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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
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
Monday 31 st July	9.30 am Mass John Murray RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola
Tuesday 1 st August	6.00 pm Mass Natividad Rodrigues RIP	9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of the Keogh Family	Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday 2 nd August	9.30 am Mass Susan Cumming RIP	No Mass	St Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday 3 rd August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass John Donoghue RIP	17 th Week of the Year
Friday 4 th August	9.30 am Mass Kathleen Chapman RIP	10.30 am Mass Anna McManus RIP	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney
Saturday 5 th August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention	9.30 am Mass Eileen Clarke RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 6 th August	9.30 am Mass Baby Carly Jane Ritchie (AV)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 30TH JULY 2017

THEME:

'You're a Treasure!' - In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the Kingdom of heaven the treasure hidden in a field. In other words, the 'treasure of salvation' is there but it is for us to go out and search for it, desire it. We use the term, 'You're a treasure' to describe someone we love, perhaps who is very good to us. The value is not in what they own or possess but in what they give to us generously. Jesus comes to give us His whole self in body, blood, soul and divinity. This is a beautiful sign of what is to come in the Kingdom of heaven. In order to reach the Kingdom of heaven we must go through Him. That, in faith, we treasure his teaching and example. That we make the Church reflect His loving goodness, so much so that being in the Church means finding 'spiritual treasure.' Something that the secular world can never give. A living faith, once found, is a pearl beyond price.

REFLECTION:

'Christ and the Kingdom of God' - Christ has fulfilled the Messiah's dream and led mankind into the Kingdom of God. By being anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit in the Jordan, and by His victory over evil, restored humanity, its authority over the power of evil; and set it once more at harmony with the beasts of the earth and the whole creation. (*Matthew the Poor - The Communion of Love*).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

The Teaching of the Catechism: Para 550 - 'The Coming of God's Kingdom means the defeat of Satan's.' If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. Jesus' exorcisms free some

individuals from the domination of demons. They anticipate Jesus' great victory over the 'ruler of this world'. The Kingdom of God will be definitely established through Christ's cross: God reigned from the wood.'

Message from Fr Younis: "Dear Fr Jeremy, Canon John and parishioners. It is with great disappointment that, due to a technicality in my application, my UK visa was refused and so I was unable to join you this summer. I thank you all most sincerely for your many prayers, messages of support and gifts you have sent me. Fr Jeremy, you have been a tower of strength to me as have my spiritual Godparents, thank you very much. Holy Mass will be offered in the Holy Family convent on 23rd July for you. Please God I will be able to visit you next year. Please pray for me. God Bless. Kind regards Fr Younis". **N B** - Thankfully, Fr Younis has now received his passport and will be back in his Diocese very soon.

Pastoral letter on the McLellan Report: There are copies of this report available at the back of each church for you to read on the ongoing work in our Diocese on the implementation of the McLellan Commission's recommendations.

Trip to the Holy Island: Due to the great response for the trip to the Holy Island on 12th August, we have booked a bigger bus for those on the 'Reserved List' and there are still a few seats left. If you still wish to go please leave your name on the 'Additional Reserve List' at the back of the church with your name and phone number.

Forthcoming Baptism Class: The next baptism class is on 25th August and if you require your child to be baptised they must be registered with Fr Jeremy before that date.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Nina Brown, Patricia Armstrong, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, 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: The Transfiguration of the Lord. First reading: A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. Psalm 96:1-2, 5-6,9. Second reading: A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1:16-19. Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.

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Baptism: We pray for Roke Catherine Honiball who is to be baptised in the Broxburn church on Saturday 5th August at 12 o'clock and for her parents and godparents.

Blood Transfusion Service: The Blood Transfusion Service will be at the Strathbrock Partnership Centre on Mon. 7th Aug. from 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm and from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. If you are able, please give a pint of your blood to help save lives.

SVDP Annual Outing: The list is at the back of the church for the names of those parishioners who wish to go to St Andrews on Thursday 7th September 2017. Please add your name if you wish to go.

Gift Aid Update: The Archdiocese has completed the Gift Aid Settlement for the claim Tax Year ended 5/4/17. The total sum claimed back from the revenue is over £9,000.00. We are grateful to the donors, the money counters and the Gift Claim parish expert who brought this to fruition.

Fabric Update: This week new toilets have been installed in the parish church sacristy and the parish house. Also, we are grateful to a neighbour who donated top soil for the parish garden. A kind parishioner has done internal redecoration in the house voluntarily. Regarding the new alarm system in the house, anyone who has a key, and who has not been shown the new alarm by Fr Jeremy, please see him **as soon as possible**.

Cleaning Rota: 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 Tuesday 1st August 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: £843.00. Building Fund: £275.00. Candles: £89.80. '**59 Club**': (No.23). Group 1 - L Forsyth. Group 2 - E Murphy. (Bonus ball is the same as last week).

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Candles: Votive candles are an ideal way for any adult/child to pray for any intention. To encourage usage, the price remains at a voluntary donation. Meanwhile, our larger altar candles remain on sale in our stall priced at £1.30, £1.50, and £2.00. These candles will burn for five to seven days.

Thank you: The family of John Donoghue would like to thank everyone who attended John's Requiem Mass, and for the Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of condolences sent. Thanks also for the retiral collection which raised £376.92 for the church roof fund.

Fabric Update: Work is being done soon to upgrade the drainage grids in the parish car park to make them safe. The gas fire in the parish house dining room is being removed because it does not comply with carbon monoxide safety tests.

Mass Intentions: At the moment we have a backlog of Mass intentions. The earliest date available just now is the middle of October.

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

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Thursday 3rd August at 6.00 pm. It is better to book Fr Jeremy first.

Collections: Offertory - £383.90. Roof fund - **Total so far - £94,241.00**. Thank you for your generosity.