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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 23rd 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
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass John Sweeney (Livingston) RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 pm Mass Michael Donnelly RIP	9.30 am Mass Archie McWilliams RIP	SS Cosmas and Damien
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Seamus Heraghty RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Paul Baker AV	St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am Mass Agnes Morgan AV	10.30 am Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Anna McManus RIP	9.30 am Mass Sue Corbishley RIP	Memorial of St Jerome
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 am Mass Agnes Lavin AV	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	26 <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-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

**THEME**

**"Life Is Christ"** - The message is clear, for St Paul, Life is Christ. In other words, he cannot imagine his life without Christ Jesus. Is that the same for you? The prophet Isaiah invites us appropriately to seek the Lord while He is to be found. The truth is, sadly, that many do not seek the Lord while He is to be found. Many choose to lapse from their faith. The trauma of the level of rejection of God is very hard to qualify or quantify. Those of us who have a deep love for the Mass, for our Catholic religious beliefs find this rejection of the Lord difficult to comprehend. The fullness of the revelation of Christianity has been in these Scottish lands for over a thousand years. Now, as before, in the spirit of the Gospel, people are seeking to join the Church, who have never been Catholic before; once received into the Church, they have an equal belonging amongst the People of God; a worthy 'passport' to the Kingdom of Heaven. Make sure your 'passport' has not expired.

**'Come to Mass - or Your Faith Dies'** - Perhaps, in the light of the Gospel today, it is opportune to remind everyone of the teachings of the Catholic Church on the Mass. If you profess to be Catholic then that means being in a personal faith relationship with God. To nourish that faith the believer is called to attend Mass, every seven days, on a Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection. If we choose NOT to come to Mass every Sunday, in other words, if we are fit and able to come, but choose not to come or bring our children either, then we have consciously decided to distance ourselves from practising our faith. (*Exodus 20:8 - Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy - it is a day of rest for the Lord your God*). By consciously keeping ourselves away from Holy Communion, denying ourselves Christ, the Bread of Life, we place ourselves objectively in a state of sin. Therefore, we should not return to Holy Communion until we have been reconciled in the sacrament of Confession. This is the teaching and tradition of our Catholic Faith. It is important to be reminded of it and show Jesus Christ the love and fidelity that He deserves. The parish priest is always willing to discuss individual situations. Thank you.

**REFLECTION//'**

**'Syro-Marinite Farewell to the Altar'** - 'Remain in peace, O Altar of God. May the offering that I have taken from you be for the remission of my debts and the pardon of my sins and may it obtain for me that I may stand before the tribunal of Christ without condemnation and without confusion. Protect me, O Lord, and preserve your Holy Church as the way to truth and salvation.' Amen.

### **SHARED PARISH NEWS**

**The Teaching of the Catechism:** (Para. 2830) - "Our Bread". The history of the human race has been in a real way the struggle for daily bread. We all need food and sustenance and this is our most immediate need. We know, however, that we do not live on bread alone. God gives us the bread that nourishes us physically and spiritually. He gives us the Bread of Life, Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the very source and summit of the Christian life.

**Feast of the Archangels - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Archangel Michael is universally recognised as the protector of Christians in general in the battle against evil.

**Forty Hours Adoration: "Rebuild my Church"** - Over the coming weeks both churches will be open for '40 Hours Adoration' known as "Quarantore". During this time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and each day there is Benediction. The theme is "Rebuild my Church" - the message of Christ to St Francis of Assisi. A similar call is being made to us today. The dates are:

<b>Broxburn Parish</b>	<b>Winchburgh Parish</b>
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> September - 10.00 am to 6.00 pm	Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> October - 11.00 am to 6.00 pm
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> September - 11.00 am to 5.15 pm	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> October - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> October - 10.30 am to 6.00 pm	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> October - 12.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Please sign up on the 'time sheet' at the back of the respective churches if you are able to come and pray and keep vigil. Thank you. Mark 14:37 - "Couldn't you stay awake for even one hour?" said Jesus to Simon Peter.

**R C I A Classes (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** These will begin on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.45 pm. For all those seeking to become Catholic or for those who need to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Venue is the Canon Hoban Hall. **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.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (1st October). First reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm: 24:4-9. Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11. Gospel: Matthew: 21:28-32.

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

**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. with a short game of bingo, and a raffle. A buffet will be served. The list is at the back of the church. Up to 5 persons per team. £5.00 per head.

**Primary 3 - Sacramental Preparation:** This will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30 pm (after the 6.00 pm Mass). Parents are invited to attend the Mass in the church.

**Thank you from Pauline Steyn:** Pauline wishes to thank everybody who generously sponsored her for the 'Kiltwalk' which she completed in 6 hours and 20 minutes. Approximately £1,350.00 was raised for Mary's Meals. Could those who are still due sponsor money please hand it in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Parish Accounts:** Are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to view them.

**Cleaning Rota:** 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.

**Vestry Hour:** The vestry hour this week is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £787.00. Building Fund: £300.00 Candles: £96.43. Special Collection: (Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund) £738.60. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club':- (will be published next week).

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

**The Memorial Brick Garden:** Everyone who has seen it seems very impressed. Fr Jeremy is proposing to dedicate and bless the 'Memorial Brick Garden' on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October straight after the 11.30 am Mass. Our grateful thanks to all who devised the project, the donors and the skilled craft-workers who built it.

**Primary 3 - Sacramental Meeting:** This will take place on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. at 12.30 pm to start preparations for their First Confession.

**McMillan Coffee Morning and Bingo Evening:** Will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The coffee morning is from 10.30 am until 2.30 pm. The bingo evening is from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Donations welcome.

**Mary's Meals Back-pack Project:** Donations of second-hand rucksacks, T-shirts, shorts etc are required in good condition for children aged 5 to 12 years for our Mary's Meals back-pack project. There is a list of goods required and a box to donate near Our Lady's altar in St Philomena's Church. Thank you.

**Fr Abid Farewell:** On Monday Fr Abid returns to Pakistan. Father will be present after all the Masses this week-end to allow parishioners to say farewell.

**Vestry Hour:** The vestry hour is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £383.03. Special Collection (Aged and Infirm Clergy): £223.04. Thank you for your generosity.