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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Christopher Callaghan RIP	9.30 am Mass Agnes Lavin (AV)	Memorial of St Blaas, Bishop
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Peter Gorman (AV)	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass For Peace in the World	No Mass	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	6.00 pm Mass Jim McGinty RIP	9.30 am Mass Deceased members of the Finnegan family.	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Special Intention	No Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass John Donoghue RIP	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Edward and Jane Brady (AV)	10.30 am Mass Eileen Clarke RIP	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Johnny Byrne RIP	9.30 am Mass Cassie McKeon RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am Mass Edward Rodgers (AV)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	20 <sup>th</sup> 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

### 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

**THEME:** 'Man of Little Faith'. In the Gospel today Jesus walks on water, a remarkable feat, and then invites Simon Peter to do the same. He is what you call a 'mere mortal', but Jesus invites him to trust, to have courage, not to be afraid. The invitation to walk on water is made complete by the word 'Come'. For beyond being a physical stunt this event is a revelation of the importance of trusting and really believing in what Christ Jesus can do for us. Secondly, that ultimately we are in God's hands. It is God that truly seeks to rescue us from the perils of existence but most of all from the peril of losing faith in Him. Someone who has lost faith in Christ puts themselves at the mercy of all potential calamities and disasters, the biggest tragedy being separation from God. Peter cries out 'Lord Save Me!' Yes, indeed so, not just from drowning but also from alienation and rejection of the Kingdom of God.

**REFLECTION:** 'Prayer on the Rosary.' (In light of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - 15<sup>th</sup> August). "O Mary, you are praying for us, you are always praying for us. We know it, we feel it. Oh what joy and truth, what sublime glory in this heavenly and human interchange of sentiments, words and actions, which the Rosary always brings us: the tempering of our human afflictions, the foretaste of the peace that is not of this world, the hope of eternal life!" *Pope St John XXIII.*

### SHARED PARISH NEWS

**'The Teaching of the Catechism':** The common difficulty in prayer is distraction, but in reality, distractions simply reveal what we are attached to. We can resolve to turn our hearts in preference for God and ask that our hearts be purified (Canon 2729).

**'You Are What You Read':** In a desire to help the parishioners in both parishes to learn more about their Catholic Faith, there are great little books from the Catholic Truth Society at the back of the respective churches on all sorts of

important topics. Prayer, Conversion, Marriage, Forgiveness, the Family, the Life of Christ, Our Lady, St Joseph, St Francis of Assisi. There is also a supply of children's books to keep them occupied during Father's long sermons!!

**Changes in the Diocese:** Archbishop Cushley has announced restructuring and reform of the Curial Offices at the Gillis Centre. It will involve some major changes as to how the Archdiocese is run. Five key areas of pastoral life: Catechetics, Marriage and Family, Justice and Peace, Ecumenism and the office for Clergy and Religious will come under an appointed Vicar Episcopal and Commission. These Commissions will then form an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council chaired by the Archbishop. The Bed and Breakfast facility at the Gillis Centre will close as from November 2017. We pray for all those affected by the changes.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15<sup>th</sup> August):** The Solemnity of the Assumption is in some ways the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into glory in Heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold.' The dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, but it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we, one day, hope to be.

**Fatima for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (1917-2017):** Departure Date 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 from Edinburgh. Northern Star Travel Ltd are organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Cost is £375.00 per person sharing, £450.00 for a single room. Bookings can be made on-line by visiting [www.northernstartravel.com](http://www.northernstartravel.com). Call Adrian Duffy on 0161 773 2115. See poster at the back of the respective churches.

**Exam Results:** Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who received exam results this week. Whatever the result has been, may you reach your potential and find your niche in life. Knowledge is acquired at school, wisdom is found in praying hands and an eye for the beauty of life.

**Arrival of Fr Abid:** Fr Abid, from Pakistan, is coming to stay with us for 5/6 weeks. He arrives on 20<sup>th</sup> August for a well-deserved rest and will be assisting in both parishes. We accord him a warm Scottish welcome.

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

**Summer Catholic Quiz Questions:** (answers next week). (i) What is the name of the Vatican Chapel decorated with frescoes by Fra Angelico depicting the lives of St Stephen and St Lawrence? (ii) Who was the first Pope to have his movements captured on cinema film?

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Twentieth Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1. 6-7. Psalm: 66. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32. Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28.

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

**House/Church Alarm Systems:** From this weekend onwards the alarm systems in the church and house will be operational. If any key holders have not been shown how to operate the alarms, please see the parish priest or parish secretary.

**Readers and Communion Ministers:** Please note that the new rota is available in the porch.

**'Pop-Up' Restaurant:** After the success of the first 'pop-up' restaurant there is another one scheduled for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in the Canon Hoban Hall. The menu this time is a Spanish menu (see poster at back of the church). To book e-mail [simmerdoon@gmail.com](mailto:simmerdoon@gmail.com) or call Audrey on 07415 309668. Also check our Facebook page for reviews etc.

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

**Vestry Hour:** The vestry hour this week is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £865.41. Building Fund: £325.79. Candles: £45.08. Thank you for your generosity. **'59 Club':** (No.27). Group 1 - K Forrester. Group 2 - S Griffin.

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

**Winchburgh Community Development Trust:** As Parish Priest, I am urging you to become a member of the before-mentioned Trust. Membership is free of charge. The purpose of the Trust includes advancing community development, urban regeneration, care for the environment and its heritage and history. Also, to assist in providing recreational facilities and improving the quality of life of the local community. Membership forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand them back as soon as possible. The Annual General Meeting is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00 am in the Community Centre. For more information please contact Alan Russell at [winchburghcdt@gmail.com](mailto:winchburghcdt@gmail.com).

**Peregrinatio Pro Christo Visit to Winchburgh:** Please pray for the Legion of Mary Visitation to Winchburgh from 28<sup>th</sup> August till 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We welcome the six Legionaries from Ireland and pray for a fruitful experience in the parish.

**First Friday Coffee Mornings:** The First Friday coffee mornings have so far this year, raised the sum of £902.00 for the roof fund. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this.

**Housebound Visits:** Fr Jeremy will visit the housebound next week on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**Vestry Hour:** The vestry hour this week is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collection:** Offertory - £378.26. Thank you for your generosity.