

PROPOSED NEW SHARED SCHOOL CAMPUS

Last Monday the parish team with Fr. Mike and Fr. Tom Shields Vicar Episcopal for Education for the Diocese of Dunkeld met with representatives of Clackmannanshire Council responsible for the Tullibody South Community Campus project and the architect and engineer responsible for the works. This was the first meeting the Church has had to sit down and actually discuss the floor plans. Based on the previous consultation, or lack of it, our group was very apprehensive.

However, our meeting was extremely transparent and open. Really frank no holds held back. It is obvious we would like the very best for our children that offers the best in 21st century education but at the same time **GUARANTEES** our Catholic Identity and Catholic ethos. Something which, if some of our parents do not fully comprehend, understandably technicians in building may struggle to totally grasp as well. We know that in every new building whether a home or factory there are compromises. Therefore one of our guiding principles is that the desire for new does not mean we opt for second best and we must have those safeguards built into the new project.

There was enormous progress in our talks. We talked and explained our concerns. The Council's team listened, gave explanations and began to explore solutions to our objections. They will be coming back to us within the next 2 to 3 weeks with possible solutions to be further discussed. We found them open to discussion and change with one major obstacle – **there is no more money available**: so if we ask for one thing that is possible, probably we have to give up something so that it can be paid for. Basic housekeeping!

Issues we are examining as priorities and are seriously being looked at:

- ◆ New design creating separate entrance and reception to guarantee the very clear identity of a St. Bernadette's school.
- ◆ Rethink and try and come up with proposals to change the St. Bernadette's part just being reduced to a long corridor creating some kind of more open space(s)
- ◆ Possibility of some kind of small oratory or contemplation room for small group prayer.
- ◆ A lot of other issues were clarified.

Fr. Tom praised our parish team. We are holding on to our principles yet being very open and recognise when we need to compromise without losing the principal. We will remain a Catholic school with our very special Catholic identity. Feel free to speak to Fr Mike and further updates especially at the PPC.

Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work put in so far.

Lourdes/Youth Project

For Lourdes youths who are 16 yrs of age by June 2018 can apply. They need to enrol and we put their names forward by December. Those interested need to make contact with us immediately. **For the Lasalian project** via St. Modan's we think the age is 17 or 18yrs (will check). If they want funding – which is more complicated they need to see us now. **Meeting of the Lourdes/Youth organising Coordinating Committee after mass on 1st October at St. Bernadette's.**



St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody
Parish Newsletter
24th Sept 2017 + 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm. Sunday Mass: 11.30am

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wed, Thurs & Saturday at 9.30am.

NO SERVICES ON TUESDAY Friday Evening Mass: 7.00pm

ALSO SEE DIARY INSIDE FOR HOLY DAYS AND FUNERALS ETC.

Parish Website: <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/>

For newsletters, notices, information from groups, history, links to schools, other catholic organisations and publications.



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 newcomers 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, Margaret Tobin, Sarah Jane Connelly, Lisa Hertwig, Dr. Michael Basquill, Susie Meehan, (Kathleen Clarke & Family, Peter-James, Gerard and Shaun-Joseph), Lynne Malkiewicz, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Toni Stolarek, Agnes Conlan, John Craig, Kathy McLaughlin and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died: Frank Stolarek, Margaret Foye, Josie Smith, Mary Sweeney, Elizabeth Rowe, Brian Hall, Edward Maloney and Margaret Thomson.

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

Fr. Jim Wallace, William Forsyth, Bridie Lamb and Helen McKeon

BRAZIL JARS



Please take a jar from the back of the church to collect spare coins for Brazil. This money helps small projects that get very little and often no other support.

Collections 10th Sept

Regular Meetings

Gift Aided £356.00

Non Gift-Aided £343.17

Ecclesiastical Students Fund £242.77

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
 Meet 2 weekly in hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass.
 Next meetings: 24th Sept & 1st October

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:
 Meet on first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mungo's Alloa.

Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode in the church as they interfere with our speaker system

PARISH DIARY



Please note big noticeboards in front of Our Lady's Altar:
Left hand side: SCHOOL + Middle: PPC + Right side: MISSION NEWS

Saturday 23rd September	5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mary's Meals weekend -		
SUNDAY 24th September	11.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Monday 25th September	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7pm Parish Education Advisory Committee, Parish house	
Tues 26th Sept	7pm Reception of body of Margaret Thomson	
Wed 27th Sept	9.30am - Funeral Mass of Margaret Thomson, St. Bernadette's.	
Thurs 28th Sept	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Friday 29th September	9.00am - Justice and Peace meeting. 7.00pm - Mass of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Bernadette's SVDP members will do the Readings and participate.	
Saturday 30th September	9.30am - Morning Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 31st September	11.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9/10 Oct	Priests' Council, Kinnoul, Perth	All Priests in the Diocese are out of their parishes for almost a week in October with the Priests Council and a Diocesan retreat.
10, 11 & 12 Oct	Biblical Course for priests, Perth	
21 Oct	10am - St. Bernadette's Dunkeld Mission Group with SCIAF	
25 Nov	9.30am Morning Office & Holy Communion – NO CONFESSIONS 10.00am - Diocesan Offices: Dunkeld Mission Group	
3 Dec	First Sunday of Advent	

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL: Representatives will speak at all masses 7/8 October to briefly thank people for their support.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: at 7pm on Monday 2nd October has a very large, very important agenda. **We ask ALL groups to be prepared and send representatives.**

BAPTISM:

Normally we do not celebrate baptisms in Advent (begins 3rd Dec). Fr. Mike is away most of January and we normally do not celebrate baptisms in Lent (begins early 14th February). So if we have babies to welcome into their faith journey in the Church parents please see Fr. Mike immediately as most Sundays before Christmas are almost now unavailable.

"The more Jesus occupies the centre of our lives, the more He allows us to come out of ourselves and brings us closer to others." - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex)

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR MARY'S MEALS EVENT

For the last 5 weeks we've been publishing information on the work done by Mary's Meals in the 14 counties they work in. Today we have speakers from the charity at the vigil and Sunday masses. There is no special collection but there is an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL PRIZE DRAW. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN



Mary's Meals works in 14 countries, in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.



Feeding **1.23million** children daily + **93p** of each pound donated or raised through clothes collection etc. goes to feed children.
+ We can feed a child for a school year for **£13.90**
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Benemerenti Medals awarded to 5 St. Bernadette's parishioners



The Benemerenti Medal is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church. The medal was originally established as an award to soldiers in the Papal Army by Pope Pius VI. In 1925, the concept of awarding this medal as a mark of recognition to persons in service of the Church, both civil and military, lay and clergy alike, became acceptable.

This year we have 5 recipients of the Benemerenti Medal in our parish.

Liz Philliben and Anne Allan for 40yrs of dedicated service to Catholic education.

Jim Tobin and Sam & Agnes Morrison for years of dedicated service/sacrifice to the church.

The request has to go through the bishop, the Papal Nuncio (who had just been appointed) and then forward to the Vatican. Very few papal Benemerenti medals are given. To have a few people in a diocese awarded the medal in one year is a great achievement but 5 from one parish is almost unheard of and a great honour for us, particularly a small parish like St. Bernadette's.

I would point out there are many who could also be put forward who dedicate themselves whole heartedly to the Church but we were being very daring in putting forward 5 in one go. This really is a special moment for 5 to be given in one moment to a Diocese let alone a parish.

Bishop Stephen will come probably on Saturday 18th November for the vigil mass and then on 19th November at 11.30 morning mass present the papal awards.

Close Accident!!!

While cleaning the sanctuary lamp that indicates the Blessed Sacrament is present in the church the whole setup almost collapsed causing a possible serious accident because of the extreme weight. A link had broken, given that other links were as just a bad state it was decided that inevitable accidents would repeat if we did not replace the sanctuary lamp. A new one has been ordered (about £450) in brass that should be ready in 3 - 4 weeks and will not be hung from the roof but be permanently placed on the right hand column between the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Oils cabinet.