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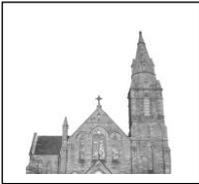
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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 22 nd July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Catherine Docherty RIP	10.30 am Mass Eileen Clark RIP	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 23 rd July	9.30 am Mass Eileen and Ted Bonar (Golden Wedding Anniversary)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	16 th Sunday of the Year - Feast of St Alphonsa
Monday 24 th July	9.30 am Mass Catherine Callaghan RIP	12 noon Requiem Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	16 th Week of the Year
Tuesday 25 th July	6.00 pm Mass Violet Mulholland RIP	9.30 am Mass Graeme Borthwick RIP	Feast of St James, Apostle
Wednesday 26 th July	9.30 am Mass George Duthie RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne
Thursday 27 th July	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Anna McManus RIP	16 th Week of the Year
Friday 28 th July	9.30 am Mass Mary McKenna RIP	10.30 am Mass Jim McTiernan (AV)	16 th Week of the Year
Saturday 29 th July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Holligan RIP	9.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Memorial of St Martha
Sunday 30 th July	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass John McTiernan RIP	17 th Sunday of the Year

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

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am Sat. - 8.30 am

Confessions: Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. Tues. 6.30 pm

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat - 10.15 am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 23RD JULY 2017

THEME:

'**God help me.**' The Gospel story today gives us an insight into the life of God whose power is best displayed in leniency and endless patience. He is at all times concerned with the conversion of people but never with their destruction. With Him no one is ever written off or considered beyond redemption. His mercy is more urgent than His judgement and His nature is best revealed in His tolerance towards the wayward in our midst. God cares for everybody, but especially for those whose lives are choked by sin. The emphasis in this Gospel is on exercising patience and showing tolerance until God makes His great gathering on judgement day. In the meantime, as members of the Church, we all share the task of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. Many of us will find this challenging, as we may be harsh or judgemental by nature. It's all so easy to categorise people and pin the label 'sinner' on them, forgetting how appearances are so often deceptive. This does not mean cultivating an attitude of indifference towards evil. While we must abhor sin we must never stop loving the sinner. The good news is that it is never too late for a sinner to turn back to God and be accepted. Weeds can never become wheat, but by the power of God a sinner can become a saint. Let us all be thankful that on the last day we shall be judged by God and not by one another.

REFLECTION:

'To transform the world, to recreate it afresh, mankind must turn into another path psychologically. Until you have become in actual fact, a brother/sister to everyone, brotherhood will not come to pass. No sort of scientific teaching, no kind of common interest, will ever teach man to share properly and privilege with equal consideration for all.' (Father Zossima in Dostoyevsky's The Brothers Karamazov).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

The Teaching of the Catechism: 'Conscience' - Para. 1782 - 'Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters.'

Feat of St Alphonsa: There is a special Syro Malabar celebration in honour of St Alphonsa today at St Andrew's Church in Livingston. It begins with a Mass at 2.00 pm. then a procession around Victoria Street in Craigshill with the relic of the Saint. This will be a poignant moment to remember Fr Martin Xavier who was found dead in Dunbar four weeks ago. If you have never attended one of these processions before it is well worth the experience. It is a very colourful and musical event.

House Blessing: This is a good time of the year to get your house blessed, whether you are moving into a new home or whether you had your house blessed some time ago. Fr Jeremy is very happy to come and bless your house and, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for your home to be protected from all harm and to be a place of light, happiness and peace. Please e-mail him or ask him personally to arrange an appointment.

Do you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic: This is a good time of the year to reflect on the possibility of taking instruction in the Catholic faith. As from September of this year a Catechetical programme for adults will be run in Broxburn. If you are interested in attending these classes please see Fr Jeremy over the coming weeks. The course is also open to those who are returning to their faith or want to know more about their faith.

Night Calls at St John's Hospital: Fr Jeremy is on night call duty this coming week from 24th to 30th July. If you need a priest during the day please be aware to ask the hospital to page the on-call priest and, if at night, then ask the hospital to phone the night on-call priest.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Nina Brown, Patricia Armstrong, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Joanne Mulcachy, Jo Tinney, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Anne O'Kane, Muriel O'Donnell. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Next Sunday's Readings: 17th Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the book of the Kings 3:5. 7-12. Psalm: 118:57.72.76-77. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52.

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Legion of Mary - Visit to Carfin: The Legion of Mary are visiting Carfin on Tuesday 25th July. The mini bus will be leaving from the church car park at 11.00 am. This has been organised by the Legion of Mary and includes Mass, a Spiritual Talk, Rosary and Benediction. The minibus will be returning to Broxburn about 3.45 pm. We thank Fr Sebastian for lending us his minibus and the Holy Ghost Fathers for allowing us to use their facilities.

SVDP Annual Outing: Reference the outing to St Andrews on Thursday 7th September 2017, the list will be at the back of the church next weekend for the names of those parishioners who wish to go.

Wedding Bells: Gavin David Allan from Macduff and Siobhan Mhari Cardow are getting married in the Broxburn church on Friday 28th July at 1.30 pm. We wish them both every blessing in their married life together and hope and pray they will always seek the help of God in bringing their promises of marriage to fulfilment.

Birthday Wishes: We wish Vanessa, who celebrates a 'Special Birthday' this coming week, a very happy birthday. We give thanks for all her faithful dedication to music and to the choir in the Broxburn church.

Fabric Report: This week an alarm system has been installed in the church and the one in the house is being recommissioned in the next week or two. All existing key holders will be advised as to how it operates to make sure there are no 'false alarms'. Thank you for your co-operation. Attention is being paid to the church steeple where a leak is continuing to cause damage in the bell tower and greenery is growing out of the cracks in the steeple which will need to be removed as soon as possible to prevent further damage.

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

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Monday 24th July at 5.00 pm. It is best to book Fr Jeremy first.

Housebound Visits: The next visits will be as follows: Broxburn east and west - Monday 7th August. Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont - Tuesday 8th August.

Collections: Offertory: £802.10. Building Fund: £250.50. Candles - £65.63. '59 Club': (No.23). Group 1 - L Forsyth. Group 2 - E Murphy.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Coffee Morning: There is a coffee morning in St Philomena's Hall on Friday 4th August at 11.00 am. Proceeds will go to the roof fund.

Margaret Ledgerwood RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ledgerwood. Her Requiem Mass is on Monday 24th July at 12 noon and her coffin will be received into the church at 5.30 pm on Sunday 23rd July. May she rest in peace.

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound on Tuesday 15th August.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Friday 28th July at 11.30 am. It is better to book Fr Jeremy first.

Collection: Offertory - £292.87. Thank you for your generosity.