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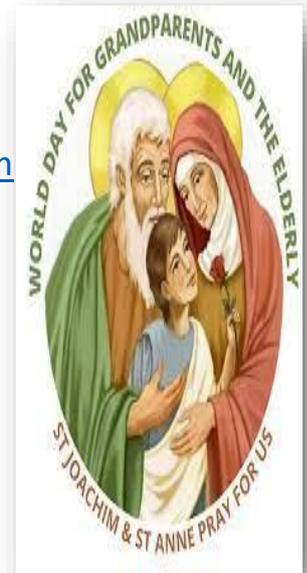
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17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 25TH JULY 2021



Saturday 24 th July	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Lawrence Garza	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 9.30am Mass Margaret Robb 3.00 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention	Mass of Our Lady 
Sunday 25th July World day of prayer for Grandparents	9.30 am Mass Kathleen McMahon RIP 5.00 pm Mass Mgr. Tony Duffy RIP	11.30 am Mass Tony & Lily Mallon 	17th Sunday of the Year 
Monday 26 th July	9.30 am Mass Jim McCafferty RIP	No Mass	Memorial St Joachim & St Anne
Tuesday 27 th July	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Special Intention	Feria
Wednesday 28 th July	9.30 am Mass Deidre McLaughlan (AV)	No Mass	Feria
Thursday 29 th July	No Mass	9.30am Mass Ellen Carabine nee Donnelly	Memorial of St Martha
Friday 30 th July	9.30 am Mass Adam Kowlewski RIP	No Mass	Feria
Saturday 31 st July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Lawrence Stevenson RIP	9.30 am Mass Special Intention 3.00 pm Vigil Mass James McWilliams RIP	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola
Sunday 1st August	9.30 am Mass People of the parishes 5.00 pm Mass Keith Butt RIP	11.30 am Mass Special Intention 	18th Sunday of the Year 

Confessions

Broxburn – Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 5.45pm

Winchburgh – Saturday 10.15am

Theme: "Talking, Praying, Breaking and Sharing"

The power of the supernatural can go way beyond what is thought possible. It reveals both what God can do for us and what we, through the Holy Spirit, can do for God and each other. Limited resources, prayed and received with gratitude by Jesus are then multiplied and shared amongst those in need. This miracle of the shared meal is a prelude to the Eucharistic meal of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus is at the centre of its causality, just as he is at the centre of the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist. Jesus communes his love for the People of God by generous sharing of spiritual food; then encouraging us to take the scraps leftover to ensure that no one is left out; that no one should go away hungry. If only the world could be as inclusive and generous in its sharing of a sacred meal.

Reflection: "Feast and Leisure"

'We thank you for the great feasts of the Church in which we can experience salvation solidarity and shared joy. Through them you remind us of the past salvation history and direct our eyes and steps towards the eternal Kingdom. You help us, too, to discover the richness of the present moment, reassuring us of your abiding presence and loving care. Free the world from that brutish seriousness and cold calculation which often lead to tensions and war. Send holy people to the world to announce to it the rays of Liberation.'" (Fr Bernard Haring CSSP)

World Day of Prayer For Grandparents

Today, Pope Francis invites the Church throughout the world to value and bless the intrinsic role of grandparents in being the 'mainstay' and 'bed rock' of the family. This coincides with the feast on the 25th July of Jesus' grandparents, St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Our Lady. Mary, Mother of God. As was stated by the Holy Father, through the Dicastery for Laity and Family Life, 'The elderly – like the young- are important. Without them the body of the Church lacks something. That is why it is necessary for them to have their rightful place within each of our communities. It is crucial that we share in the lives of older people, in the same way that the Lord, in giving us his Body and Blood, has made us sharers in his own. At the Mass the celebrant will bestow a special prayerful blessing on all of the grandparents; recognising their true worth before God and inviting the young generation to value their wisdom, good counsel and loving, prayerful support to the extended family. Through the intercession of St Joachim and St Anne, God bless our grandparents!

Let us pray, Lord God of our fathers and mothers, you bestowed on St Joachim and St Anne this singular grace that their daughter, Mary, should become the mother of your Son, Jesus Christ; and that they be the grandparents of the Saviour of the World. Grant, at their intercession, the salvation you promised to your people. AMEN.

Shared Parish News

'Haste Ye Back – Gerard'

We have been blessed to have Gerard Holden with us these past four weeks as part of his pastoral work experience. This vibrant and gifted student for the priesthood deserves our prayers and good wishes. He has certainly enriched our parish life in such a short time. We wish him well over the coming year as he prepares to return to the Scots College in Rome and also carry out other Missionary work. It was truly poignant that he was here for his dear uncle's funeral Martin Ward. May Our Lady, the Saints and the Archangels guide him forward in confident hope.

Thank You:

- (i) To Fr Mike Fallon for supplying in our parishes last weekend; he really enjoyed the experience and felt warmly welcomed by the people of God.
- (ii) Fr Younis Pervez in Pakistan who sent some lovely photos of the new St Joseph's church opened and consecrated recently in his parish; you can view this special moment on our websites.

Message from the Ward Family

- (iii) Aileen Ward and family would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers for Martin. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Next Vestry Hour

For all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn Parish – Monday 26th July 4pm

Winchburgh Parish – Wednesday 28th July 5pm



COVID – Continued Safety Procedures

We are aware perhaps by the news that the Scottish Government have adhered us to go to 1 metre distancing in the Church but as long as we maintain the PPE practises of mask wearing, sanitising and the Track and Trace. We must too respect the role of ‘Welcomers’ to guide people to their seats and to sanitise the church after each Mass. Without their help we would be in difficulty. As the numbers allowed in our church rise to 100. Please still remember to book in for Mass either by Eventbrite or by phoning the office. You do not have to book in for weekday Mass due to the increased numbers. The numbers for Baptism, Weddings and funerals **are up to 100 with social distancing in place**. Thank you for your cooperation.

St John’s Hospital – Chaplaincy

Please be reminded that if you need a priest from 8am to 10pm in St Johns, to ask for the nurse to call the ‘On Call Priest’. From 10pm to 8am the ‘night call Chaplain’ is alerted by asking the Ward nurse of the Hospital switchboard on 01506 523000 to call out the ‘night call chaplain’. Fr Jeremy is on night calls this coming week.

Message from Gerard Holden

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Broxburn and Winchburgh parishes for welcoming me in and making my placement here such a thoroughly rich and rewarding experience. Whether it be in the form of pre-made dinners or otherwise the generosity shown to me has been moving. I would also like to say a big thank you to Fr Jeremy and Canon John for showing me the ropes and whose witness has painted such a positive picture of the priesthood. This is my first placement as a seminarian and I couldn’t have asked for a better place to be sent. Keep praying for me as I am for you. Gerard.

Help us Please to Care for the Garden

We have a beautiful parish garden in St John Cantius & St Nicholas, Broxburn, but it requires a lot of attention. We are very grateful for Tommy Cannon, now in his 70’s who tries to keep on top of things, with the help, when possible, of one or two others, but the garden does urgently need some younger volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Fr Jeremy, the parish priest, or let Tommy Cannon know too. God handles the growing, we do the mowing! Thank you.

New Stained-Glass Window – St Philomena’s

Those who come to church in St Philomena’s parish Winchburgh, will be stunned by the new windows just installed at Our Lady’s Altar in memory of a dear Kate Nelson who died about 2 years ago. The theme is the Annunciation and it incorporates her love of the Scottish Coastal landscape. We are very grateful for this permanent memorial to a much-loved daughter and sister. May she rest in peace.

Emma Lindsay is the stained-glass window artist who is based in Glasgow. God Bless her creativity.

Sacraments

- (i) Please pray for Caitlin Douglas who is due to be baptised on Saturday 24th July and for her sponsor, and all her family. She is a devoted follower of Christ.
- (ii) Infant Baptisms can now be booked in both parishes. Parents should contact the parish priest and arrange some form of catechesis. The Canon Hoban Hall can be used for a family function after, provided PPE procedures are adhered to.

Office Staff on holiday

Please **BOOK** in for the next **two** weeks as office staff on holiday and volunteers are coming in on **Monday 26th July from 9am-12 noon to cover the office phone, contact 01506 852040. Do not email as won’t be picked up until the office staff return. Many thanks.**

Funeral of Cathy Feeney (Fitzpatrick)RIP

Fr Jeremy has been asked to carry out this Requiem Mass at St Andrews, Livingston on Tuesday 27th July at 10am. We pray for the repose of her soul, her husband ‘Ambi’ and all the family. Fr Simon Hughes will kindly celebrate the 9.30am Mass in St Philomena’s that morning.

Saints Days this week:

Monday 26th July – St Joachim & St Anne (parents of Our Lady) – they are traditionally named parents of Mary, the Mother of Christ Jesus. The earliest reference to their names is the second century apocryphal Gospel of James.

Thursday 29th July – Memorial of St Martha – Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. He visits their home in Bethany and dines with them. When Jesus corrects Martha, it is with gentleness and familiarity. Jesus weeps with Martha and Mary outside the tomb of their brother Lazarus and then performs the great miracle of bringing Lazarus back from the dead.

Saints Days this week continued:

Saturday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) – from the north of Spain, founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the Society had spread widely and had one thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory.

The Teaching of the Catechism:

Para 1655 – The Family – The Domestic Church

It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptised in a privileged way by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life and self-denial and active charity. This the home is the first school of Christian life and a school for human enrichment.... No one is without family in this world: the church is a home and family for everyone, especially those who "labour are heavy laden".

The Wee Cinema Winchburgh

Has its first showing this Saturday morning at 11.00. The film is a PG family film, *The Kid Would Be King*. There are a few tickets left. You need to book using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wee-cinema-at-winchburgh-film-screening-tickets-161121531839>

Family groups will be socially distanced and all Covid mitigation strategies will be in place.

The Wee Cinema is run by the community, for the community, at St Philomena's Hall.

Safeguarding Webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

Eventbrite: 31st July/1st August

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160744889291>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160744967525>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160745585373>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750259353>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750496061>

7th/8th August

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750658547>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750754835>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160751107891>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160752205173>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750973489>

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

This weeks Summer Quiz

1. What marks the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised the Jacobite Standard?
2. What is the name given to a female swan?
3. What is a vernicle?
4. What sort of creature is Gandalf in J.R.R Tolkien's novel 'The Hobbit'?
5. What is 'Horsepower'?

Answers to Last week's Quiz

1. In card games, what name is given to a hand in which all cards are from the same suit?
Flush
2. What was the first talking film in cinema history? **The Jazz Singer in 1928**
3. What does the Australian word 'dinkum' mean? a) Small b) Outside c) English **d) Honest**
4. The first Papal visit to South America was by Paul VI in August 1968. At what city did he first touch down? **Bogota, Columbia**
5. Which Island lies opposite the Town of Oban in Oban Bay? **Kerrerra Island**

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading: Ex 16:2-4.12-15 Psalm: Ps 77 2nd Reading: Eph 4:17.20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35