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Date	SS John Cantius & Nicholas	St Philomenas	Feast Day
Saturday 17 th June	5.30 pm Vigil Mass Mary McKenna RIP	10.30 am St Peregrine Mass Molly Docherty	Mass of Our Lady
Sunday 18 th June	9.30 am Mass Anthony Flynn RIP 3.00 pm Mass Mary Clark RIP	11.30 am First Communion Thanksgiving Mass James Doherty (AV)	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 19 th June	9.30 am Mass Joe Connolly RIP	No Mass	11 th Week of the Year
Tuesday 20 th June	6.00 pm Mass Peter Traynor's Intentions	9.30 am Deceased members of SVDP	11 th Week of the Year
Wednesday 21 st June	9.30 am Mass Dorothy Donnelly RIP	No Mass	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga
Thursday 22 nd June	No Mass	9.30 am Mass David Ferguson	St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Martyrs
Friday 23 rd June	10.00 am Requiem Mass Grace Gorman RIP	10.30 am Mass Catherine Docherty RIP	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 24 th June	5.30 pm Vigil Mass William Rodgers RIP	9.30 am Mass Tony Mallon RIP	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 25 th June	9.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	11.30 am Mass For the People of the Parish	12 th Sunday of the Year

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

Winchburgh: Tues, 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

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 18TH JUNE 2017

Theme: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven'. Today's feast finds its roots in the Last Supper episode. In order for Jesus Christ to keep alive the memory of his great love on the Hill of Calvary, on the night before he died, he left His body and blood as spiritual food to be received in every generation. One can conclude that this solemnity is a splendid opportunity to reflect on God's most striking gift to us which is His greatest proof of His love. One must keep in mind that sharing the Eucharist means more than going to Mass, by opening the doors of our hearts and of our homes and accepting people as they are, we bring each other closer to God..

Reflection: 'You do not go away'. Lord, my God, you do not go away from those who go away from you. How can anyone say you are an absent God? (St John of the Cross).

SHARED PARISH NEWS:

Corpus Christi Procession - today 18th June: Today, for the first time in many years, there will be a Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of the church in Broxburn. All the First Communion children from **both parishes** are warmly invited to take part in the procession and wear their Communion outfits. It is a great tradition of the Church to take the Blessed Sacrament out of the church and bless the surrounding area and remind ourselves of the graces that come from praying before the Blessed Sacrament. The procession will be as follows: Mass - 3.00 pm in the church. 3.30 pm - process into the church grounds (praying the Rosary - the Mysteries of Light). 3.50 pm - arrive at the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine, meditation, talk and Salve Regina. 4.10 pm - Benediction and close. Please come and take part in this wonderful tradition of the Church on Corpus Christi Sunday. P.S. You are allowed to attend Mass a second time if you have been there earlier in the day.

Flower petals for Corpus Christi Procession: If anyone is willing to donate flower petals for the Corpus Christi Procession please hand them in or bring them along on Sunday 18th June. Thank you.

Reflection by Pope Benedict XVI: "The Corpus Christi procession teaches us that the Eucharist seeks to free us from every kind of despondency and discouragement and wants to raise us, so that we can set out on the journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ. Each one can find his own way if he encounters the one who is the Word and the Bread of Life, and lets himself be guided by His friendly presence. Without the God-with-Us, the God who is close, how can we stand up to the pilgrimage through life, either on our own or as a society and the family of peoples? The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the God who does not leave us alone on the journey but stays at our side and shows us the way".

Farewell to Daniel - till we meet again: This Sunday is Daniel, our student priest's, last weekend with us before he returns to his family in Gozo and his seminary studies. We give thanks for his 9 months with us and all he has contributed to our pastoral and spiritual lives. Thank you to all who have been so kind towards him. We look forward to a parish pilgrimage to Gozo in 2018 and his ordination in 2020 please God. Here is Daniel's farewell message to us:

Farewell Statement from Daniel: *'Time flies, but the memories collected along the way can never be replaced'. 'At the end of these 9 months experience, I can certainly conclude that it has been an honour and my pleasure working with you. Therefore, I would like to thank you deeply for making me feel welcome and at home. I would like to thank the clergy, all the parishioners, parish groups and other people who have made my Scottish experience an unforgettable one. It was lovely working with you because both parishes are willing to work and open for new ideas. I would also like to thank you for all your kindness, courage and support you have given me. This experience has surely left a mark on my vocation. Thanks and humbly we keep each other in our prayers so that God may continue to give us strength to do His beautiful Will'.*

Appeal by Mill Hill Fathers 24th/25th June: Next weekend the Mill Hill Fathers will make an appeal in both parishes. They work amongst the poorer people in the world and send out clergy to establish parishes, build schools, hospitals and orphanages. I was privileged to see their work in Kenya 27 years ago. Please extend the normal warm and generous welcome to these great Missionaries of the Gospel. The second collection next Sunday will go towards the Mill Hill Fathers.

'New Dawn' Charismatic Renewal Pilgrimage to St Andrew's, Fife - July 2017: Please be aware of the 'New Dawn' gathering in St Andrews from 3rd to 7th July. This includes a procession through the streets with the statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen and an open air Mass on the site of the pre-reformation Catholic Cathedral. See the 'New Dawn' website for more details.

Praying for the Sick: Amongst all those who are sick at this time please remember: May Lawson, Ellen Reddington, Rena McManus, Jacqueline Kirk, Jo Tinney, Cathy McKeown, Margaret Foodie, Mary Doyle, Robert Little and Alan Russell. (If you have any other people you wish to pray for please tell Father Jeremy). Our Lady, Patroness of the Sick, pray for them.

Come Spend a Day with St Anna, grandmother of Jesus and mother of the Blessed Virgin: To celebrate parents' and grandparents' day at St Columba of Iona RC Church, 74 Hopehill Road, Glasgow on Saturday 22nd July from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Procession, music and hymns, benediction and rosary, concluding with Vigil Mass at 4.30 pm. See poster at the back of the church.

Next Sundays Readings: 12th Sunday of the Year. First reading: From the prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13. Psalm: 68:8-10.14.17.33-35. Second reading: letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15. Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33.

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Death of Grace Gorman: We pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Gorman who died on Tuesday 13th June. Grace was a former housekeeper in the parish house, working alongside Mary Doyle, and much loved in the parish community. We pray for the repose of her soul and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Her Requiem Mass is on Friday 23rd June at 10.00 am. Grace's coffin will be received into the church at 5.00 pm on Thursday 22nd June.

Mass Intentions: In Broxburn parish we now have Mass intentions for the week up to 13th of September. When Fr Younis arrives in July it will allow more intentions to be offered up.

'Simmer Doon' pop up restaurant: The restaurant will open next Saturday 24th June in the Canon Hoban Hall. For bookings contact Audrey on 07415309668. For more information e-mail simmerdoon@gmail.com.

Cleaning Rota: Group 4 - 26th June.

Vestry Hour: For all general pastoral enquiries. This will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 7.00 pm. It is best to book Fr Jeremy first.

Collections: Offertory: £816.80. Building Fund: £305.00. Candles £80.07. '59 Club: £200.00. Thank you for your generosity. '59 Club': (No.2). Group 1 - Canon John. Group 2 - McManus family.

ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH:

Letter from West Lothian Council Roads Department: Fr Jeremy wrote to the council to congratulate them on finishing the Niddry Road resurfacing so quickly ahead of schedule. In the reply from Mr Brian McDowell, he wrote, 'It's not that often people take the time to express their gratitude in such matters and I will pass on your thanks to all those who were involved in the works'. I think that goes for many of us in the parish.

'Roof Steering Group' Meeting: This meeting will take place on Monday 19th June at 7.00 pm in the parish house to plan the way forward in light of recent developments.

Baptisms: We pray for Jayden Joseph Philbin and Riley Patrick Philbin who are due to be baptised at 2.00 pm on Saturday. Also for Cloda Amie McAuley who is due to be baptised at 3.00 pm on Saturday. May their parents and godparents be truly committed to their Catholic sacramental responsibilities for these little ones. God Bless them all.

Thank you: Many thanks for the anonymous donation of baby clothes. These are much appreciated.

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Collection: Offertory: £367.47. Thank you for your generosity.

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