Inter-church activity.

Death of Paddy (Patrick) Duffy RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy, who died on 10th June in St John's Hospital. He was a resident in Uphall new housing and previously in McLeod Street. A friendly character, much loved by his neighbours, may he rest in peace. No funeral arrangements as yet.

Chrism Mass - St Mary's Cathedral – 22nd June

Fr Jeremy will attend the Chrism Mass at 7 pm on that day to renew his priestly promises and collect the new oils of Chrism, Catechumen and Infirmorum. Chrism is used for Baptism and Confirmations; Catechumen is used for preparation for Baptism and Infirmorum is the oil used to anoint the sick and the dying. Please pray for our Archdiocese and all the clergy serving in our 70 plus parishes.



Parish Accounts

Broxburn: The year accounts so far in 2021 show a shortfall of income over expenditure of about £2,100. We are endeavouring to keep running costs down and encouraging the faithful to make their offerings to the upkeep of the parish. We must consolidate our reserves for more building repairs and maintenance in the future. Thank you for your giving. More information on Broxburn accounts can be viewed by request at the parish office.

Winchburgh: An update will be given in next week's newsletter. Basically, like Broxburn, we are keeping our costs down and trying to maintain income whilst doing ongoing repairs to the Church. One off donations to capital costs are much appreciated.



Broxburn and Uphall Council of Churches

The group met last week via Zoom. I have advised that our own congregation are content just now to be an 'observer' on the group until further notice. I am planning a walk over the summer to visit the outside of each of our churches and join in collective prayer and reading of Holy Scripture. More details to follow. The Gala Day seems to be off.

News from Further Afield

- (i) A request has been made to track down the knowledge or whereabouts of a lady called 'Mary Noon'. If anyone knows of her, please contact the parish office.
- (ii) It has been announced that Danny Lennon died on 11th June in Alberta, Canada. His family have links with St Philomena's Parish. May he rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick

We realise there are several parishioners very ill at this time and we keep them all in our prayers, especially Martin Ward in the Western and Margaret Brady in Tippethill. Michael Brennan is very grateful for the prayers.

News from the Cyrenians in West Lothian

They operate from Bathgate. The Service Manager is Pauline Moffat. Contact details are opal@cyrenians.scot Tel: 01506 815815. They are a charitable volunteer organisation who aim to raise the quality of care and support for elderly people living within the area, i.e., arts and crafts, picnics, cookery classes, music and dance, café culture etc. They are always glad for new volunteers. A good and worthy cause!

Marys Meals

Mary's Meals are able to take Euro coins and notes, but are able to take only US Dollar notes. Since we will not be travelling for a while, we could help Mary's Meals by donating our leftover cash. Please give any Euros or dollars to May Renton or Catherine McGarvie in Winchburgh, Pauline Steyn or Lesley in Broxburn.

Child Anxiety Webinar

Parents can receive practical and prayerful advice on helping their child deal with anxiety brought on by the pandemic in a free, one hour Webinar at 7:30pm on Monday (21 June) led by Catholic educator Angela Dodds. To register visit bit.ly/AnxietyZoom

EU Nationals

The deadline for EU citizens and their families to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme is 30 June. Free advice sessions are available in Edinburgh. For more information contact – 07803102173, 07518926137 or email - euss@feniks.org.uk.

The Teaching of the Catechism

'Temperance' – Para 1809

Is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within limits of what is honourable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion.

Saints Days this week

Monday 21st June – St Aloysius Gonzaga: 16th Century Saint. Born of a noble family in Lombardy, the oldest of 7 children. At 17 years he gave up his inheritance to become a Jesuit. A plague virus broke out in Rome in 1591. He helped to run a hospital, became infected and died at the age of 23.

Tuesday 22nd June – St John Fisher and St Thomas More: **St John Fisher** was a 15th Century Bishop, Saint and Martyr. Became a target for treason after refusing to approve the divorce of Henry VIII from Katherine of Aragon. Made Cardinal while imprisoned in the Tower of London. **St Thomas More** Lord Chancellor of England. Friend of Henry VIII until the king did not get his way with divorce. Imprisoned, tried and executed for treason. A Catholic man of honesty and integrity.

Thursday 24th June – The Nativity of St John the Baptist: The Birth of the last great prophet was accompanied before and after by such exceptional events, that the local people wondered "what will this child turn out to be?" His vocation was to prepare a way for the Lord and to be a witness that Jesus was the Chosen One of God.

Eventbrite: 26/27th June

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/158368264743>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/158368423217>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/158368936753>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/158369012981>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/158369221605>

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

Second Collection for Peter's Pence

Please note that next Sunday is the second collection for Peter's Pence. This is an annual collection for the Pope's chosen charities and the upkeep of the Vatican Curia. Thanks for your generosity.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. There is a street in Kirkliston called 'Maude Place'. Who or what was 'Maude'? **Named after a famous steam train that came through Kirkliston until the end of steam train traction.**
2. By what other name is the A9 road known? **Great North Road**
3. Where in Poland is the Marian Shrine of Jasna Gora? **Czestochowa**

This Week's Quiz

1. Which heraldic beast is a two-legged winged dragon?
2. Who played the role of 'Gary' in the 1990's BBC hit TV series 'Men Behaving Badly'?
3. Which saint is a patron saint of innkeepers, boatmen and travellers at river crossings?



Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 **Psalm:** Ps 29 **2nd Reading:** 2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15

Gospel: Mk 5:21-43