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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 9 th September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Frank Curran RIP	9.30 am Mass Rena McManus RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 10 th September	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Margaret and Bert Currie and family	23 rd Sunday of the Year A
Monday 11 th September	9.30 am Mass Mary Kernan RIP	No Mass	23 rd Week of the Year
Tuesday 12 th September	6.00 pm Mass Tommy Price RIP	9.30 am Mass Jo Tinney RIP	23 rd Week of the Year
Wednesday 13 th September	9.30 am Mass Jo Preston RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St John Chrysostom (patron saint of preachers)
Thursday 14 th September	No Mass	9.30 am Mass John D'Alton (AV)	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday 15 th September	9.30 am Mass Fr Hugh Randolph RIP	10.30 am Mass Cassie McKeon RIP	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday 16 th September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patrick Breslin RIP	9.30 am Mass Graeme Borthwick RIP	Feast of St Ninian
Sunday 17 th September	9.30 am Mass Elizabeth McIntyre RIP	11.30 am Mass The People of the Parish	24 th 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-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

THEME

'**Communion**': The instructions are helpful for any followers of Jesus who want to live together. The focus is on the importance of forgiveness of each other. What creates unity in a community is the conviction that all are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ. The faith brings Jesus into their midst. The presence of God in Jesus Christ can be experienced in a community gathered in His name, especially when it is united in prayer. Praying in communion is an expression of faith that Jesus is in our midst, because in prayer we desire to enter into the vision of God and to allow His spirit, the Spirit of Jesus to guide us. (Luke 11:13).

REFLECTION

"The task which the Lord gives us is the vocation to charity in which each of Christ's disciples puts his or her entire life at service, so to grow each day in love." (Pope Francis).

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Teachings of The Catechism: 'The Holy Spirit': (Para. 2690) - The Holy Spirit gives to certain of the faithful the gifts of wisdom, faith and discernment for the sake of this common good which is prayer (*spiritual direction*). Men and women so endowed are true servants of the living tradition of prayer. (Para. 2692) - In prayer, the pilgrim Church is associated with that of the saints, whose intercession she asks. (Para. 2693) - The different schools of Christian spirituality share in the living tradition of prayer and are precious guides for the spiritual life. (Para. 2694) - The Christian family is the first place for education in prayer.

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Special Collection: The next special collection for the AICF will be taken next Sunday, 17th September. **If you wish to gift aid your donation, special envelopes will be available at the back of the church this weekend.** Following the generous response to the additional collections taken last year and earlier this year, as well as these donations supporting the current needs of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, some of the donations will be used to create a new investment fund. This fund will be added to each year and will be used to build a larger fund over the next 20 to 30 years. In due course the income from this fund will support the cost of retirement benefits that will need to be provided to priests who are ordained over the coming years for when they retire.

Safeguarding Level 1 Training Course: For those of you who have not attended a Safeguarding Level 1 Training Course you are advised that the next course will be held on Tuesday 19th September, 2017 at 7.00 pm in West Calder Community Centre which is behind Our Lady and St Bridget's Church. The course will last approximately 2 hours. If you have not completed Level 1 training, it is a requirement that you attend if possible.

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, Bridget Nelson, Sister Mary Dominic. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Summer Catholic Quiz Questions - last week's answers: (i) St James the Great. (ii) Dismas.

This week's quiz questions: (i) Which volume, a product of medieval Irish monasticism and still in existence, is so superbly executed, that for long it was thought to have been the work of angels? (ii) Easter Sunday is a movable feast; by what lunar calculation is its celebration decided? (Answers next week).

Message from Maciej Zurawski, CEO Musemantik: This organisation has been doing work on behalf of our Archdiocese in producing an app for parishioners to help find Masses and Confessions with a single tap. It is now publicly available for Android smart phones at <http://bit.ly/2tZBQts> (or type "Catholic Musemantik" in Google Play) or sign up for the iPhone version at <http://eepurl.com/clbyov> which is coming soon.

Next Sunday's Readings: 24th Sunday of the Year (17th September). First reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7. Psalm: 102:1-4. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9. Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35.

All parish readers are especially encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures before coming to the Mass.

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Women's Lunch - St Nicholas United Free Church, Broxburn: The ladies of the 'Fragrance Woman's Ministry' attached to this church are hosting a lunch on Saturday 16th September from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm and would like to invite our parishioners. The speaker is Lorraine McNinch and the theme for the day is GRACE. There is no charge for the day. Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided. A freewill offering will be uplifted. For more information contact Helen McLean, co-organiser, St Nicholas Church, Station Road, Broxburn. See poster at rear of the Church.

Teas and Coffees: are re-starting today Sunday 10th September after 9.30 am Mass.

Bacon Rolls: will resume next Sunday 17th September after 9.30 am Mass.

Cleaning Rota: Group 5 - 18th Sept.

Vestry Hour: The next vestry hour is on Wednesday 13th September at 5.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £743.83. Building Fund: £274.99. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club':- (2nd September) (No. 8). Group 1 - Helen McLaughlin. Group 2 - Minnie Maltman.

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Collection: Offertory: £403.48. Thank you for your generosity.