

St John the Baptist

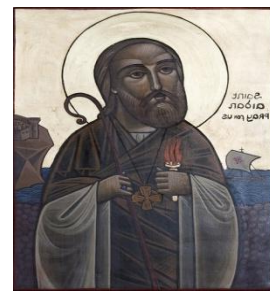
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St Aidan

Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
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 A
Monday 28 th August	9.30 am Mass Margaret Brady RIP	9.30 am Mass John Donoghue RIP	Memorial of St Augustine
Tuesday 29 th August	6.00 pm Mass John Murray RIP	9.30 am Mass Unie Kelly (sick)	Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist
Wednesday 30 th August	9.30 am Mass Phil Starrs RIP	6.00 pm Mass Tony Mallon RIP	21 st Week of the Year
Thursday 31 st August	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Cassie McKeon RIP	St Aidan (first Bishop of Lindisfarne)
Friday 1 st September	9.30 am Mass Margaret Callander (AV)	6.00 pm Mass Legion of Mary	21 st Week of the Year (St Giles)
Saturday 2 nd September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Catherine Callaghan RIP	9.30 am Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 3 rd September	9.30 am Mass Dan and Lilly Donnelly (AV)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	22 nd 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 27TH AUGUST 2017

THEME

'I Will Build my Church': In today's Gospel from Matthew we witness the crucial encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter, the man whom Jesus asks the question, "Who do you say I am?" After a period of hesitation Simon Peter spoke up and boldly declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God." Because Simon Peter had recognised Jesus, he rewarded him by giving him the title 'Petra' which is the Greek for 'Peter', meaning 'Rock'. Afterwards Simon Peter is known throughout the world as the rock on which the Church of Christ is built. Because he had the faith to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, he is given the custody of the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. To this day, we talk about the 'Petrine Authority' of the Pope as Leader of the Church on earth and as a successor of Simon Peter, responsible for the authority of the Church on earth. We call this authority the 'Magisterium' because the Pope has the responsibility on earth to protect and pass on the true teachings of Christ Jesus as a prescription for the way to salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven. May we as Catholic Christian people have the faith and the trust in Jesus Christ to follow Simon Peter's example and say in our hearts to Jesus, "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God."

REFLECTION

"The Promise": "Everything we may rightly expect from God, all that we are permitted to pray for, is to be found in Jesus Christ. Again and again we must immerse ourselves quietly for long periods of time in the life, teaching, ministry, suffering and death of Jesus in order to recognise what it is that God promises and fulfils." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer.*

Address to the Parishes from Fr Abid: 'Greetings from Pakistan.' It gives me tremendous joy to write a few words on behalf of my parish and pastoral team. St Mary's parish has a middle school and St John's a primary school, boarding for poor children. At present 40 children are in different classes and all the expenses are managed by the parish priest. Some children pay a small fee but the majority of them are poor and orphaned. We depend on the Providence of God and the generosity of His people. The parish activities are based mostly on faith formation of people, education, pastoral care and the importance of the Sacramental Programmes. Above all, there is an awareness of programmes of prosperity through education. The Catholic Church is very much challenged by self-made pastors and bishops, their teaching against the Sacrament of Baptism and veneration of Mother Mary, and the keeping of statues in churches. Please pray that we may give our best being good pastors and fulfilling the spiritual need of our people. I especially thank Fr Jeremy and parishioners of Winchburgh and Broxburn for their love, generosity and concern in my priestly ministry in Paskiston. God bless you all. Fr Abid.

Children's Liturgy: Due to the schools being back, the Children's Liturgy should be starting up in both parishes. This is a good opportunity for children of primary school age to receive additional instruction in their Catholic faith. We are grateful to the volunteers who are willing to run the Children's Liturgy in both parishes which is governed by the Safeguarding Regulations for Children. The Children's Liturgy takes place in the Canon Hoban Hall on a Sunday morning in Broxburn during the Mass and St Philomena's takes place in the parish house dining room during the Winchburgh Sunday morning Mass.

Diocesan Retreat: Fr Jeremy will be joining priests from the Diocese for a Retreat from Monday 28th August until Thursday 31st August in Kinnoul, which is being run by the Redemptorist Fathers. He will be praying especially for both parishes.

'The Beginning Experience': 'The Beginning Experience' is holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 6th to 8th October at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003, or e-mail rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk by 22nd September. See notice board for more information.

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, John Ferguson. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

This week's quiz: (i) When is 'Shrove Tide?' (ii) What modern country is in Hippo? **Last week's answers:** (i) 8. (ii) Lawyer.

Next Sunday's Readings: 22nd Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm: 62:2-6.8-9. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2. Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27.

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Edinburgh Charity Kiltwalk (26 miles): Pauline Steyn is doing this walk for Mary's Meals on Sunday 17th September. If anyone would like to sponsor her for this great effort there are sponsor forms at the back of the church.

Gala Day: We pray for the Gala Day which takes place this weekend in Broxburn. We pray for the committee and for the civic goodness of the residents of this West Lothian town and may the churches continue together to provide the spiritual and pastoral care needed in our modern age. We give thanks for the Gala Queen and her retinue and all the volunteers who have worked so tirelessly in organising the gala day. We also pray for all the school children who are taking part.

Tea/Coffee Mornings: Teas and coffees are now resuming in the Canon Hoban Hall after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 27th August.

Bacon Rolls: The bacon rolls will commence on Sunday 17th September after 9.30 am Mass.

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

Housebound Visitations - September: The next housebound visits will take place as follows: Monday 11th September - Broxburn, east and west. Tuesday 12th September - Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont.

'Pop-Up' Restaurant: Just a reminder that the 'Pop-Up' Restaurant is scheduled for Saturday 2nd September in the Canon Hoban Hall. To book call Audrey 07415 309668. It is a Spanish menu which is displayed on the notice board in the church.

Cleaning Rota: Group 4 - 4th Sept. Group 5 - 18th Sept.

Vestry Hour: The next vestry hour is on Friday 1st September at 4.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £1,161.63. Building Fund: £384.00. Candles: £240.06. Thank you for your generosity. **'59 Club': (No.3).** Group 1 - V Crolla. Group 2 - A Stewart.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Welcome to the Legion of Mary: We accord a warm welcome to the 6 Legionaries who have come to do house visitations in Winchburgh this coming week. They will be based at the parish house in Winchburgh and will be attending Mass every day. There will be a special Mass on Friday 1st September at 6.00 pm in St Philomena's Church for those who would like to return to their Catholic faith. Teas will be served in the hall afterwards. Also, there will be a Monday morning Mass in Winchburgh on 28th August at 9.30 am and an extra Mass on Wednesday 30th August at 6.00 pm.

Josephine Tinney RIP: We remember in our prayers Josephine Tinney whose funeral Mass was on Friday. We remember and pray for her family. May she rest in peace.

Housebound Visitations: The next housebound visitations in Winchburgh will be on Tuesday 19th September.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Saturday 2nd September at 10.30 am. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collection: Offertory: £409.65. Thank you for your generosity.