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**AND ST PHILOMENA'S**

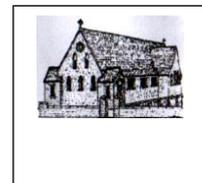
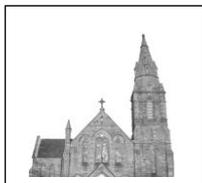
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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Mary McGowan RIP	10.30 am Mass Mary Watson RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Mass Maeve Colm RIP	11.30 am Mass The People of the Parish	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Sea Sunday)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Mass James Lynch (AV)	No Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>No evening Mass</b>	9.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Feast of St Benedict
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Mass Special Intention	No Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Jim McTiernan (AV)	14 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Mass Anthony Flynn RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Colin McConaghy RIP	10.30 am Mass Margaret Ferguson (AV)	Memorial of St Bonaventure
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Johnny Byrne RIP	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

**Morning Prayer: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. - 8.30 am**

**Confessions: Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm.**

**Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am Sat. - 9.30 am**

**Winchburgh: Sat. 10.15 am**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 9TH JULY 2017**

**THEME:**

**"Humility"** - is vital in our search for God and enables us to let go of self and make space for God in whom we find our strength. When we come to Mass on Sunday morning laden down with the problems and troubles of the past week, Christ meets us at our own level. As we unload our difficulties and sufferings before him, he makes them into an acceptable offering to his heavenly Father. The gospel speaks to us of the tender personal and human qualities of Christ's love for us. God is full of mercy and compassion and a great comfort in times of sorrow and distress. There is a great capacity for goodness in each one of us, provided we accept the invitation to build up our lives with Christ as our model.

**REFLECTION:**

*In honour of the pilgrims from the Archdiocese who are in Lourdes this week, we acknowledge that we are in solidarity with them in praying to Our Lady*

'Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life our sweetness and our hope,  
To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then Most Gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us.  
And after this our exile, show unto us the Blessed Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.'

**SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**The Teaching of the Catechism: "Prayer" - (Persevering in Love) - Para 2742 - 'Pray constantly, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.'** St Paul adds, 'Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance making supplication for all the saints.' For 'we have not

been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast constantly, but it has been laid down that we are to pray without ceasing.' This tireless fervour can only come from love. Against our dullness and laziness, the battle of prayer is that of humble, trusting and persevering love. This love opens our hearts to three enlightening and life-giving facts of faith about prayer. Para 2743 'It is always possible to pray'. The time of the Christian is that of the risen Christ who is with us always, no matter what tempests may arise. Our time is in the hands of God. Para 2744 - 'Prayer is a vital necessity'. Proof from the contrary is no less convincing; if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him? Para 2745 - 'Prayer and Christian life are inseparable.' For they concern the same love and the same renunciation, proceeding from love; the same filial and loving conformity with the Father's plan of love; the same transforming union in the Holy Spirit who conforms us more and more to Christ Jesus; the same love for all men, the love with which Jesus has loved us. 'Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he (will) give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.'

**Father Younis:** Sadly, Fr Younis will not be coming to our parishes to help out during Fr Jeremy's holidays as his Visa was not granted in time. He has now finished his studies in Rome and will be returning to Pakistan to commence his priestly duties in his own parish. We wish him well and thank him for all his help and kindness whilst he was serving in Broxburn and Winchburgh, Please keep Fr Younis and his family in your prayers.

**Fr Jeremy - Holidays:** Due to Fr Younis being unavailable to help out with the Masses while Fr Jeremy is on holiday, Fr Jeremy will say the Masses this weekend, the **Saturday morning Mass in Winchburgh being 10.30 am.** Canon Agnew is covering the weekday Masses until next weekend.

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Please keep in your prayers all those from our Archdiocese who are going on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. We pray especially for all the sick pilgrims and the medical staff and helpers accompanying them. Also, please remember and pray for all the former deceased pilgrims, who have gone on past pilgrimages. May they rest in peace.

**Parish Outing:** Just a reminder about the Parish Outing to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. There is a list at the back of each church if you require a seat on the bus. We will leave Broxburn at 9.30 am and from Winchburgh at approximately 9.45 am. We will leave the island around 4.00 pm. We are looking at hiring a bus which will enable the transport of wheelchairs. More details to follow.

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children:** A growing number of organisations are working together to propose the most radical policy concerning abortions. A SPUK Scotland Petition is available at the back of the church to oppose the campaign to extend abortion. Please sign the petition to help mobilise opposition to this threat to future generations of children. *John Deighan, Chief Executive Officer.* e-mail john@spukscotland.org.

**Senior People's Forum:** West Lothian Council extends an invitation to people aged 60+ living in West to attend a senior people's forum on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Howden Park Centre, Livingston EH54 6AE, Space 3.

**Praying for the Sick:** Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: John Donoghue, May Lawson, Jacqueline Kirk, Martin Donoghue, Joanne Mulcachy, Jo Tinney, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Robert Little, Alan Russell, Anne O'Kane (Middleton Hall). Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm: 64:10-14. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23. Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23.

### **SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH**

**Tuesday evening Mass:** Please note there will be no Tuesday evening Mass in Broxburn next week.

**Marriage of Andrew Stevenson and Mhairi Johnston:** Please pray for these two young people who are due to be married on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the Church of the Holy family in Dunblane, conducted by Canon McBride. We also pray for both of their families and wish them a very happy married life and pray for God's Blessings on them.

**Cleaning Rota:** Group 1 - 24<sup>th</sup> July. Group 2 - 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. Group 3 - 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. Group 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Group 5 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Vestry Hour:** Please note there is no Vestry Hour next week as Fr Jeremy is on holiday.

**Housebound Visits:** Please note there will be no housebound visits in July as Fr Jeremy is on holiday. The next visits will be as follows: Broxburn east and west - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**Special Collection for Peter's Pence:** Thank you especially for your contributions to the special collection last Sunday for Peter's Pence which raised £385.50.

**Collections:** Offertory: £872.00. Building Fund: £383.00. Candles - £113.56. **59 Club: to be published next week.**

### **ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH**

**Morning Mass:** Please note there will be no morning Mass in Winchburgh on Friday morning next week and the Saturday morning Mass will be at 10.30 am.

**Housebound Visits:** Due to Fr Jeremy's holidays in July there will be no housebound visits until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**Vestry Hour:** Also please note there will be no Vestry Hour next week due to Fr Jeremy's holidays.

**Collection and Special Collection for Peter's Pence** will be published next week.