

Half Day Retreat: Given by Fr Willie Brandon SMA
 In St. Mungo's Church Hall on Wednesday 29th November 1.00pm to 5.00pm
 Hosted by Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group.
 Soup / Tea / Coffee / Juice provided. Bring your own sandwiches.
Interested? Then add your name to the list at the back of St. Mungo's church or Contact Maggie Bowie for more information on: 01259 212022

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE:

We approached St. Serf's parish about meeting together for a Carol Service.
We will do this alternately in each others churches beginning at St. Bernadette's.
 After the service at the back of the church we will have teas, coffees and mince pies.
This first initiative will take place on Monday 11th Dec at 7.00pm.
Please put this in your diaries now and make an effort to come along.



SVDP CHRISTMAS PARCELS

For the month of November all non-perishable tinned items etc. will go to the SVDP for "Christmas parcels". Please place items in the basket/ box at the back of the church. We would be grateful if people would consider donating some "Christmas Treats"
PLEASE HELP!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland

The parish donated 73.3kgs of food to "THE GATE" foodbank in October.

Knights of St. Columba - St. Andrew's Social Night
"A Night of Scottish Music and Dance"
 Friday 24th November in St. Mungo's Church Hall
 7.30pm - 11.00pm. Tickets £10 (Includes Stovies)

ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL
Parent Council Christmas Fayre
 On the 16th December, 12noon to 2pm.
 Entry: £2 for adults, £1 for children.
Santa is coming!!!



Parish 2018 Calendar:

Will feature a selection of Father Mike's stunning photographs.
 This A4 wall calendar wall hanging is priced at £5. The calendar will be available to buy at the back of the church after Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. ***All profits will go to support Orchard House.***



Access ramp: The new access ramp should be in place any day now. This will make access easier especially for wheelchair users and those with Zimmer type aids. Please remember the sacristy corridor is very much in use for 10 minutes before mass so please come early to avoid using this entrance during this period of time. ***During mass the sacristy external door is locked.***



"We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those most in need." - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontiflex)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

28 Nov	2pm Stakeholders meeting, Tullibody South - Abercromby School
29 Nov	2pm Head Teachers Meeting Dundee
2 Dec	10am to 4pm Justice & Peace Commission, Glasgow
3 Dec	First Sunday of Advent 6pm Fabric & Maintenance meeting

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is on Monday 27th November at 7.00pm in the church hall.

St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody
Parish Newsletter
19th November 2017 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. BERNADETTE



"Love overcomes, love delights."

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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 PARISH DIARY FOR HOLY DAYS AND FUNERALS ETC.

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

Welcome



This weekend we welcome Bishop Stephen on his pastoral visit to our parish. This is a very special visit as 5 of our parishioners are being presented with the **Benemerenti Medal** on Sunday. The recipients are Liz Philliben and Anne Allan for 40yrs of dedicated service to Catholic education, Sam & Agnes Morrison and Jim Tobin for years of dedicated service/sacrifice to the church.



See inside for more about the recipients and more on parish website



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Margaret Mc'Intyre, Dave Kerr, Margaret Tobin, Sarah Jane Connelly, Lisa Hertwig, Dr. Michael Basquill, Agnes Conlan, Lynne Malkiewicz, Brendan Murphy, John Craig, Margaret Byrne, Kathy McLaughlin, (Kathleen Clarke & Family, Peter-James, Gerard and Shaun-Joseph), William Crews, Helen & Tommy Mc'Menemy, and all those in the various nursing homes.

BISHOP VINCENT: Please pray for Bishop Emeritus Vincent who's health has deteriorated badly in the past months. He was Anointed again yesterday as he was giving cause for concern. After a three-months in hospital he is severely weakened and unable to eat properly.

Remember those who have recently died:

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

All those named in our November Lists on the altar



November month of the Holy Souls - Time to remember our deceased

Collections 12th November		Regular Meetings
Gift Aided	£336.24	SVDP: Meet 2 weekly in the church hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass. Next meetings: 26th Nov & 10th Dec
Non Gift-Aided	£240.42	Knights of St. Columba: Meet on first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Hall at St. Mungo's Alloa.

Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode in the church.

PARISH DIARY



Saturday 18th November	5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's.	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 19th November	World Day of the Poor 11.30am - Mass - Bishop Stephen, St. Bernadette's. Presentation of Papal Awards	
Monday 20th November	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - Parish Education Committee.	Feast of Christ the King
Tues 21st Nov	NO SERVICES IN PARISH SCIAF Memorial Mass, Glasgow	
Wed 22nd Nov	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Thurs 23rd Nov	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Friday 24th Nov	7.00pm - Evening Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Saturday 25th November	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion - NO CONFESSIONS 10.00am - Diocesan Offices: Dunkeld Mission Group 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's.	Feast of Christ the King
SUNDAY 26th November	11.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12.30pm - Baptism	



FIRST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time + 19 November 2017

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS at

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html

More at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/World-Day-of-the-Poor>

Benemerenti Medal Recipient

ANNE ALLEN: Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, Parish Priest of St John Vianney's from 1970 to '74, was impressed by the young schoolgirl, and encouraged Anne's ambition to become a teacher. She became a catechist before there was a Catholic school in the Parish and generously gave her time to instruct young children in the Faith and to prepare them for the sacraments. She had conscientiously prepared and presented pupils from St. Bernadette's Primary at services and functions in the Church, such as on Education Sunday and at the Centenary Commemoration in 2013. She spoke to the Congregation this year on Education Sunday about the holistic ethos of her Catholic school, the curriculum, attainment levels and future targets. Anne is a highly respected figure in the Parish Community of St. John Vianney's and St. Bernadette's. Anne, spent all her 40 years teaching in Catholic primary schools mostly in St. Bernadette's. Anne has managed to be very active in both school and parish community despite her husband Lawrence being seriously ill and normally confined to a wheel chair.

Anne is a great Catholic witness in her commitment to her family, the parish community and to Catholic Education. Being retired Anne plans to increase her involvement with more parish pastoral activities and recently she has committed herself to being part of a new Missio team going round the Catholic Primary schools in the Diocese.

Benemerenti Medal Recipients

JIM TOBIN: James Tobin was born on 28, July 1939 in Bowhill, Fife. (A twin with two older brothers) Unfortunately Jim's mother died shortly after his birth. The children were brought up by their Irish granny Mary-Anne, their Aunt Mary and her brother Dick. They never married so as to bring up the boys. Jim went to the local Catholic Primary school and Secondary school and at fourteen began work down the coal mines. Jim met and married Margaret on 16, September 1961. Jim and Margaret throughout their life have nursed and looked after many dying friends and close family until they died. All of Jim's brothers are now dead. Jim is looked up to by all the family and extended family as a kind of spiritual director. In the "Village" he is highly respected and non-Catholics turn to him for information and advice about the Church. In practise among the working men they look to Jim as a representative of the Church. In need of help they turn to Jim. Jim was always involved in the running of the Church beginning as a young man in Bowhill, Fife. In 1967 when he moved to Tullibody to work down another coal mine he became more involved in directly supporting the parish priest of St. Bernadette's.

After dedicating his life to church activities, Jim at 78 is still very involved in the Parish and organisation at funerals etc. and still weekly walks longish distances to take Holy Communion to the sick. He loves and cares for his family and the Church. Despite his age he never stops helping others. If someone is in difficulties Jim will know about it and be there to offer help. Friends say if Jim had not married Margaret he would have been a priest.

AGNES AND SAM MORRISON: Sam Morrison was born in May 1936 on the Scottish island of Barra. The family later moved to Oban on the mainland. Agnes Morrison (Fallans) was born in July 1935 at Cowie near Stirling.

Sam for years looked after the sacristy and served at daily mass when they were no servers. Even today at 81 years of age he stands in when necessary. Sam helps at funerals and devoted much of his spare time to the Saint Vincent de Paul untiring in house visits to those in need in the local community.

Agnes's life is much the same. After her family her dedication is to the Church. Always she has been a permanent fixture in the parish choir. Cooking and organising teas for all kind of parish, Catholic Primary school and local events Agnes is always present encouraging others by her example. Throughout their lives they have had a great devotion to Our Lady and helped on many pilgrimages taking the sick to Lourdes and Knock. Today they are unable to travel far but still help in the organising of our Lourdes/Youth fund to raise money to finance youths to work caring for the sick in Lourdes and to work for six weeks in developing countries. Our parish consists of many people like Sam and Agnes. They are the back bone probably of most parishes. People who are dedicated to their families but at the same time share that same dedication for the Church.

LIZ PHILLIBEN: Elizabeth Philliben was born on 2 May 1956 in Bridge Of Allen, Scotland. The daughter of Anne and Stephen Philliben and has two sisters Mary and Kath. Elizabeth began teaching at the brand new St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School in Tullibody in 1977 where she has taught the infant classes all her life until her retirement in June 2017. Elizabeth's family had a tradition of appreciating music and Elizabeth inherited this gift. Her musical talent obviously recognised at school led to many commitments and involvements over the years in church choirs. Elizabeth's commitment was never reduced only to her working hours at school. She has a tremendous commitment and loyalty to her own parish - St. Bernadette's - and the local community of Tullibody. Elizabeth's respected standing in the larger community facilitates her having many contacts with other religious groups. This has helped develop a close relationship with the Women's Guild in the neighbouring Church of Scotland Parish. She has built up the practise of both Churches meeting every year and organizing Women's World Day of Prayer.

Recently Elizabeth has helped boost our St Vincent de Paul Society which was becoming quite weak but over the past few years has grown in participants and the amount of people whose basic needs are looked after. Being retired now, Elizabeth plans to increase her involvement with more parish pastoral activities and recently has committed herself to being part of a new Missio team going round the Catholic Primary schools in the Diocese. **(MORE ON PARISH WEBSITE)**