

# PARISHES OF

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**29 APRIL 2018**

**Parish Priest - Fr Jeremy Bath**

<b>Date</b>	<b>St John Cantius and St Nicholas</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>
<b>Sat. 28 April</b>	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Catherine Anne Lynch	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Gladys Cleary (AV)	Fourth Week of Easter
<b>Sun. 29 April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Easter
<b>Mon. 30 April</b>	<b>10.30 am Requiem Mass</b> Lukasz Kopczynski RIP <b>1.30 pm Requiem Mass</b> Tom Pegg RIP	<b>No Mass</b>	St Pius V, Pope
<b>Tues. 01 May</b>	<b>12noon Thanksgiving Mass</b> Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee <b>6.00 pm Mass</b> Bishop Kevin Rafferty RIP	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Tina Chandler (AV)	St Joseph the Worker
<b>Wed, 02 May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> David Tonery	<b>No Mass</b>	St Athanasius
<b>Thurs. 03 May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> SVDP - Vocations to the Priesthood	SS Philip and James
<b>Fri. 04 May</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Katie Chapman RIP	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> James, Isa and Malcolm McWilliams	Fifth Week of Easter
<b>Sat. 05 May</b>	<b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b> James Cusack RIP <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Daniel J Gordon (AV)	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Patrick (Sonny) D'Alton	Fifth Week of Easter
<b>Sun. 06 May</b>	<b>9.30am Children's Mass</b> Lady Buchan & Buchan family benefactors RIP	<b>11.30 am Mass</b> Edwin Green RIP	Sixth 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 29 APRIL 2018

### THEME

**'Don't Lose Touch'**: In the Gospel today from John, Jesus pleads with His disciples not to lose touch with Him and the Father. In this beautiful parable Jesus reminds us that God is the source of all life, and if we want to experience the fullness of life then we must not allow ourselves to be cut off from God. Like the vine branch, our lives take many twists and turns; good times and hard times, are an experience of the reality of all life. In consequence of accepting this, it is most important that we never lose our faith in God and, like the vine branch in the winter time, we allow the vine dresser, which is Jesus, to prune our lives by cutting off all the dead wood in us, so that we may bear good fruit to each other. A living faith and a spiritual faith is always fruitful to ourselves and to our neighbour. So let me remind you again. Do not lose touch with God.

### REFLECTION

**'The Spirit is Willing but the Flesh is Weak'?** The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh. It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment. (Fr Walter J Cizek S J).



## SHARED PARISH NEWS

**'Rosary on the Coast'**: Today, 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)**: This 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.

Due to the number of Fr Jeremy's invited guests, parking spaces will be limited at the Silver Jubilee Mass. Therefore, it is advisable for our parishioners to use public transport or walk to the Mass.

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 7.00 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.

As Fr Jeremy prefers not to be given gifts, but for those who wish, there will be a retiral collection at the Silver Jubilee Mass on 01 May for the restoration of the Shrine in the grounds adjacent to the church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the patroness of Priests.

P S - See Fr Jeremy's interview with Anna Maria Diamond on Shalom World TV talking about his calling to the Priesthood and his forthcoming Silver Jubilee on Tuesday 01 May. It can be viewed on 'Face Book' and 'You Tube'. Sadly, however, Anna Maria died on 13 February. May she rest in peace.

**The Month of May - Month of Our Lady:** Please remember that the month of May is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. We are invited to pray the Rosary, especially over the next four weeks as a family, as a parish family and as individuals. Pope Francis is encouraging us through prayer to remember the unity of the family life in keeping with the Missionary Church. One of the most powerful ways to build up the family is to pray together as a family. In the coming first week of May let us pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and on week commencing Monday 07 May, the Sorrowful Mysteries. On week commencing Monday 14 May, the Glorious Mysteries, and on week commencing Monday 21 May, we will pray the Mysteries of Light. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

**Tuesday 01 May - Feast of St Joseph the Worker:** 'May Day' has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. It falls on the first day of the month of May dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XIII expressed the hope that this Feast would accentuate the dignity of labour and would bring a spiritual dimension to labour unions. It is eminently fitting that St Joseph a working man, who became the foster father of Jesus, and patron of the Universal Church, should be honoured on this day. We pray especially on this day for all people who are working, especially for those working in hardship and difficult conditions. We also pray for the rights of the worker as well as the unemployed, and in particular, our young people, who are striving to find work.

**Sacramental Preparation - Primary Four - (First Communions):**

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. This will help Fr Jeremy to get to know the children better before their First Holy Communion.

**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.

**Ascension Thursday 10 May:** This day is a Holy Day of Obligation, in other words a major Feast Day in the Church's year. There will be a morning Mass in Winchburgh at 9.30 am and an evening Mass in Broxburn at 7.00 pm

**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.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Gozo:** Please pray for all those going on pilgrimage to Gozo on 13 May, especially for Joan Coghill who was due to attend but who sadly died suddenly on 19 April. We will offer up a Mass for the repose of her soul on pilgrimage to Gozo as well as our other deceased parishioners.

**Thank You - Quiz Night:** The Quiz Night last Saturday 21 April, raised £855.00 for Mary's Meals. Thanks to all those who donated prizes, foodstuffs and donations and all who helped generally. Your continuing support for this worthy cause is much appreciated. *Kathleen.*

**Recently Dead:** We have had seven deaths recently in our parishes:

**Muriel O'Donnell**, who was buried last Thursday.

**John Borthwick:** from Winchburgh, beloved husband of Audrey and father of John and the late Graeme and James. A loving brother of Jim, Henry, Alex and the late Hugh, also Isobel and the late Mary. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

Also, the sudden death of **Lukasz Koczynski** who was only 35 years of age. A loving husband of Anna and father of Nela. His Requiem Mass is on Monday 30 April at 10.30 am. His coffin will be received into the church at 10.15 am, then on to West Lothian Crematorium for cremation at 12 noon.

**Jimmy McCabe**, son of Barbara and Jim.

**Tom Pegg**, beloved husband of Marybell, beloved father of Christine, Vivien and James and a loving grandfather. Tom's Requiem Mass is on Monday 30 April at 1.30 pm and his burial is at Loaninghill Cemetery at 3.00 pm. His body will be received into the church at 1.15 pm prior to the Requiem Mass.

**Joan Coghill**, whose Requiem Mass is on Saturday 19 May at 9.30 am and then to Adam Brae Cemetery, Livingston, for burial at 11.00 am.

**James Cusack**, who was 86 years of age, who died on 24 April at Tippethill Hospital. His Requiem Mass is at 9.30 am on Saturday 05 May, thereafter to West Lothian Crematorium. His body will be received into the church at 5.30 pm on Friday 04 May.

**Reasons to Believe in God:** Please see leaflets at the back of the church containing some interesting information on the reasons for believing in God.

**Praying for the Sick:** Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Danny Gallagher, Paddy Clarke, Susan McCabe, Rose Feerick, Mary Flora Galbraith, Margaret Burns, Andrew Graham, Eileen 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:** (Sixth Sunday of Easter - 06 May). First reading: reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. Psalm: 97:1-4. Second reading: reading from the first letter of St John 4:7-10. Gospel: John 15:9-17.

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

**May Procession:** The May Procession scheduled for 12 May has been cancelled due to the church roof restoration. It is considered unsafe and not feasible to have the procession at this time.

**Housebound Visits - May:** Due to Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee, funeral Masses, the Gozo Pilgrimage and other commitments, there will be **no housebound visits in May**. Fr Jeremy apologises and will visit the housebound in June (dates to be confirmed).

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on 04 May at 2.00 pm. For all general pastoral enquiries.

**Collections:** Offertory: £438.91. Special collection (Vocations): £147.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass is on Sunday 06 May at 9.30 am.

**Church Cleaning Rota:** 30 April - Group 4. 21 May - Group 1.  
11 June - Group 2. 02 July - Group 3.

**Vestry Hour:** There will be no Vestry Hour this coming week due to Fr Jeremy's work commitments.

**Collections:** Offertory: £796.00. Candles: £102.00. '59 Club': £250.00. Special Collection (Vocations): £412.00. SCIAF: £287.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**'59 Club':** (No. 38) 21 April Group 1 - M Cooper. Group 2 - R Lynch.