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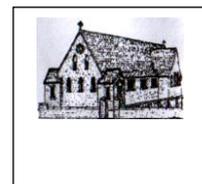
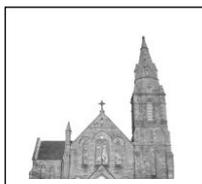
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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 15 th July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Colin McConaghy RIP	10.30 am Mass Margaret Ferguson (AV)	Memorial of St Bonaventure
Sunday 16 th July	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass Johnny Byrne RIP	15 th Sunday of the Year
Monday 17 th July	9.30 am Mass Michael Philbin RIP	No Mass	15 th Week of the Year
Tuesday 18 th July	6.00 pm Mass Billy McGinley RIP	9.30 am Mass Cass McKeon RIP	15 th Week of the Year
Wednesday 19 th July	9.30 am Requiem Mass Eddie McCann RIP	No Mass	15 th Week of the Year
Thursday 20 th July	No Mass	9.30 am Requiem Mass John Donoghue RIP	15 th Week of the Year
Friday 21 st July	9.30 am Mass Sadie Delaney RIP	10.30 am Mass Margaret Robb (80 th Birthday)	15 th Week of the Year
Saturday 22 nd July	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Catherine Docherty RIP	9.30 am Mass Eileen Clark RIP	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 23 rd July	9.30 am Mass Eileen and Ted Bonar (Golden Wedding Anniversary)	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	16 th Sunday of the Year

Morning Prayer: Broxburn: Mon. Wed. Fri. - 8.30 am

Winchburgh: Tues. 8.30 Sat. - 8.30 am

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

Winchburgh: Fri. 11.00 am. Sat - 10.15 am

FIFTHTEEN SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 16TH JULY 2017

THEME: 'Sowing the seed.' Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth, gradual and straightforward process.

The word of God has an immense and mysterious power to change us. The hard thorny patch that our lives may be currently experiencing could be Christ's way of calling us to a deeper union with him. Experience tells us that we have to work for anything that is worth having. Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness depends on our openness to receive His word. So often when God is sowing the seed of His love around us we are cold, off-hand and too proud to allow ourselves to be won over. However, there is good soil in every human heart and, given time and effort, and a considerable degree of pain, the Spirit of the living God will put down deep roots in our lives, assuring us of salvation.

REFLECTION: 'For God loves a cheerful giver.' "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctance or under compulsion - for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:6-7.*

SHARED PARISH NEWS

The Teaching of the Catechism: 'The Obedience of Faith.' Para. 144. To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to 'hear or listen to') in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself.

Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Abraham - 'father of all who believe'. Par. 145. *The Letter to the Hebrews*, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: 'By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.' By faith, he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land. By faith, Sarah was given to conceive a son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.

Mary - 'Blessed is she who believed.' Para. 148. The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. By faith Mary welcomes the tidings and promise brought by the angel Gabriel, believing that 'with God nothing will be impossible' and so giving her assent: 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be (done) to me according to your word.' Elizabeth greeted her: 'Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary Blessed. Para. 149. Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary's faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfilment of God's word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.

Parish Outing: Due to the fantastic response for our parish outing to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 12th August, the bus is now full. However, if anyone would still like to go there is a reserve list at the back of the church. Please add your name and phone number and you will be contacted if there are cancellations. We are sorry for any disappointments.

National Pilgrimage 2017 to Fatima: The National Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place at 3.00 pm on Sunday 3rd of September 2017 in Carfin. During this year's pilgrimage, the Bishops of Scotland will consecrate our nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The principle celebrant is His Grace Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow and Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles as Homilist. This year's Pilgrimage takes place during the 100th Anniversary Year of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady at Fatima.

Document from the Vatican: There is a copy of a document from the Vatican regarding the National Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. It seeks to try and address the social evils and the terrible consequences of poverty and addiction.

Aid to the Church in Need: They have launched an appeal to help families in Iraq to return home, rebuild their houses and start life again in their villages. Three long years after being forced out of their towns and villages by extremist group Daesh (ISIS) - thousands upon thousands of Christians now have the long awaited chance to begin their return back to their beloved homes in the Nineveh Plains. If you wish to donate please call 020 8642 8668 or online at www.acnuk.org/donate.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: Patricia Armstrong, May Lawson, Martin Donoghue, Joanne Mulcachy, Jo Tinney, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Alan Russell, Anne O'Kane (Middleton Hall). Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Next Sunday's Readings: 16th Sunday of the Year. First reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19. Psalm: 85:5-6, 9-10. Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27. Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43.

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Marriage of Claire Margaret Paris and Derek Murray: We pray for this young couple who are to be married at 2.00 pm on Saturday 22nd July in Broxburn church. We pray for Claire and Derek that they may embrace the beauty of marriage as a sacrament and never be afraid to seek the help of God throughout their lives together as husband and wife.

Eddie McCann RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie McCann. His Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 19th July at 9.30 am. His body will be received into the church on Tuesday evening at 5.30 pm. May he rest in peace.

SVDP Annual Outing: This will be held on Thursday 7th September 2017 to St Andrews. If anyone would like to come along please note in your diaries. Further details will follow in due course.

Parish Accounts: A copy of the parish accounts to 30th June 2017 is at the back of the church for anyone who is interested in viewing them.

Cleaning Rota: Group 1 - 24th July. Group 2 - 7th Aug. Group 3 - 21st Aug. Group 4 - 4th Sept. Group 5 - 18th Sept.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is on Monday 17th July at 5.00 pm. It is best to book Fr Jeremy first.

Housebound Visits: The next visits will be as follows: Broxburn east and west - Monday 7th August. Uphall, Uphall Station and Dechmont - Tuesday 8th August.

Collections: Offertory: £821.00. Building Fund: £251.00. Candles - £86.05. '59 Club': £200.00. '59 Club': 1st July - (No. 6) Group 1 - M. Forsyth. Group 2 - E Bonar. 8th July (No. 25) Group 1 - J Gallagher. Group 2 - N Connolly.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH

Thank you: The family of Cass McKeon would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the love and support shown to them. For all the Masses, cards and flowers received and to all who helped in their many, special ways. Many thanks also for the retiral collection of £310.00 which will be shared by Marie Curie and SVDP. Your kindness will never be forgotten. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for you all by St Patrick's Missionary Society.

John Donoghue RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of John Donoghue. His Requiem Mass is on Thursday 20th July at 9.30 am. John's coffin will be received into the church on Wednesday 19th July at 5.00 pm. John was a well-known figure in Winchburgh and was an academically gifted man. The latter time of John's life was spent in a nursing home in Armadale. May he rest in peace.

Housebound Visits: The next visit will be on Tuesday 15th August.

Vestry Hour: The vestry hour this week is at 11.30 am on Friday 21st July. It is better to book Fr Jeremy first.

Collections: 2nd July - Offertory £410.93. Peter's Pence - £161.05. Sunday 9th July - Offertory - £349.80. Thank you for your generosity.