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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 14 th October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving	9.30 am Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 15 th October	9.30 am Mass James McNulty RIP	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	28 th Sunday of the Year A
Monday 16 th October	9.30 am Mass John Cavanagh RIP Sylvia Crighton RIP	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 17 th October	6.00 pm Mass Jane and Edward Brady AV	9.30 am Mass Fr John Ramsay	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday 18 th October	9.30 am Mass Ian Docherty AV Bridget Duffy & son Peter RIP	No Mass	Feast of St Luke, Evangelist
Thursday 19 th October	No Mass Maria D'Agostino	9.30 am Mass Rosemary Mullin AV	Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & companions
Friday 20 th October	9.30 am Mass Rozette (Net) Clark	10.30 am Mass Margaret Ledgerwood RIP	Feria
Saturday 21 st October	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Joseph McMahon AV	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Eileen Clarke RIP	St John Paul II
Sunday 22 nd October	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Hector (Junior) Nelson	29 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 15TH OCTOBER 2017

THEME

'A Lavish God': In the Holy Scriptures God reveals His lavishness; in other words, His generosity. The finite resources of the world, the insatiable demand and the widening gap between rich and poor makes us believe that when it comes to distribution of all that is beautiful and good, I am in danger of losing out. However, we must not overlook the realisation that in the Kingdom of Heaven there is no place for greed, meanness and selfishness. The intention of a loving God is that those who follow His teaching faithfully will be generously rewarded. Jesus gives us a hint of this truth in the feeding of the 5,000. In the Gospel of Matthew we know that we have all been invited to the lavish wedding feast. The question is, do I truly seek the Kingdom of God? Do I have my heart and soul set on salvation? Or, am I dithering and swithering in the 'sea' of doubt, scepticism and complacency?

REFLECTION

'Prayer of Blessed John H Newman': 'May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at last.' Amen.

Compendium of the Catechism (Para.209): What is meant by the term "heaven"? By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus

and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of Heaven, where they see God 'face-to-face'. They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

SHARED PARISH NEWS

Schools off for Half-Term Break - We wish all the schools and staff a pleasant break and if they are travelling, that they come home safely. Teachers return on 23rd October and the pupils on 24th. Please contact the parish office if you require Mass times elsewhere or check the website.

Fr Jeremy, assisted by Fr Tabone: This week Fr Tabone will reacquaint himself with the Broxburn and Winchburgh parishes after it being nearly 40 years ago that he served here. 25 years ago he was parish priest of St Mary's, Stirling, and Fr Jeremy was a student deacon on work experience. Hopefully, he will have an enjoyable stay with us.

Remember the Forty Hour's Adoration in St Philomena's, Winchburgh: Remember that the church in Winchburgh will be open for prayer this week-end as follows: Friday 11.00 am to 6.00 pm. Saturday - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sunday - 12.30 pm to 6.00 pm for silent adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A rota of people have kindly agreed to keep vigil during these times. The theme for the three days is: "Rebuild my Church" - the words spoken by God to St Francis of Assisi. A good opportunity to sit quietly in prayer and strengthen our faith in God.

Visit to Gozo in 2018: (now 14th to 18th May 2018). The date for the proposed visit to Gozo in 2018 will have to slightly be moved to the middle of May. This is because of Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee on 1st May and the First Communions on 26th May in Broxburn. Hopefully, this will not inconvenience any would-be travellers. Please put your name to the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary and The Sick: This third week of October we are invited to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Try praying before/after Mass, in your home or amongst friends.

St Peregrine Mass: This Mass will take place on Saturday 21st October at 10.30 am in Winchburgh. The Mass is open to everyone. St Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer sufferers and the terminally ill. The oil of the sick will be administered and the blessing of the relic takes place at the end of the Mass. Fr Tabone will be the main celebrant.

R C I A Classes (For Adults seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith): The classes are on Tuesday evenings at 6.45 pm, presently in the church sacristy, Broxburn, due to renovations in the parish hall. The theme this week is: 'Faith' - the importance of it to our whole existence.

30th Anniversary of Fr Jimmy Henry RIP: On October 16th 1987, Fr Jimmy Henry, the first rector of Gillis College died at the age of 40. We pray this week for the repose of his soul and all his family. He originally came from Currie/Balerno.

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. 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: 29th Sunday of the Year (22nd October). 1st reading: from the prophet Isaiah 45:1.4-6. Psalm: 95:1.3-5. 2nd Reading: from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5. Gospel: Matthew: 22:15-21.

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Quiz Night for Mary's Meals: Just a reminder that the quiz night for Mary's Meals is this Friday, 20th Oct. at 7.30 pm. A buffet will be served. £5.00 per head. Donations for the raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

No Teas or Bacon Rolls: There will be no teas or bacon rolls after Sunday Mass due to repairs for next 2/3 weeks.

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

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Tuesday 17th October at 5.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £892.71. Building Fund: £288.03. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': T B A next week.

WINCHBURGH NEWS

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.

Roof Fund Next Event: We will be holding our next social event on Friday 3rd November at 7.30 pm in St Philomena's Hall. Our Games Night will consist of quiz rounds, a couple of games of bingo and a raffle. Tickets are £5.00 each from Kerry Dean, Clare or Frances McTiernan. This includes bingo books and quiz. Donation of raffle prizes will be gratefully appreciated.

Stall at Christmas: Our stall has a wide range of new Christmas stock including cribs of all shapes and sizes, angels, Christmas cards, Advent calendars and annual calendars. Also, we have a stock of candles for the church and cemetery, including solar candles. All profits will go towards our church.

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