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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 APRIL 2018

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Date	St John Cantius and St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Saturday 21 April	5.30 pm Vigil Mass For the People of the Parish	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Special Intention	Third Week of Easter
Sunday 22 April	9.30 am Mass Philomena Gordon (AV)	11.30 am Mass Alex Renton (AV)	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Monday 23 April	9.30 am Mass Catherine Karolewski RIP	No Mass	St George, Patron Saint of England
Tuesday 24 April	6.00 pm Mass Thomas Watson	9.30 am Mass Bernadette Chand RIP	Fourth Week of Easter
Wed, 25 April	9.30 am Mass Billy McGinley RIP	No Mass	Feast of St Mark - Evangelist
Thursday 26 April	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Tommy Mullin	Fourth Week of Easter
Friday 27 April	9.30 am Mass John (Joker) McAuley RIP	10.30 am Mass Patrick (Sonny) D'Alton RIP	Fourth Week of Easter
Saturday 28 April	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Catherine Anne Lynch	9.30 am Mass Gladys Cleary (AV)	Fourth Week of Easter
Sunday 29 April	9.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30am Mass For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Easter B

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. Sat. 8.30 am

CONFESSIONS: Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. Tues. 6.30pm

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat. 10.15 am.

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THEME

"Lay Down My Life": Am I willing to lay down my life for Christ? Am I willing to give my life in total concern for others? Am I to be relied upon to look after and serve other people with integrity, honesty, humility and truth? These are all big questions and they require big answers. "Big" in the sense that Jesus Christ cannot entrust the People of God to half-hearted part-timers. He can't rely on self-seekers, carpet baggers, scroungers, cheats and double-dealers. The work of God in all its sacred beauty and spiritual responsibility requires loyal and dependable shepherds or leaders. The last 50 years in the world and in the Church has seen the discrediting of leaders and servants; this includes the Priesthood. Now is the time for all those with a genuine vocation to serve the people of God to seek to prove they are called to serve for all the right and true reasons. It is not easy but is a true honour. Many are called but few are chosen.

REFLECTION

Prayer for 'Shepherds': Jesus, Good Shepherd, raise up in all parish communities, priests and deacons, religious, consecrated lay people and missionaries according to the needs of the whole world which you love and want to save. We entrust to you in a particular way our country. Direct your loving gaze to our many talented and gifted young people and invite them to follow you. Help them to understand that only in You they can achieve their fulfilment. Amen. (*Priests for Scotland Novena - A Life Worth Living*).

Pope Francis: 'All of us need to go beyond the four walls of the Church and go out and find those on the outskirts of life.' (*Sermon February 2015*).



SHARED PARISH NEWS

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' - Pray for Vocations: My people, the call is simple and clear, we need priests to serve our parishes, to dispense the Sacraments, to celebrate Mass, to be a spiritual presence amongst us. Where do vocations come from? Answer, local families in the community. When did Broxburn or Winchburgh last provide a priestly vocation? Perhaps it was Canon Pat Boylan, who is now in his 60's. I am sure there are budding vocations out there. The Church needs good priests and religious. Ask yourself the question, are you called to serve?

Bishop Keenan has asked us to focus on the Word 'Shepherds.' There is a special Novena Prayer we can say each day for nine days at the back of the church. THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN THIS SUNDAY FOR VOCATIONS. THANK YOU.

SCIAF Lenten Boxes: Thank you to all who have been filling with coins their SCIAF Lenten collection boxes. Please now hand them into the sacristy for counting. This money goes towards the support of the poorest people in the world. You are very generous.

Please Give Blood: The Blood Transfusion Service will be at the Strathbrock Community Centre on Tuesday 24 April. The times are 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Please do what you can to help save lives.

2018 Pilgrimage to Gozo 13 - 17 May: There will be a Briefing Meeting and film for all the pilgrims this Sunday in the Canon Hoban Hall at 3.00 pm. If you haven't done so already, please bring a copy of your passport and a cheque to pay the balance outstanding. We pray for a safe pilgrimage.

'Rosary on the Coast': On Sunday 29 April the Bishops' Conference of Scotland has invited us to go to the nearest coastline and pray the rosary for the protection and upholding of our Christian Way of Life in Scotland. Anyone wishing to take part please meet at the Abercorn Church car park in the Hopetoun Estate at 2.45 pm on Sunday 29 April. Winchburgh parish has a three-mile coastal boundary with the Firth of Forth. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee (25 years of Priesthood): On Tuesday 01 May there will be a **Thanksgiving Mass** at 12 noon in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, Broxburn. Archbishop Leo will preside. There is a buffet in the hall afterwards. Papal Blessings will be presented to Reggie Hughes and John Sweeney. All those going to the lunch should notify the parish office by Monday 23 April. On **Thursday 03 May** Fr Jeremy and Canon John will celebrate a **Thanksgiving Mass** in the Holy Family School, Winchburgh at 9.30 am. On **Friday 04 May** there is a **Ceilidh** in St Philomena's Hall at 7.30 pm, with stovies and ice cream. Free tickets available on a first-come-first-served basis from Kathleen Steyn in Broxburn and Margaret Byrne in Winchburgh.

Baptismal Course: The next Baptism Course for Infant Baptisms is on Monday 30 April at 7.00 pm in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, Broxburn.

Sacramental Preparation - Primary Four - (First Communions):

- (i) Broxburn Parish - The Primary Four parents and children will meet with Fr Jeremy after 9.30 am Mass today in the Canon Hoban Hall for 20 minutes of Catechism.
- (ii) Winchburgh Parish - The Primary Four parents and children will meet with Fr Jeremy after 11.30 am Mass today in the church to prepare for First Communions.

Primary Three - (who have made their First Confessions): On Sunday 13 May in both parishes the children will be presented with a special cross to remind them of the merciful love of Jesus.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: A reminder to all Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, otherwise known as 'Eucharistic Ministers.' There is a training session and review on Saturday 05 May at 11.00 am in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church's sacristy for both parishes. We will cover:

- (i) Refinement of good practice.
- (ii) Prayer life fit for Ministry.
- (iii) Weekly cover and rotas.
- (iv) Safeguarding.
- (v) Housebound visitations.
- (vi) Re-commissioning on Pentecost Sunday.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2018: The Medjugorje Irish Centre organise pilgrimages to Medjugorje throughout the year. 7 Nights B & B and Airport Shuttle Service from 279 euros per person. For further information telephone Jackie on 0203 239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. See poster at the back of the church.

SPUC Scotland - Annual Pro Life Chain: We have been invited to join the SPUC (Scotland) on Saturday 28 April, from 11.00 am, for the Annual Pro-Life Chain on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. This year commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act and the more than nine million unborn children who have been killed, and countless mothers and fathers who have been hurt by abortion. There will be a Rosary, led by Archbishop Cushley from 10.00 am in the Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh. For more information contact louise@spucscotland.org or telephone 0141 221 2094. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights. Without that right all other rights are lost. Indeed, as Pope Francis said "The right to life is the first human right."

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Paddy Clarke, Jim McCabe (Jnr), Susan McCabe, Rose Feerick, Mary Flora Galbraith, Margaret Burns, Andrew Graham, Tom Pegg, Ilene Malloy, John Philbin, Helen Jeffrey, Anne Marie Ross, Ellen and Derek Brown, Bill Forrester, Margaret Hill, Neil Pettigrew, Sheila Wotherspoon, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Mary Boylan, Marion Caulfield, Bridget Nelson, Chris Brown. Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Fifth Sunday of Easter - 29 April). First reading: reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31. Psalm: 21. Second reading: reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24. Gospel: John 15:1-8.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Parish Pastoral Council: This will take place this Tuesday 24 April at 7.30 pm in the parish house. All delegated representatives are encouraged to attend. Agenda at the back of the church. Apologies to Fr Jeremy

SVDP Pensioners' Lunch - 11 May: Please remember to sign up for the lunch at the back of the church or see one of the SVDP Conference Members.

Fabric Update: The roof work has now begun. Sorry for the inconvenience. The Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are in St Philomena's Hall. Week-end Masses are in the church. The work is expected to last ten weeks.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Friday 27 April at 5.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £347.60. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PRISH

Muriel O'Donnell RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Muriel O'Donnell who died last week in Broughty Ferry. Muriel was a much-loved member of this parish community. She formerly resided in St Andrew's Court in Uphall. Her Funeral Service is on Thursday 26 April at 11.30 am in St John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, followed by teas in the Canon Hoban Hall at 12 noon. Thereafter to West Lothian Crematorium for a service for family and close friends. May she rest in peace.

Broxburn Silver Band: A reminder of the meeting which been organised in the Canon Hoban Hall **today** Sunday 22 April after 9.30 am Mass, for players/ex-players or any interested people to discuss the future or demise of Broxburn Catholic Silver Band. We are hoping for a good attendance at this meeting to secure the future of our silver band. "I would dearly love the band to be resurrected." (Father Jeremy).

Fabric Update: The church steeple and choir work has now been completed. A new water mains pipe is to be installed around 02 May costing about £2,000.00. The parish sacristy toilet has been redecorated. A new bathroom is to be installed upstairs in the parish house. Cost about £3,000.00 to parish.

Parish Accounts: The accounts to the end of March are now available in the church porch.

Church Cleaning Rota: 30 April - Group 4.

Vestry Hour: The next Vestry Hour is on Monday 23 April at 12 noon. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £895.10. Building Fund: £273.30. Candles: £123.25. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club': (No. 38) Group 1 - G Finlayson. Group 2 - M Cooper.

