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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
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 Anna McManus RIP	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday 7 th August	9.30 am Mass John & Winifred McLaughlin (AV)	No Mass	18 th Week of the Year
Tuesday 8 th August	6.00 pm Mass Joe Connolly RIP	9.30 am Mass Louise Ledgerwood (AV)	Memorial of St Dominic
Wednesday 9 th August	9.30 am Mass Monsignor Eugene Harley RIP	No Mass	Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Thursday 10 th August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass James Robb & family	Feast of St Lawrence
Friday 11 th August	9.30 am Mass Eileen Phillips RIP	10.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Memorial of St Clare
Saturday 12 th August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Christopher Callaghan RIP	9.30 am Mass Agnes Lavin (AV)	St Blaas, Bishop
Sunday 13 th August	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Peter Gorman (AV)	19 th Sunday of the Year

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

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

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am Sat. - 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat - 10.15 am

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 06TH AUGUST 2017

THEME: 'Transfiguration' - In the Gospel today from Matthew we hear of the moment Jesus was transfigured on Mount Horeb. It was witnessed by three Apostles, Peter, James and John. So with three key witnesses, there could be no doubt that this remarkable event took place. The heavenly experience took three forms, firstly the radical change in the appearance of Jesus; secondly the appearance of Moses and Elijah; and thirdly, the voice from an unexpected source, God, the Father, affirming Christ's unique identity as God and man. This was, perhaps, surprisingly, not a moment to be afraid, in fact Simon Peter expressed utter delight in the experience. It was only when the Father spoke that they became afraid ... despite their fear of hearing a divine voice, Jesus reassures them knowingly and calls them not to be afraid. The message is ... God is on your side. He is with those who trust and believe in Him. Mount Horeb shows that beyond the Hill of Calvary, 'The Place of the Skull' there is fundamentally Good News of redemption for those who believe.

REFLECTION: 'Angels and the City' - Fr R Rolheiser. "Some years ago, I was attending a seminar in anthropology. At one point the lecturer said this, 'what psychology and spirituality keep forgetting is that we are mammals.' As a theologian and spiritual writer (and celibate) the truth of his words hit me hard. He's right! How easily do we forget this in religious circles. But religious circles are right too, in consistently reminding us that we are also an angel." + 'Be gentle to all and stern with yourself.' St Teresa of Avila, 1582.

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Parish Visit to Holy Island - Saturday 12th August: We are looking forward to the Parish visit to Holy Island next Saturday, 12th August. It will be, I pray, a great experience. Bus pick up times: **Broxburn - 9.30 am** (on street outside the church). **Winchburgh - 10.00 am** (on street outside the church). We hope to arrive there about 12 noon, traffic permitting. The coach will park in the centre of Lindisfarne. There are toilets nearby. Cafes, tearooms, pubs, hotels are a short walk away. The Catholic

Church is also handy. Fr Jeremy intends to celebrate Mass on the island about 2.00 pm. This gives plenty of time for lunch and sightseeing. After Mass you may wish to get some souvenirs, visit the priory ruins or take a walk near the beach. The bus fares are: Adults - £10.00. Children under 16 - £5.00. Pensioners (65 and over) - £5.00. Two cars will also travel with the bus to bring along those who didn't get a seat on the bus. Let's pray to St Cuthbert for good weather. We intend to leave the island about 4.00 pm and be back in Winchburgh and Broxburn by 6.00 pm.

National Pilgrimage to Iona for Youth 9th - 10th September 2017: The Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh are participating in this event which aims to strengthen the faith of our young people and to deepen their prayer life. Archbishop Cushley is inviting young adults in our parishes to participate in this event. "Come and join us on our journey to visit the island where Saint Columba lived, prayed and evangelised. Meet other young people from across Scotland. Pray with your brothers and sisters, participate in Holy Mass offered by the Archbishop". Details can be found on the Iona Pilgrimage poster at the back of each church. For more information and/or to register, contact Sister Mirjam at SrMirjamHugens@staned.org.uk

There was a Soldier; Is on at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe on 15th and 16th August in Stockbridge Church, Saxe Coburg Street, EH3 5BN with showings at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. This is a tribute in song and story with WW1 stories, songs, poems humour and visuals by performers aged 14-70. Tickets £12.00/£10.00 from the Fringe Box Office and the Dechmont Shop, EH52 6LG, or online: at edfringe.com.

Baptisms: We pray for all who are about to be baptised this weekend. **Broxburn** - Brooke Catherine Honiball on Saturday 5th August, and Noah and Isabella McHale on Sunday 6th August. **Winchburgh** - Adilyn Roe Campbell and Frederick John Crawford Pearson on Sunday 6th August. God bless their parents and godparents at this important sacramental occasion;

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: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the book of Kings 19:9.11-13. Psalm: 84:9-14. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33.

SS JOHN CANTIUS AND NICHOLAS PARISH

Masses to be offered at Our Lady of the Waves, Dunbar: Canon McMullan has very kindly offered to take some of our Masses over the next couple of weeks. They will be offered up as follows: Patrick Breslin, RIP, John Duffy RIP, George Duthie RIP, Catherine Docherty RIP, Seamus Heraghty RIP, Anna McManus RIP, Rena McManus RIP, Ann Catherine Peffer RIP, David Burnside Peffers RIP, Fr Hugh Randolph RIP, Special Intention, Thanksgiving. Canon McMullan's telephone number is 01368 862701 or he can be contacted on e-mail at joelormic@btinternet .com

Blood Transfusion Service: Please be reminded that the Blood Transfusion Service is coming to the Strathbrock Partnership Centre on Monday 7th August, from 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Give a pint and save a life. God bless their work.

Wedding: We pray for Cristina Villacorta Barreto and David Halliday who live in Broxburn and are getting married in Bercianos Real Camino, Leon, Spain. Cristina hails from Spain and her new husband is from Bellshill. They are being married on Saturday 5th August. God bless them both and their families.

Ghana Project Update: "Just a note to say that Harry Arthur has now very kindly put together a 'You Tube' presentation of the slides relating to the celebratory opening of Ward 3 at Pantang Hospital last March. It is entitled 'Ghana-Pantang Project' and includes a brief introductory commentary from myself. Please forgive any bloopers as I wasn't expecting Harry to vidoetape me! The presentation is now available for viewing on the parish website at www.broxburncatholicchurch.co.uk. Many thanks to Fr Jeremy for allowing it on the website and to Harry for helping to facilitate perhaps the most important aspect of this entire project by promoting a greater awareness of the ongoing indignity and neglect suffered by the many mentally ill all over Africa." Michael Brennan.

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 Friday 11th August at 4.00 pm. For all general pastoral needs.

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the sick and housebound next week as follows:- Broxburn east and west - Monday 7th August. Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont -Tuesday 8th August.

Collections: Offertory: £850.50. Building Fund: £463.50. Candles: £87.40. Papers - £61.35. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': (No. 36). Group 1 - N Gallagher. Group 2 - J McCormick.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Visit of the Legion of Mary to Winchburgh - 26th August to 2nd September: Please pray for the forthcoming Peregrinatio Pro Christo Visit of the Legion of Mary to the houses in Winchburgh. While respecting those who do not wish callers, the Legionnaires will go round the houses and help to introduce the Catholic Church to those who have come to the village and help lapsed Catholics to return to Mass. Please accord them a warm welcome. They will also respect those of other faith traditions and those of none. More information to follow.

In With the Bricks: Just to keep you up to date. Bricks will be installed in our church garden in early September - if not before.

Roof Fundraising: There will be a Games Night, to suit all ages, coming up in September. Date to follow.

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

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Monday 7th August at 8.00 pm. For all general pastoral needs.

Collection: Offertory - £401.65. Thank you for your generosity.