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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Communications Sunday

13 MAY 2018



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Date	St John Cantius and St Nicholas	St Philomena	Feast Day
Sat. 12 May	5.30 pm Vigil Mass The Brady Family	9.30 am Mass James and Sean Hanlon	Sixth Week of Easter
Sun. 13 May	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	Seventh Sunday of Easter B
Mon. 14 May	9.30 am Mass Johnny Byrne (AV)	No Mass	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle
Tues. 15 May	6.00 pm (No Mass)	9.30 am Mass Gilbert D'Alton (AV)	Seventh Week of Easter
Wed. 16 May	9.30 am Mass The Doherty Family (AVs)	No Mass	Seventh Week of Easter
Thurs. 17 May	No Mass	9.30 am Mass Private Intention	Seventh Week of Easter
Fri. 18 May	9.30am Requiem Mass Rhea McNamee RIP	10.30 am Mass Jim McCabe RIP	St John I, Pope
Sat. 19 May	9.30am Requiem Mass Joan Coghill RIP 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving for Canon Agnew's 57 years of Priesthood	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien RIP	Seventh Week of Easter
Sun. 20 May	9.30 am Mass James McNulty RIP	11.30 am Mass Pat Haley RIP	Pentecost Sunday

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

Winchburgh: Tues. Sat. 8.30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Broxburn: Sat. 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm.

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

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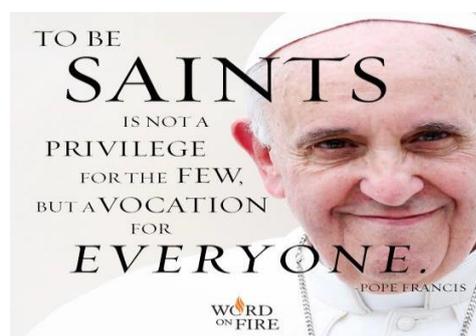
World Communications Sunday 12/13 May 2018

THEME

"My Word": In the Gospel today, Jesus prepares the apostles for looking after the Church on earth. He has called them, fed them, reconciled them and most importantly, taught them the Good News. Every time we hear the Gospel, meaning 'Good News' we hear God's voice speaking to us. It is 'Good News' because it is all for our sake. The Word made flesh is Jesus Christ, who was sent by the Father to reveal to us the truth about life, death and resurrection. The world refused to listen to the prophets and the patriarchs so, out of love, God sent His only Son, the 'Logos', the Word incarnate. However, still to this day, there are those who choose not to hear the 'Good News of Salvation.' How sad for those who do not wish to hear the message of salvation; cutting themselves off like a vine branch from the vine, depriving themselves of the Way, the Truth and the Life Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

"Consecrate Them in the Truth: Without a yearning for the truth cultivated and deeply embedded in our character, we can easily be swept up in current intellectual fashions. Novelty and innovation exercise a powerful appeal. The rupture with old ways and old thinking, the replacement of them with the new, is not just an intellectual act. A subtle inclination of rebellion is often taking place. The desire to be independent in one's thinking and in one's decisions has a seductive quality, especially for the young. But often what parades outwardly as independence in thought is simply an unreflective need to embrace the ruling opinions of the time. (Fr. Donald Haggerty, St. Pat's, New York). **N B** - New Apostolic Exhortation out from Pope Francis on the Web - "Call to Holiness" - is worth taking the time to read.



SHARED PARISH NEWS

52nd World Communications Day - 12/13 May: Today we focus on how the Church communicates with the World and also how we as the Baptised People of God communicate with each other. Archbishop Tartaglia quotes from Pope Francis who says, "I would like to promote a journalism of peace. I mean a journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans and sensational headlines. A journalism created for the majority in our world who have no voice."

There are copies of Archbishop Tartaglia's letter in the porch.

Pope Francis' text can be viewed on www.scmo.org.

Extra copies of the Parish Newsletter are available for the housebound.

The Month of May - Month of Our Lady: We are invited to pray the Rosary during the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, especially during the remaining two 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. This week commencing 14 May, we will pray 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.

Pentecost Sunday - 20 May: Please note that this major celebration in the Church Calendar is the 'Birth' of the Church. Therefore, all those with a 'Lay Ministry' in the parish will be invited to renew their commitment.

NEWSFLASH! ALTAR SERVERS! Friday 01 June is the altar servers summer outing to Edinburgh. The bus is leaving Broxburn at 1.00 pm, picking up in Winchburgh between 1.00 pm - 1.15 pm then onto the cathedral for a guided tour before going to Portobello for a walk along the beach and a Pizza. Please put your names and addresses on the list in the respective sacristies if you want to go. Permission will then be sought from your parents. The minibus will be back in Winchburgh and Broxburn between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm. There is no charge.



Pilgrimage to Gozo: Fr Jeremy and the rest of the pilgrims arrive, God willing, in Gozo on Sunday 13 May to be met by Fr Tabone and Daniel. They have kindly organised an itinerary of churches and other places of historical interest. We will offer up Mass while away for Joan Coghill (RIP) and Creena Doherty (sick) who should have been with us. God Bless us all. N B - when Fr Jeremy is away there is no Tuesday evening Mass in Broxburn on 15 May.

Primary Three - (who have made their First Confessions): This 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.

Appeal from Mary's Meals - Please can you Help: 'Mary's Meals works to provide a daily meal in school for some of the world's poorest children. Thanks to the generosity of wonderful supporters such as you, we are now reaching more than 1.2 million children every school day in 15 countries. You can assist us by donating any unwanted clothing (including belts/bags/shoes) or household textiles (including curtains/bedding) **BUT NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS!** Recycling the textiles generates money to help feed hungry children. Last year, the textile collection raised more than £160,000. A few bin bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year (£13.90). Our volunteers will be visiting your parishes on the weekend of 09 and 10 June 2018. We will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses that weekend. Tickets cost £1.00 each. **PLEASE NOTE:** The van will collect textiles after the **Sunday morning Masses only**. We regret that we are unable to uplift bric-a-brac and cannot collect donations in the evenings or from home addresses. Also, be aware that we do not go through the bags so please only include the items listed above. **Many thanks for your support.**' *Fran Lawson, Fundraising Officer - Churches.*





Safeguarding Meeting: Please note there has been a change to the date of the Safeguarding Meeting. It is now scheduled for Friday 08 June at 7.00 pm in the Broxburn parish house. 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.

St Peregrine Mass: The next St Peregrine Mass for the anointing of the sick will be held this 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 this week is **cancelled** due to Fr Jeremy's pilgrimage to Gozo.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: (Pentecost Sunday - 20 May). First reading: reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11. Psalm: 103. Second reading: reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25. Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.



ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Lenten House Group with Winchburgh Parish Church: The final session of the 'Lenten House Group' on the subject of 'Hope' inspired by testimonials from ex-prisoners, is to be held at St Philomena's parish house on Friday 18 May at 8.00 pm. (For those who attended these meetings during Lent please let Fr Jeremy know if you can't attend).

Collection for Fr Jeremy: In honour of Fr Jeremy's Silver Jubilee, there will be a second collection in St Philomena's Church today 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.

Hall Bookings: For anyone wishing to book St Philomena's Hall can you please contact Tom Moffat (01506 502010) to arrange it. Also, can a letter requesting the booking be sent to him at 110 Millgate, Winchburgh, EH52.

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 Vestry Hour this week is on Saturday 19 May at 12 noon. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £342.32. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOHN CANTIUS AND ST NICHOLAS PARISH

New Hymn Books: We are very grateful to the staff of Thomas Grieve and Son, Funeral Directors, for the donation of our new hymn books. Special thanks to Canon John and Lesley who were involved in liaising with the staff of Thomas Grieve and Son in setting up the acquisition of these very much appreciated hymn books.

New Chairs for Church Choir: We are very grateful for the donation of chairs to the choir loft from Thomas Brown and Son, Funeral Directors. They are very much appreciated.

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

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Funeral Mass of Joan Coghill RIP: This will take place on Saturday 19 May at 9.30 am in Saint John Cantius and St Nicholas Church, Broxburn. Joan's body will be received into the church at 6.00 pm on Friday 18 May. May she rest in peace.

Marion Caulfield RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Caulfield who has died. We remember Marion and her family in our prayers. Funeral arrangements are still to be finalised. May she rest in peace.

Art Exhibition: We are invited to an exhibition of art, calligraphy and woodwork in the main hall at Strathbrock Partnership Centre on Saturday 19 May from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

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

Vestry Hour: The Vestry Hour this week is at 7.00 pm on Saturday 19 May. For all general pastoral enquiries.

Collections: Offertory: £1,047.80. Building Fund: £362.80. Candles: £115.30. SCIAF: £103.25. Thank you for your generosity.

'59 Club': (No. 41) Group 1 - B Macrae. Group 2 - M McIntyre.