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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 30 th September	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Anna McManus RIP	9.30 am Mass Sue Corbishley RIP	Memorial of St Jerome
Sunday 1 st October	9.30 am Children's Mass Agnes Lavin AV	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	26 th Sunday of the Year A
Monday 2 nd October	9.30 am Mass George Finlayson RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 3 rd October	6.00 pm Mass Cathy McKeon RIP	9.30 am Mass James Kiernan RIP	Feria
Wednesday 4 th October	9.30 am Mass Tina Laing RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Thursday 5 th October	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Catherine McKeon RIP	Feria
Friday 6 th October	9.30 am Mass John Donoghue RIP	10.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	St Bruno
Saturday 7 th October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Molly Wisely RIP	9.30 am Mass Pat Donnelly AV	Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday 8 th October	9.30 am Mass For The People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Paddy Callaghan AV	27 th 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-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 1ST OCTOBER 2017

THEME

"The Will to do the right thing" - In the Gospel today Jesus reminds the chief priests and the elders of how indecisive humanity can be about following the Will of God. Many people will earnestly promise God everything but then when it comes to having the will to carry it through, they fade away. How many times have people promised to be faithful in marriage, to bring their children up well in the faith, to be a devoted parish priest or, in confirmation, to uphold the teachings of the Catholic faith? There is something beautiful and empowering about those who promise to do something and then carry it through. Or those who at first hesitate but then think better of it and give God their love and fidelity. Sometimes in life it is only when we have ignored God and tried to do our own thing and made a mess of it before we realise how important it is to have a strong faith. In Jesus' eyes there is no point in promising the earth and then never delivering. As is often said, 'the road to hell is paved with good intentions that are never brought to fruition.'

REFLECTION

"Each person has the gift to share" - When people are using their gifts, it is important that the community prays for them to be more open to inspiration and be an instrument of God, so that they can use those gifts better. It is important that the community welcomes those gifts in love and gratitude. It should also pray for the people who carry authority and those who inspire them through their words. So we participate in each other's gifts and help each other to build a parish Christian community". *John Vanier.*

SHARED PARISH NEWS

The Teaching of the Catechism: 'Daily Prayers': What should my prayers include? The answer is: 'Night Prayer' should include a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all His gifts, an examination of conscience and an Act of Contrition.

40 Hours Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament: It is one of the ancient Catholic traditions to throw open the doors of the church for 3 days so that the people of God may come in and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. In Broxburn the adoration started on Friday (29th Sept) at 10.00 am and finished at 6.00 pm with Benediction. On Saturday it started at 11.00 am after the 10.30 am Mass and finished at 5.15 pm. On Sunday the adoration starts at 10.30 am and will finish at 6.00 pm with Benediction. The theme for Adoration this year is the words of St Francis of Assisi on 'Rebuild my Church'. May we be inspired by St Francis to be co-builders of the Church of our present time. The Church has been assaulted and harmed by imperfection and rejection by the modern world and by the persecutions of those who do not share our faith. Now it is our responsibility to rebuild the broken stones of our Church. Books with prayers and poems will be made available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them. (Winchburgh parish's 40 hours adoration is on 13th 14th and 15th October).

Message from Fr Abid: "Thank you to Fr Jeremy, Canon John and everyone of you who have again made me very welcome over the past 5 weeks, which have passed all too quickly. Your gifts and financial support and your kindness will be of great assistance in assisting me with my work among the very poor at home in Faisalabad. Thank you for being so thoughtful. Your donations mean a lot to me and the people of my parish. Thank you for delicious meals and a warm welcome. I appreciate your love and generosity. Sincere thanks." Fr Abid.

October - Month of Our Lady: During the month of October we are invited to renew our devotion to Our Lady, Mother of God, to pray the Rosary for the sake of the missionary life of the Church and the care of the sick. *Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Pray for us.*

Blessing of the Animals: As the Feast of St Francis of Assisi occurs on Wednesday 4th October, the annual blessing of the animals will take place on Saturday 7th October at 10.00 am in the front garden of the parish house in Winchburgh after the morning Mass.

R C I A Classes (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): These will begin this Tuesday 3rd 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: 27th Sunday of the Year (8th October). First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7. Psalm: 79:9. 12-16.19-20. Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9. Gospel: Matthew: 21:33-43.

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Quiz Night for Mary's Meals: There will be a quiz night for Mary's Meals on Friday, 20th 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 Programme: Parents of children who will participate are reminded there will be a meeting after 6.00 pm Mass on Tuesday 3rd October to prepare to register your child for the next stage of their Sacramental life. Please would parents and guardians bring to the meeting a copy of their Baptism Certificate. An explanation of the programme will also be given. The meeting starts with Mass at 6.00 pm.

Altar Servers' Practise: There will be an altar servers' practise on Friday 6th Oct at 2.00 pm in the church for all altar servers.

Cleaning Rota: 2nd Oct. Group 1. 16th Oct. Group 2. 30th Oct. Group 3. 13th Nov. Group 4. 27th Nov. Group 5.

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the sick and housebound in Broxburn east and west on Tuesday 3rd October and Uphall, Uhall Station and Dechmont on Wednesday 4th October.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £808.00. Building Fund: £60.00. Candles: £69.69. Special Collection: (Fr Abid) £1,230.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': - (16th Sept) (No. 38) - Group 1 - Mary Cooper. Group 2 - Rena Lynch. (23rd Sept) (No. 57) Group 1 - K Steyn. Group 2 - M Ward.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Sacramental Programme - Primary 3: There will be a meeting for Primary 3 parents after 11.30 am Mass this Sunday, 1st October in St Philomena's Church. This will be to register your child for the next stage of their Sacramental journey. Please bring along a record of their Baptism. Fr Jeremy looks forward to seeing you there.

Altar Servers' Practise: There will be an altar servers' practise on Sunday 8th Oct. at 12.45 pm.

Housebound Visits: Fr Jeremy will visit the sick and housebound on Tuesday 10th October.

Memorial Garden Opportunity: Since our Memorial Garden has been created, there is space for approximately a further 20 bricks. Should you wish to purchase a brick, please collect an order form from the back of the church. Pass your completed order form back to the stall or to Clare or Frances McTiernan, by Sunday 5th November. Please do not pass any money at this time as we would need to see if we have sufficient orders to make an order for the church worthwhile. As before, all profits go towards our church roof fund. Bricks with 2 lines of text are £100.00 and 4 lines of text £120.00.

Blessing of Memorial Bricks: There will be a blessing of the memorial bricks on Sunday 8th October after morning Mass. Fr Jeremy will bless the memorial bricks which have been laid out in the parish garden by John Crawford. We give thanks for this beautiful creation which enhances the outward appearance of our church and we give thanks to all those who have donated bricks in memory of their loved ones, and to those who organised this project from the beginning.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour is on Friday 6th October at 5.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £434.47. Special Collection: (Fr Abid) £381.50. Thank you for your generosity.