

# PARISHES OF

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**06 MAY 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. 05 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Requiem Mass</b><br>James Cusack RIP<br><b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>Daniel J Gordon (AV)    | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Patrick(Sonny)<br>D'Alton        | Fifth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Sun. 06 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Children's Mass</b><br>Lady Buchan and the<br>Buchan family<br>benefactors                   | <b>11.30 am Mass</b><br>Edwin Green RIP                 | Sixth Sunday<br>of Easter        |
| <b>Mon. 07 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>Kit O'Sullivan RIP   | <b>No Mass</b>  | Sixth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Tues. 08<br/>May</b> | <b>6.00 pm Mass</b><br>Patricia and Norman<br>Donnelly RIP  | <b>10.30 am Requiem<br/>Mass - Pat Haley</b>            | Sixth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Wed. 09 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>John McCarron RIP  | <b>11.00 am Requiem<br/>Mass - John<br/>Borthwick</b>   | Sixth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Thurs.10<br/>May</b> | <b>2.00 pm Mass at<br/>School</b><br>Rosemary Quipp (health)<br><b>7.00 pm Mass</b><br>James Morgan RIP | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>James O'Hara Jnr<br>(AV)         | The Ascension<br>of the Lord     |
| <b>Fri. 11 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>John & Elizabeth<br>Greenan and Betty Kane                                       | <b>10.30 am Mass</b><br>Bridget Bourke                  | Sixth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Sat. 12 May</b>      | <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>The Brady Family   | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>James and Sean<br>Hanlon         | Sixth Week of<br>Easter          |
| <b>Sun. 13 May</b>      | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br>For the People of the<br>Parish  | <b>11.30 am Mass</b><br>For the People of<br>the Parish | Seventh<br>Sunday of<br>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.

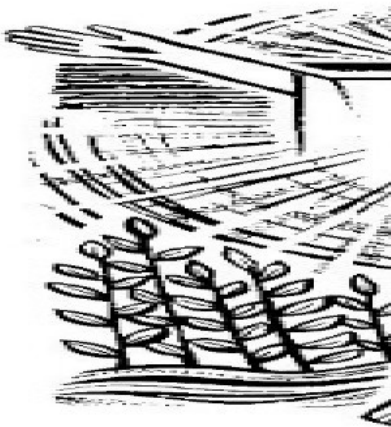
## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 06 MAY 2018

### THEME

**'God Does Not Have Favourites':** In the first reading today Saint Peter reminds us that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who respects God and does what is right, is acceptable to Him. We consciously and unconsciously choose to have favourite people in our lives and, in many respects, we find it very difficult to love everyone equally. Human passions and desires for intimate love always brings with it different categories of friendship. However, for the Christian person, the critical factor is not to have jealousy or resentment towards other people who love the same persons as we do; that our love is not selfish or possessive, or only on our own terms. Jesus in the Gospel today says 'You are my friends if you do what I command you; this is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you.' Jesus never seeks to exclude others from His love. But we make it harder for ourselves to be loved by God if we show little or no love for others. I admire those who show great love when they themselves have not been loved by others. So many of the sins of the world are caused by those who have themselves experienced the absence of love. Let me remind you again what Jesus said, 'what I command you is to love one another.'

### REFLECTION

**'Learning to Find Jesus in Others':** We need to help others to realise that the only way is to learn how to encounter others with the right attitude, which is to accept and esteem them as companions along the way, without interior resistance. Better yet, it means learning to find Jesus in the faces of others, in their voices, in their pleas. And learning to suffer in the embrace of the crucified Jesus whenever we are unjustly attacked or meet with ingratitude, never tiring of our decision to (Pope Francis).



## SHARED PARISH NEWS

### Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Event:

Every time a priest commemorates his Silver Jubilee it generates a lot of hard work and preparation, excitement, reunion of old friends and family and overall is a beautiful time to celebrate being God's people. I can't thank enough all the people who have been so kind and generous in giving their energy, ideas, creativity and willing spirit, as well as their self-sacrifice, to make my Silver Jubilee celebration so memorable for all the right reasons. Let us not also forget it was a right and fitting day to remember all the lay people who support

the priests in their day to day pastoral lives. In particular, we remember John Sweeney and Reggie Hughes who were presented with Papal Blessings in recognition of their many years of dedicated service. We hope and pray that events like these can also help to bring unity in the Church and generate the seed of hope for vocations. The kind giving of donations has also generated a huge sum towards the restoration of the Shrine dedicated to Our Lady. The final figure could well be in excess of £2,000. God bless you all this day and forever.

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 three 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. Commencing this Monday 07 May, we will pray 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, as we remember the sacrifices and suffering endured by Christ out of love for us. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Ascension Thursday 10 May: This Holy Day of Obligation marks the moment when after 40 days appearing to his apostles and disciples, Jesus ascended to

the Father and promised to send the Holy Spirit upon them all to bring about the birth of the Church on earth to bring forth the continued presence of Jesus most beautifully in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Masses that day are as indicated in the newsletter. Please do all you can to fulfil the Catholic tradition of attending Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Thank you to the Schools:** Fr Jeremy is very grateful for the school Masses celebrated on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee at Holy Family and St Nicholas and for all the kindness from the staff and pupils. Thank you.

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

**Primary Four Children:** Fr Jeremy would like the parents of the Primary Four children who are making their First Communion to bring them to confession before making their First Holy Communion.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Gozo:** The pilgrims will depart from Edinburgh airport at 7.30 am on Sunday 13 May and will take with them the prayers and good wishes of the peoples of the parishes to Fr Tabone and Daniel, student priest. We are very grateful for all those who have made this pilgrimage possible including our friends in Gozo. We remember with posthumous love Joan Coghill who was due to join us, but who has sadly died. Also, Creena Doherty, who cannot attend due to receiving medical treatment. The pilgrims return on Thursday 17 May.

**Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland:** The Catholic Church in Scotland, in all parishes and dioceses, follows a set of policies and procedures which are detailed in a document signed by each Bishop on 18 March 2018. This document, titled 'In God's Image', instructs all those responsible for Safeguarding - clergy, religious, employees and volunteers - to follow the arrangements and to comply with the Safeguarding standards which are set out in detail. These include:

- 1.** Creating safe Church environments to protect children and vulnerable adults and to prevent harm or abuse
- 2.** Requiring compulsory PVG membership for all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with vulnerable groups
- 3.** Encouraging the public to report suspicions of abuse or harm

4. Mandatory reporting of all allegations of abuse (recent or historic) involving Church personnel to the Police
5. Providing support, care and advice for survivors of abuse when they disclose their experience
6. Requiring every parish to appoint a safeguarding co-ordinator to support parish volunteers.

Fr Jeremy would like to meet with the Safeguarding Co-ordinators from both parishes to make sure we are fully compliant with all the new regulations. A Safeguarding meeting is to be held on Monday 21 May at 7.00 pm in Broxburn parish house.

St Peregrine Mass: The next St Peregrine Mass for the anointing of the sick will be held on Saturday 19 May at 10.30 am in St Philomena's Church, Winchburgh.

Tuesday Evening Mass in Broxburn: Please note that the Tuesday evening Mass in Broxburn on 15 May is cancelled due to Fr Jeremy's pilgrimage to Gozo.

National Peace Walk: This will be held on Sunday 13 May at 1.45 pm leaving from St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. For those who wish to take part, please note the walk will be round other religious sites in the city. It is advisable that only able-bodied people take part.

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: (Seventh Sunday of Easter - 13 May). First reading: reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26. Psalm: 102. Second reading: from the first letter of St John 4:11-16. Gospel: John 17:11-19.

## ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

**Collection for Fr Jeremy:** In honour of Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee, there will be a second collection at St Philomena's Church on Sunday 13 May. The proceeds will go to assist with expenses of Fr Jeremy's forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. All donations to the boxes in the church or to James Brown. Thank you. Margaret Russell.

**Pat Haley RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Haley whose coffin will be brought into the church at 10.15 am on Tuesday 08 May prior to his Requiem Mass at 10.30 am. May he rest in peace.

**John Borthwick RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of John Borthwick whose Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 09 May at 11.00 am. John's coffin will be brought into the church at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 08 May. May he rest in peace.

**Housebound Visits - May:** A reminder that 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 Friday 11 May at 4.00 pm. As Fr Jeremy is in Gozo the following week there will be **no Vestry Hour**.

**Collections:** Offertory: £392.94. Thank you for your generosity.





## ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH

**Primary Four Children making their First Communion:** Fr Jeremy will meet the children and their parents after 9.30 am Mass on 20 May.

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

**Vestry Hour:** The next Vestry Hour is on Thursday 10 May at 5.00 pm. Please note, there is **no Vestry Hour** the following week as Fr Jeremy is on pilgrimage.

**Collections:** Offertory: £830.000. Building Fund: £357.00. Candles: £101.70. Papers: £116.00. SCIAF: £50.80. Thank you for your generosity.

**'59 Club':** (No. 20) 21 April Group 1 - L Cooper. Group 2 - A Duffy.





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