

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

From Wednesday 14th February to Saturday 24th March.
Daily, 8am to 8pm at the entrance to Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert.
This is a peaceful Prayer Vigil for an end to abortion.
Can you spare 1 hour during Lent to come along and take part?

4TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

In conjunction with SPUC Dundee, the 4th Afternoon for Life is to be hosted by Bishop Stephen in the Pastoral Centre, Lawside Road, on Saturday 24th February. The conference is much needed this year as the pro-abortion lobby step up their campaign to decriminalise abortion and silence those who seek to help women facing a crisis pregnancy. For more information and to book a place contact Clare McGraw at: mcgraw.clare@gmail.com

"Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day." - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontiflex)

THANK YOU

Dear Fr. Freyne

Our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Bernadette's, St. John Vianney's, St. Mungo's and St. Serfs for their wonderful generosity over Advent. We are amazed and delighted with the amount raised (£5,637.33). This will not only fully fund the Sanitation Project at Okerai School in Uganda, but will provide over £600 to be put towards a borehole project. Fr Akepa in Soroti Diocese has expressed his deep gratitude for the support given and looks forward to sending his report on completion of the work. Thank you and God bless you.

We will certainly bear in mind possible Advent projects for you and I will make a note to get in touch during the second half of October with some possibilities. It is truly wonderful what you all have done over recent years!

Best wishes, *Cathy* Cathleen Forman - Administrator SPICMA

More information on SPICMA at their Web Site : www.spicma.org/



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland

Our Parish based charity, focussing on the needy and socially excluded in the local communities.

If you know of anyone in need in the parish please let the SVDP know or just put a note with name and contact details in the SVDP collection box in the church.

Feed the Hungry

Place non-perishable and tinned items etc. in the basket/ box at the back of the church. Our SVDP & KSC will distribute goods to the needy in our area and support "The Gate" foodbank. **PLEASE HELP!**

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland



St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody Parish Newsletter - 11th February 2018 6th Sunday in Ordinary time

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm. Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am

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

Friday evening mass: 7.00pm

NO SERVICES ON TUESDAY.

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.



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 McIntyre, John Craig,

(Kathleen Clarke & Family, Peter-James, Gerard and Shaun-Joseph), Sarah Jane Connelly,

Dave Kerr, Lisa Hertwig, Dr. Michael Basquill, Lynne Malkiewicz, Brendan Murphy,

Margaret Byrne, Kathy McLaughlin, William Crews, Helen & Tommy McMenemy,

Agnes Conlan, Bishop Emeritus Vincent Logan, Mgr. Basil Canon O'Sullivan,

Fr. Jim McCrudden and all those in the various nursing homes.



Remember those who have recently died: Tommy Mathieson, James Buchanan, Peter Togneri, Sam Morrison and Margaret Tobin

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

Ronnie Fisher, Mary Gallacher, Jan Kochaneck and Brigid Boyle.



PICK UP YOUR WEE BOX TODAY



COLLECTIONS 4th February

Gift Aided	£340.10
Non-Gift-Aided	£369.22
Catholic Education Special Collection	£391.62

Regular Meeting

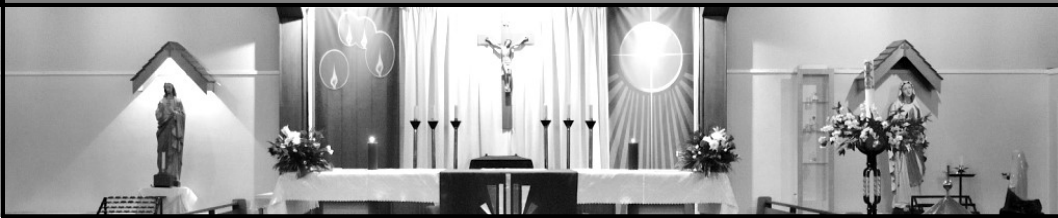
SVDP: Meet 2 weekly at 10.30am before Sunday mass in the church hall .
Next meetings: 18th Feb, 4th & 18th March
Knights of St. Columba: Meet at 7.30pm on first Wednesday of each month in the church hall at St. Mungo's Alloa.

If you want your newsletter delivered directly to your inbox just email us at the parish office with your request and full name: st.bernadettes.tullibody@gmail.com.




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


PARISH DIARY



While Fr. Jim Mc'Crudden is ill Fr. Mike is covering emergency sick-calls and funerals etc. for Callander parish. (this covers the area of the Trossachs and up to Crianlarich) Therefore there may be short notice changes to our services, meetings etc.

Saturday 10th February	5.30pm - Vigil Mass & Anointing of Sick, St. Bernadette's	6th Sunday in Ordinary time
World Day of prayer for the Sick & Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes		
SUNDAY 11th February	9.30am - Mass & Anointing of Sick, St. John Vianney's. 11.30am - Morning Mass & Anointing of Sick, St. Bernadette's. 6.15pm - Mass & Anointing of Sick, St. John Vianney's.	
Monday 12th February	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Tues 13th Feb	NO PARISH SERVICES	
Wednesday 14th February	ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE 9.30am - School Mass & Blessing of Ashes, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - Mass & Blessing of Ashes, St. Bernadette's.	
Thursday 15th February	9.30am - Requiem Mass for Sam Morrison, St. Bernadette's.	
Friday 16th February	12noon - National Missio Meeting, Coatbridge 7.00pm - Evening Mass - St. Bernadette's	
Saturday 17th February	9.30am - Morning Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	
SUNDAY 18th February	11.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's 5.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's	1st Sunday In Lent

 Today is **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK** we will have anointing of the sick at the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses. The front benches will be reserved for those being anointed.

Distribution of altar wine and the sign of peace will resume today 

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 Feb	Fri. 2.00pm Religious reps/Clacks Council
25 Feb	9.35am Sunday mass, Doune.
28 Feb	Wed. 6.30pm School Parent Council
5 Mar	Mon. 7.00pm - Parish Pastoral Council

On Saturday 24 Feb after 9.30am mass in the hall, (10am to 12 noon)
Duncan McLaren ex-director of SCIAF and ex-world director of Caritas International in Rome, will explain what Caritas is and how it functions to the Diocesan Mission Group. If others are interested contact Fr. Mike as numbers are limited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 5pm. We ask parents and carers to try and bring children along to participate in this very old and traditional prayer of the Church.



Images from parish website "Children leading stations of the cross"

Normally the service lasts about 20 minutes.

The origins of the *Stations of the Cross* are in the pious practises of the first Christians in Jerusalem. From earliest times they would prayerfully retrace the final moments of Jesus' earthly life from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary itself. Tradition has it and since this was a very early practise it is probably true that the early Christians knew exactly where Jesus had fallen under the weight of the cross, where he received the help of Simon of Cyrene and met Veronica and where, finally, he was crucified.

A desire to reproduce this devotion in other lands then seems to have appeared at a very early date. At the monastery of Santo Stefano at Bologna a series of chapels marking each "station" was constructed as early as the 5th century by the local bishop. The devotion quickly spread throughout the entire Church in various forms until St. Leonard of Port Maurice gave us the Way of the Cross in its now familiar format of fourteen Stations. In recent times often a fifteenth Station – the Resurrection – is added.



If you are interested in watching the film "THE CLAIM" about Dom Oscar Romero on Wednesday 21st February in Dundee please see Fr. Mike immediately.

"I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn't touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God." - Saint Teresa of Kolkata

More at: <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>



2018 WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE - Help the poorest survive and thrive

This Lent you have an incredible opportunity to give a hand up to families living in poverty. Families like the Langs, from Cambodia, depend on fishing and farming to survive. They used to struggle to have enough food to eat because of poverty and criminal gangs fishing illegally in their local river. Now they can support themselves.

By giving up a treat for the 40 days of Lent and placing the money you save in your WEE BOX, you'll help change the lives of families like the Langs.

This year you have a fantastic opportunity to make double the difference. The UK government is matching, pound-for-pound, all donations given to our WEE BOX appeal between 9th Feb and 8th May. Every pound you save will go even further to helping our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive.

