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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 19 th August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Johnny Byrne RIP	9.30 am Mass Cassie McKeon RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 20 th August	9.30 am Mass Edward Rodgers (AV)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	20 th Sunday of the Year A
Monday 21 st August	9.30 am Mass John Duffy RIP Anna McManus RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Pius X, Pope
Tuesday 22 nd August	6.00 pm Mass Peter Kane RIP	9.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 23 rd August	9.30 am Mass John Sweeney (Recovery) George Murphy RIP	No Mass	St Rose of Lima
Thursday 24 th August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass William and Margaret Cannon and Family	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday 25 th August	9.30 am Mass James Farrell RIP	10.30 am Mass Unie Kellie (sick)	20 th Week of the Year
Saturday 26 th August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Emily McNamee RIP	10.30 am SVDP Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 27 th August	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass George Coyle (AV)	21 st Sunday of the Year

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

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 am Sat. - 8.30am

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

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat - 10.15 am

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 20TH AUGUST 2017

THEME

'Pagans and Heretics.' It is easy to categorise people, often it can be done in an inflammatory way. Human nature being what it is, we tend to guard our religious or irreligious identity. In the Gospel today, Jesus is confronted by a woman who is Canaanite, in other words, not pure Jewish blood. She wants help with her spiritually sick daughter. Jesus tests out her determination and is impressed by her faith in him; for which she is deeply rewarded. Remember that Matthew's Gospel is a very Jewish account of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, targeted at the people of Jerusalem. So this encounter really affirms the revelation that the salvation of God is not reserved solely for the Jews. The Way of Christ is truly universal and recognises that natural grace is present in all people giving them the potential to recognise and seek out the one true God. Not all Catholics are Godly people. Not all non-Catholics are distant from the mercy and goodness of God.

REFLECTION

Decree on Ecumenism: 'Unitatis Redintegratio' "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but they differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ himself were divided. Certainly, such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages that most holy cause, the preaching of the Gospel to everyone. And yet, almost everyone, though in different ways, longs for the one visible Church of God, a Church truly universal and sent forth to the whole world that the world may be converted to the Gospel and so be saved, to the Glory of God." (Vatican, 21st November 1964).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council: As part of the Pastoral Vision for both parishes it is important that a forum exists to promote the Missio of the Catholic Church in Broxburn and Winchburgh parishes. A Parish Pastoral Council would have 3 key aims: (i) To promote a spirit of Mission. (ii) To be a forum for shared meetings in the parish. (iii) To channel ideas and directives from in and around the Universal Church. It is important that representatives from different areas of parish life are invited to attend, i.e. Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Outreach, Buildings and Finance, Education, Ecumenism and Administration/Communications. Winchburgh parish has a Parish Pastoral Council at the embryonic stage, meeting on Thursday 24th August at 7.00 pm in the parish house. Broxburn parish is still to have an initial interest meeting. This will come about over the next two months. Watch this space!

Time for Schools to Return: On Monday 21st August the staff return. On Tuesday 22nd August the pupils start back at school. We take the opportunity to pray for our Catholic schools; St Nicholas, Holy Family and St Margaret's Academy. May this be an uplifting year for Catholic Education and strengthening the spiritual and sacramental lives of these schools. We particularly remember the staff and pupils who are starting for the first time. We wish them every blessing. **N.B.** Catholic parents who are sending their children to the local Catholic school should also be attending the local parish at the Sunday Masses. No commitment, No Sacrament.

S V D P Regional Mass: On Saturday 26th August the Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Mass takes place at 10.30 am in Winchburgh. This is a good opportunity to give thanks for all the work that is done by the members and draw spiritual strength from each other. Teas will be served in St Philomena's Hall afterwards.

70th Anniversary of the Independence of India and Pakistan: In line with this anniversary we note the following: (i) Fr Abid arrives provisionally on Sunday 20th August for 5 to 6 weeks in West Lothian. He comes from Faisalabad Diocese in Pakistan. (ii) Fr Sebastian of Kerala, South India, celebrates his 40th Birthday with us in Whitburn and Armadale, West Lothian. Congratulations to him. His birthday is on Friday 25th August.

Baptism Class: This class for both parishes takes place on Friday 25th August at 7.00 pm in the Broxburn parish house. We look forward to seeing the parents and, if possible, the godparents.

'The Teaching of the Catechism': Para. 284 - Does the breaking of the bread divide Christ? 'The breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of the Eucharistic Species and each of their parts.'

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

Summer Catholic Quiz Questions - last week's answers: (i) Chapel of Nicholas V. (ii) Leo XIII - 1898. **This week's quiz questions:** How many Beatitudes are there in Matthew's Gospel? (ii) What was the profession of St Alphonsus Liguori before he entered the priesthood? (Answers next week - good luck).

Next Sunday's Readings: 21st Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23. Psalm: 137:1-3. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36. Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20.

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Broxburn Gala Day - 26th August: We pray for a good day for the Gala and wish the Gala Queen every good wishes. May it help to build up the community spirit in the area.

Birthday Wishes: We wish Creena Docherty our very best wishes on the occasion of her 80th Birthday on 19th August.

Scout Group's AGM: They are having their AGM on Friday, 1st September at 7.30 pm in the Canon Hoban Hall. All are welcome to attend and find out what they have been doing over the last year. Refreshments will be served.

Cleaning Rota: Group 3 - 21st Aug. Group 4 - 4th Sept. Group 5 - 18th Sept.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Wednesday 23rd August at 6.30 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £814.00. Building Fund: £271.00. Stall: £70.00. '59 Club': £260.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': (No. 17). Group 1 - N. Kerr. Group 2 - K Boyle.

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Mass Intentions: Here are the names of the Mass intentions that are being sent to Canon Joe McMullan in Dunbar: John Donoghue (2 Masses), Cass McKeon (2 Masses), Margaret Ledgerwood (2 Masses), Tony Mallon (3 Masses). He will offer up the intentions so they are not kept waiting too long.

Josephine Tinney RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Tinney who died on Thursday. Her funeral arrangements will be announced when they are finalised.

Book Stall - Roof Fund: The Altar Servers are running a book stall in St Philomena's Hall on a Sunday after Mass. All sorts of interesting books for a few pennies AND it's for a good cause.

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Collections: Offertory: £289.57. Roof Fund - total so far - **£95,935.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

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