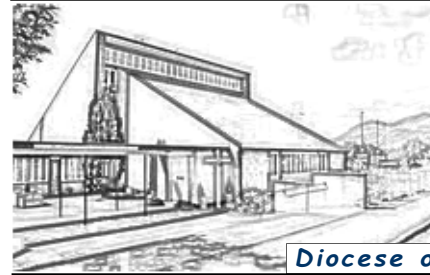


# St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody - Parish Newsletter

## 16th April 2017 + Easter Sunday



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Parish Website <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/> Has all newsletters & notices, information from groups, history, links to schools and other catholic organisations and publications.

### MASS TIMES:

**Saturday Vigil Mass, 5.30pm + Sunday Morning Mass, 11.30am**

**Weekday Morning Masses: Monday, Wed, Thurs & Sat at 9.30am.**

**Tuesday - No Services**

**Friday NO Evening Mass THIS WEEK**

# Welcome

Are you visiting our Parish or have you just moved into the area?

Please feel very welcome.....

Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church.

There are no strangers here just new friends you haven't yet met.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** Margaret Mc'Intyre, Dave Kerr, Anne Mc'Niven, Margaret Tobin, Sarah Jane Connelly, Lisa Hertwig, Dr. Michael Basquill, Margaret Foye, Susie Meehan, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Lynne Malkiewicz, Kathleen Clarke & Family, (Veronica, Peter-James, Gerard, Bernard and Sean-Joseph). Toni Stolarek, and all those in the various nursing homes.



**Remember those who have recently died...**

Paul Kochanek, Ron Foster, Ronnie Fisher, Denise McMaster, Tom McGregor and Catherine Leith.

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....**

Ellen & Victor Varanka and Karl Scotland

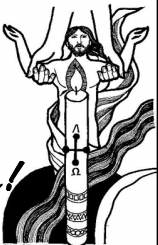


*Jesus Christ*

*is risen*

*today...*

*Alleluia!*



Easter Vigil and Sunday masses will begin outside (weather permitting).

## Parish Collections

16th	Gift Aided	£380.03
April	Non Gift-Aided	£304.34

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Meet every 2 weeks in Church hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass.

Next meetings: 16 April/ 30 April

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:**

Meet on 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's Church Hall.



**PLEASE BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH CANDLES - DO NOT ALLOW CANDLE GREASE TO DROP ON THE FLOOR - IF NECESSARY DO NOT GIVE CANDLES TO CHILDREN.**



*Jesus Christ is risen today... Alleluia!*

The resurrection gives my life meaning and Direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

- Robert Flatt



"The resurrection proclamation could not have been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact." - Paul Althus



"Our old history ends with the cross; Our new history begins with the resurrection." - Watchman Nee

"That Jesus of Nazareth died upon a cross is mere matter of history; that He who did so die was the Christ the Son of God is entirely a matter of revelation." - Sir Robert Anderson



**Feed the Hungry** Please place non-perishable & tinned items etc. in the box / basket at the back of the Church. Members of our SVDP & KSC will distribute the goods to the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" Foodbank.



52kgs of food was donated To "The Gate" during March



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
Scotland



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

**European Life Teen Summercamp Helvoirt, the Netherlands 7th to 12th August 2017**



DUNKELD YOUTH SERVICE

The theme is "Unfinished" and Lifeteen Europe will celebrate their 10th anniversary! This year's will be a special edition! Summercamp is for all teens from 12-19 years old. I attended a Lifeteen camp in 2015 and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I have never experienced young people so full of joy for their faith. The speakers, the challenges and 'messy games' the prayer time and the music are sure to be out of this world. If you have never been on a summer camp before, or even if you are a regular camp goer, I would recommend you sign up. **Forms at back of church.**

When I have an idea how many young people want to go from the Diocese of Dunkeld then I will have a look at booking flights etc.

The cost is likely to be in the region of £300-£350 including transport, food, accommodation and the whole camp experience (a free t-shirt). For more information contact:

Frankie McGuire by Email: [Youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:Youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk) or Phone: 01382225453

### Fabric & Maintenance

**We urgently need volunteers willing to mow the church lawns every week. The people who have been doing this are near or over 70 years of age and it is too much for them now. The alternative is to invest in a second hand "tractor mower" that will take all the hard work of mowing the lawn ( a second-hand one would cost over £300 plus maintenance.)**

**Please see Fr. Mike.... Soooooooooon !!**

**PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.... WE ALSO STILL NEED HELP CLEANING THE CHURCH**



*Small Easter eggs for the children after mass today.*

# PARISH DIARY



Vigil and Sunday masses will begin outside (weather permitting) with blessing of the fire and Paschal candle; Solemn Liturgy of the Word; renewal of baptismal promises; Eucharistic Ministers, members of PPC renew their commitments.

<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 15th April	7.30pm - SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL, THE RESURRECTION	 
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 16th April	11.30am - SOLEMN EASTER MASS. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS	
Mon 17th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Tues 18th April	NO SERVICES IN PARISH	
Wednesday 19th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 6.00pm - Wedding Practise	
Thurs 20th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy             </div>
Friday 21st April	5.00pm - Nuptial mass Fiona and Damian NO EVENING MASS	
Saturday 22nd April	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23rd April	11.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's	

**Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.** "He saw and he believed." Through our baptism Jesus calls us to profess faith and proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who, as priests, brothers and sisters, help others see and believe. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, call your Diocesan Vocations Director, or email Priests for Scotland at [office@pfs.org.uk](mailto:office@pfs.org.uk) or see [www.priestsforScotland.org.uk](http://www.priestsforScotland.org.uk)

Thinking about being a priest? Considering the diocesan priesthood? Priests for Scotland are holding a day for enquirers on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at Glasgow University Catholic Chaplaincy. For more information or to book a place please contact our Vocations Director, Fr. Michael Carrie: [frmichaelcarrie@outlook.com](mailto:frmichaelcarrie@outlook.com)

**May Procession** in honour of Our Lady at St. Mungo's, Alloa on Sunday 7th May at 4.00pm. **All welcome**



"We cannot but think of today's tendency for people to refuse to accept responsibility for their brothers and sisters. Symptoms of this trend include the lack of solidarity towards society's weakest members - such as the elderly, the infirm, immigrants, children - and the indifference frequently found in relations between the world's peoples even when basic values such as survival, freedom and peace are involved." - (Evangeliu Vitae, 8.)  
More at: <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

## A joyful Easter!

Many of you may be glad it is finally Easter and are tired because you have taken full advantage of all the opportunities the Church offers during this rich time of Lent and Holy Week to renew your spiritual batteries. Hopefully you now feel renewed and with new courage and hope inflamed by the joy of the resurrection. We probably all need that joy to be passed on!

A short time ago I would probably have said most of our population is focused on the economic crisis and its practical consequences it has for each one of us. It hits hard home especially when we are suddenly unemployed, threatened to lose our benefits, or social care is cut back either in our own lives or in the lives of our friends. If it is not happening to you, you know of people close by. However, with the mass media and social communications of our modern world every week something new arises that raises a whole lot of practical concerns for many of us - Brexit, independence, refugees, famine and drought. Serious political proposals, accusations and decisions are made, then withdrawn. Violence, drugs, corruption and social unrest are the norm in many countries. The harsh brutal reality is so often displayed on our screens.

It is not surprising that many people are confused and just wonder where our world is going. In many places and perhaps including our own country it appears we are moving backwards. Unfortunately many victories and advances won by popular pressure and elections are being overturned and new laws passed that seem to put the welfare and dignity of people, and especially the poorest into last place. Other interests whether real or invented are the new criteria. Not surprising our oldest people wonder and question why they fought so much in their earlier days for a quality of life for all. We are often not sure of which way to follow.

God our Father calls all his followers to be collaborators in the construction of his Kingdom. He invites each one of us to do this by living our faith, showing hope and being living witnesses of charity and mercy. We Christians should be strong in our convictions for public education, health and social structures and programs of quality, the right to decent employment, to have a decent quality of life with a just pension, access to sport, rest, culture, affordable housing and a healthy diet that guarantees us dignity and quality of life. We live in very difficult times, not just here but in many parts of the world.

May this Easter not be just a moment of fulfilling our "Easter duties", going to a few religious ceremonies and praying just a little more. Jesus is risen, is alive NOW! Our faith, our faith in the risen Jesus, our faith in the resurrection should be not just a guide, but a source of energy, hope so that we can all make a tremendous effort and work so that all may have life and have it to the full now, and not just in the after life. May the Risen Lord be our hope and our joy and strengthen us in our commitment to enabling all to live life to the full.

A joyful Easter to all, Fr. Mike

"Jesus comes to save us; we are called to choose his way: the way of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves." - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex)

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those who worked, contributed and collaborated in some way offering their time, talents and services to make Lent and our Holy Week services function, helping so many people to have a prayerful Easter and be energized for another year.