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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Patrick Breslin RIP	9.30 am Mass Graeme Borthwick RIP	Feast of St Ninian.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Elizabeth McIntyre RIP	11.30 am Mass The People of the Parish	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Kathleen Farrell RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 pm Mass Fr Jim McNaughton RIP	9.30 am Mass SVDP - Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	Feria
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Kathleen Chapman RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & companions
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Feast of St Matthew
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Grace Gorman RIP	10.30 am Mass John Donoghue RIP	Feria
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Archie Hamilton RIP	9.30 am Mass Eileen Clarke RIP	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass James O'Hara Snr. AV	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A

**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-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

#### THEME

**'Stop Hating':** To hate someone in our lives, no matter for good or unjust reasons, creates a paralysis. It paralyses the possibility of being in close relationship, of simply being able to live in each other's company. To release the paralysis takes faith, hope, humility and compassion. This is often not easy because of anger and resentment trapped inside us. Jesus offers us a way out of hatred. It is called forgiveness. Jesus himself hates no one. No one in the world is hated by God; even Judas Iscariot is not hated, only prayed for with deep sorrow and sadness. Those who feel hated often turn in on themselves and use their guilt and shame as a crutch to keep the mercy of God at a distance. The secular world colludes in this travesty by being very unforgiving. Restoration of life and salvation is repenting of our sins and accepting the truth of God's merciful love and forgiveness. Not just seven times in our lives, but perhaps many times over.

#### REFLECTION

**'You are loved':** 'You are loved by me and millions like me, not because of what you do, but what you are capable of as that wonderful creation of God, who has created us with a shared humanity. You are loved by me and millions like me because I, and we, believe in transformation. We believe in transformation because, on a daily basis, we are personally transformed from a life of human weakness and sinfulness to a life of power and righteousness. Why? Because the whole message of the cross and Resurrection of Christ Jesus, is to take humanity from the bonds of sin and death to a liberation in goodness and everlasting life.' (Bishop Auba Angaelos - Coptic Orthodox Church. In light of the terrorist atrocity in Egypt in May 2017).

#### SHARED PARISH NEWS

**Back from Moscow:** Fr Jeremy has recently returned from Russia where he joined over 700 pilgrims for a week of prayer, reflection and discernment on how to build bridges of peace, trust and respect among world religions. Cardinal Topo of Calcutta led the Roman Catholic community. Visits were made to Russian Orthodox churches and monasteries, a Mosque, a Catholic Cathedral and

a Jewish Synagogue. Thank you to the 'True Life in God' prayer group for making this possible. We pray for Pope Francis who recently met the Russian Patriarch to bring about unity.

**Aged and Infirm Clergy:** The Diocese has a moral responsibility to care for its aged and infirm priests. This Sunday a call is made on your generosity to contribute to this fund. At present there are 27 "retired priests" of the Archdiocese. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS. (Pink envelopes will be in the pews for those who gift aid).

**Collection for Fr Abid's Parish in Pakistan:** (A collection will be taken next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September). "Dear Friends, The donation you will make for my parish mission in Pakistan will be used for various deserving needs: (i) St Anthony's boys' hostel for the poor and needy children, (ii) education, (iii) health requirements, (medicines, etc), (iv) renovation of the church building and (v) caring for the elderly deserving cases in my parish. Thank you very much for your generosity. I appreciate it in prayers." **Fr Abid.**

**R C I A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Anyone who seeks to learn about the Catholic faith or wishes to be received into the Catholic Church please note that classes will be starting in the next 2 or 3 weeks on a Tuesday evening at 6.45 pm. The Catechists are asked to meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6.45 pm in the sacristy to plan the programme. We pray for conversion. **The group is open to people from both parishes.**

**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, Billy Mullin, Mary Boylan, Marion Caulfield, John Ferguson, Bridget Nelson, Sister Mary Dominic, Winifred Duffy, Chris Brown. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

**Summer Catholic Quiz Questions – last week's answers:** (i) The Book of Kells (in the library of Trinity College, Dublin). (ii) The first Sunday following the full moon on or after 21<sup>st</sup> March. Thank you for joining in the quiz, hope it was fun and informative.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (24<sup>th</sup> September). First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9. Psalm: 144:2-3,8-9. Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24. Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.

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

**Altar Servers Training:** Canon Agnew is proposing to hold two short training courses for altar servers as follows: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00 pm and on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 pm. The training should last one hour.

**Quiz Night for Mary's Meals:** There will be a quiz night for Mary's Meals on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. There will be a short game of bingo, and a raffle. A buffet will be served. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church with the name of the team leader with up to 5 persons per team. Cost is £5.00 per head.

**S V D P Annual Harvest Appeal:** Sister Aelred from St Catherine's Convent has asked for donations of tins of corned beef and tins of beans to feed the homeless. They can be left at Our Lady's altar to be collected on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.

**Craft Fair – Strathbrock Parish Church:** Are holding their annual Craft Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm in the church hall which is located just off Ecclesmachan Road, Uphall. Home baking, filled rolls, teas and coffees will be served. Entry is free. See poster at back of the church.

**Permanent Appointment of Parish Secretary:** The parish now has a parish secretary who has a permanent position. Her name is Hilary Watson who is resident in Uphall and has spent all her life in the area. We are delighted that she has agreed to take on this position in the Broxburn parish office. She normally works here on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Wedding of Gina and Michael:** We pray for Gina Giordano and Michael E Butler who are exchanging marriage vows this Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> September) in Broxburn. They hail from the USA and have chosen to be married in Scotland. The wedding reception is on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

**Baptism:** We pray for Lewis and Thomas Allingham who are due to be baptised on Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> September) and for all their family and godparents.

**Cleaning Rota** 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Group 4. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Group 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Group 1. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. Group 2. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. Group 3. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Group 4. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Group 5.

**Bacon Rolls:** The bacon rolls are resuming today after 9.30 am Mass.

**Vestry Hour:** The next vestry hour is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £921.00. Building Fund: £299.50. Candles: £194.50. '59 Club': £100.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club':- (9<sup>th</sup> September) (No. 6). Group 1 - Mary Forsyth. Group 2 - Eileen Bonar.

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

**Roof Project Update:** We are delighted to see the fundraising breaking through the £100,000 barrier. The 'Memorial Bricks' have just been laid outside in the parish garden. A 'bat survey' has been completed. We now seek the permission from the Archdiocese to complete grant applications and the go ahead with the work required. We pray for this to happen.

**Parish Finance Meeting:** This will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3.00 pm in the parish house. All representatives are requested to attend.

**Thank you:** (i) To Fr Godfrey of Uganda who donated a beautiful and colourful altar cloth to the parish. (ii) To the Legion of Mary, Ireland, and a very kind donor, who helped with their meals, who donated £250.00 to the 'Roof Fund'.

**Meeting with the Minister:** Fr Jeremy is meeting with the Rev. Scott Marshall to plan joint events such as the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas and other joint initiatives on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Housebound Visits:** The next housebound visits will be this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Vestry Hour:** The vestry hour is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £292.16. Roof Fund (total to date) **£101,130.00**. Thank you for your generosity.