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6th June 2021 – CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Saturday 5 th June	<u>BROXBURN</u> 5.30pm Vigil John Toner RIP	<u>WINCHBURGH</u> 11 am Holy Communion Mass Larry Garza 3pm Vigil Mass Fr Angelus O'Neill OFM	Memorial of St Boniface 
Sunday 6th June Corpus Christi	9.30 am Special Intention 5.00pm May Tierney (sick)	11.30 am Mass Jerry Cannon (sick)	
Monday 7 th June	9.30 am Mass Cathy Watt (Lavin)	6.00 pm Rosary	Feria
Tuesday 8 th June	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Mary Philbin RIP	Feria
Wednesday 9 th June	9.30 am Mass John Flanigan (Glasgow)	6.00 pm Rosary	Feast of St Columba
Thursday 10 th June	6.00 pm Rosary	9.30 am Mass Frank Nolan RIP	Feria
Friday 11 th June	9.30 am Paulo Crolla RIP	6.00 pm Rosary	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Saturday 12 th June	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Ethan Hughes	9.30am Mass Philbin Family 3.00 pm Vigil Mass James & Mary Doherty	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 13th June	9.30 am Mass Eric Copeland 5.00 pm Mass Chris Mularkey RIP	11.30 am Mass Agnes Cannon (AV) 	11 th Sunday of the Year 

Corpus Christi
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
Theme: 'Multiplication'

Holy Communion is the perfect sacramental solution to how can Jesus, God and Man, feed the world with his own body and blood. The feeding of the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish was a prelude to the universal communion. The Last Supper sealed the Passover meal into a Divine Covenant between earth and heaven. The 'single grain' of Jesus' life being crushed into the bread of heaven. The 'rich harvest' is there for the people of God to see, touch and taste. Only God could come up with such an inspiring way to unite the faithful in a sacred meal that we call 'Holy Communion'. The Catholicity of the Church is brought about by the Apostolic Mission that is made manifest by the Holy Spirit. Thank you Jesus for giving yourself to me in the Holy Eucharist.

REFLECTION

'Fruitful Discontent' - Diana Butler Bass

'O God, make me discontented with things the way they are in the world and in my own life. Make me notice the stains when people get spilled on. Make me care about the slum child downtown, the misfit at work, the people crammed into the mental hospital, the men, women and youth behind bars. Jar my complacency, expose my excuses, get me involved in the life of my town and world. Give me integrity once more, O God, as we seek to be changed and transformed, with a new understanding and awareness of our common humanity'.

'Only through death does resurrection arrive, as does the fruit and new life'. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

'We are Communion'

One of the beautiful models of the Church is 'Church as Mystical Communion'. It is good to be reminded of this as we celebrate 'Corpus Christi' Sunday, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Around the world at this very time, under COVID-19 conditions, Parishes are attempting to celebrate the First Holy Communion and have some sort of Corpus Christi procession. The Church is extinct without the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion; we draw spiritual strength from sharing in the real presence of Jesus. This is no passing whim of the Saviour; it is central to the redemptive power and mission of the living Church. All seemed lost on the road to Emmaus, until they recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread. 'Give us this day our daily bread'!

June – The Month of the Sacred Heart

As mentioned before, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a big part of religious culture and spiritual heritage. Around the world, the image of the Sacred Heart adorns houses, schools, hospitals and even on buses in Western India. In the present times, it is good to be reminded of the healing power that comes from venerating the wounded heart of Jesus. The ancient hymn, 'Sacred Heart of Jesus', rekindles that message. An old priest once told me that the best protection against burglary and desecration of your home was a picture of the Sacred Heart on your wall. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is this coming Friday 11th June, the following day, Saturday 12th June, is the memorial to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thank You

- (i) To all who supported the appeal for Communications Sunday; that finances the work of the Church that is involved in media, IT and associated work in getting our message across in a crowded information technology world.
- (ii) For enabling through donations for Mass intentions that have allowed us, with the other donations, to support Fr Younis in building his third Church in Pakistan. It is heartening that in a country where the Muslim faith is so strong, there is still room for the Christian Catholic Faith to expand and grow. We pray for his work of mission and the safety of the Church there.
- (iii) Last weekend's collection for the 'Day for Life' White Flower Appeal has brought in so far, over £200 in supporting the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn. We expect more funds to come in too. Thank you.

Calling All Zoomologists!

I am appealing for more 'Zoomologists' – those who kindly host our Masses and services over the internet. Anyone who is familiar with IT can do this and it is a great service to the 'housebound'. If you are willing to help, please contact the parish office or Fr Jeremy. Thank you.

Corpus Christi – Procession (this Sunday)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the Corpus Christi Procession this year will be kept very simple but still take place. Fr Jeremy will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church in Broxburn at 3pm, followed by walking around the grounds of the Church and visiting the Shrine of the Mother of God, before returning to the Church for Benediction. If coming, please wear masks and keep the 2-metre distancing. Thank you.

Vocations to the Priesthood

There are two young men, Rev Martin Eckersley and Rev Bobby Taylor, due to be ordained to the priesthood in our Diocese in about 4 weeks' time. We pray for them in these final weeks of spiritual preparation – both are from the Scottish Borders. We have been asked to take a Seminarian for parish work experience; a Gerard Holden from Dalkeith. He will be in our parishes for 3 or 4 weeks from the end of June. He is most welcome. A wee note from Gerard –

My name is Gerard Holden. I am a first-year seminarian at the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. I was born in Dalkeith and spent 13 years in London working in the music industry latterly teaching English in Sicily. My hobbies include music and sport and I enjoy volunteering with the Homeless Catholic Mission which is a student run initiative that provides essential services to the homeless community in Rome. Having completed a busy academic year at The Angelicum studying philosophy, I look forward to joining you in Broxburn/Winchburgh and serving your parishes as best I can. In Christ, Gerard.

Death of Fr John Scally RIP

A priest of our Archdiocese, who was at Seminary with me, died this past week, diagnosed at 50 years old with Alzheimer's; after 5 years illness, he died in Fife, surrounded by his family. A former Gillis student, Fr John went to New College and became the first Catholic President of the Divinity Students Faculty since the Reformation. May he rest in peace.

Sacraments

- (i) **First Communion:** Thank you so much to all who helped the First Communion celebrations to take place in our two parishes. The children took part with great dignity and reverence. Now it is for the parents to ensure that they remain faithful to bringing the children to Mass and allowing them to be an active member of the Parish community and the Family of God. A letter to this effect is going out to parents.
- (ii) **Baptism:** We pray for Charlie Longworth who is being baptised at St John Cantius and St Nicholas on Sunday 6th June. May his Parents and Godparents be blessed in helping to form him in the faith. Baptisms can now have 50 people present. Track and Trace is required and face masks for those who attend.

St Philomena's Parish Hall

The hall has now reopened and the bar and social facilities are available on a Friday evening until 10.30pm, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The halls in both parishes can now be used for 'funeral catering' and other catering events, providing we keep to the PPE guidelines. The St Philomena's Hall Committee are having an AGM on Sunday 20th June at 1pm. Any parishioner is very welcome and encouraged to become a member of the St Philomena's Social Club. The annual membership is only £7. It would be great to have some new members. Volunteer bar staff are also much appreciated.

Please Pray for the Primary Sevens

In these last few weeks of their Primary Education, we pray for the P7's. They cannot have the normal leaving rituals but we still hope to have 'Leavers Masses' for both schools in the third week of June. We wish them every blessing and goodwill in this time of transition.

The Teaching of the Catechism:

'Eucharist: Sacrifice and Sacrament' – Para 1323-1398

'At the Last Supper, on the night when he was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of clarity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is received, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us'. This mystery is the very centre and culmination of Christian life.



Vestry Hour this coming week

For all general pastoral enquiries

Broxburn: Tuesday 8th June 7.30 pm (01506 852040)

Winchburgh: Friday 11th June 5.00 pm (01506 891310)

Rev Scott Marshall

Just a reminder that the Rev Scott Marshall is retiring at the end of June and the second collections this weekend is for his presentation. He has been a good friend and neighbourly support to St Philomena's for many years. We wish him and his wife, Susanne, every blessing in this new chapter of their lives. He will be missed.



Gift Aiding Collection Envelopes

The First Communion parents were handed books of Offertory Collection envelopes at the First Communion Masses last weekend. If they chose to use them and they pay tax, then they must ask the Parish Office for a 'Gift Aid' form so we can reclaim the tax from HMRC. This is a simple and safe method to provide funding for the Parish. Thanks for your kindness and cooperation. You can also make your Church Offering by Standing Order. See the Parish Office for bank details.

Saints Feast Days this week

Wednesday 9th June – Feast of St Columba. He came from the Royal Families of Ireland. His mother was descended from the King of Leinster. His best-known foundation was Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland. He had a loud voice that could carry a mile! He became involved in a sanctuary dispute, a man who had fatally injured an opponent in a hurling match took refuge with Columba. It all escalated and Columba's clan went to war against Diarmid's men. Three thousand died in battle. In a punitive move, Columba was sent into exile. Sent out in the Irish Sea in a small boat, him and 12 followers ended up on Iona. He converted the northern Picts, including the Pictish King Brude at Inverness to Christianity. Many kings and rulers were buried on Iona.

Eventbrite: 29th/30th May

Winchburgh 3pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156473964841>

Broxburn 5.30pm Vigil: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156474123315>

Broxburn 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156474215591>

Winchburgh 11.30 am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156474309873>

Broxburn 5pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156474504455>

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

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Why are Priests hands covered when he blesses with the Monstrance at Benediction? **To give the sign that the blessing comes not from a priest's hands but from Christ.**
2. Which tough grass is widely used to establish sand dunes? **Marran grass**
3. Which Scottish football team previously played at the Meadows, Powderhall and Mayfield?
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This Week's Quiz

1. In Scot's what does the term 'bawbee' mean when applied to coins?
2. Which planet was the birthplace of Mr Spock in the tv series 'Star Trek'?
3. Name the European City having the first Church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Hospital Night Cover

Fr Jeremy will be on night calls at St John's Hospital this week. Please bear in mind that if you need a priest during the day at the hospital, ask the nurse to 'page' the on-call priest (8am to 10pm). If you need a priest during the night at the hospital, to contact the priest on duty for night calls (10pm to 8am).

Broxburn cleaning: Group 2

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ez 17:22-24

Psalm: Ps 91 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

