

SACRAMENTS: In our diocese the sacraments are administered as follows:
First Reconciliation - P3 / First Holy Communion - P4 / Confirmation - P7
 If you have a child in one of these year groups who does not attend a Catholic school and you would like them to be prepared to receive the sacraments, please see Fr. Mike as soon as possible.

THANKSGIVING MASS

**For all the volunteers, ministers and helpers in the parish.
 EVERYONE IS INVITED**

Traditionally we have celebrated this mass at the beginning of December to thank all those who contribute their time and gifts for the mission of our parish. We have transferred this to a more suitable day in the Month of Missions.

On Friday 19th October Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

All are invited but please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church that you will be present so we cater for all.

Light refreshments will be served after mass – leave your car at home !!!



2018 ADVENT PROJECT At the last PPC meeting it was decided that for this year we will try to fund 2 projects in conjunction with St. Mungo's Alloa, St Serf's High Valleyfield and St. John Vianney's Alva.

1. Kenya £4,500 for sewing machines, Sr Agnes Kwamboka. 2. Solomon Islands £1,500 for pews.

More information will be in the newsletter and on noticeboards in the coming weeks.

Feed the Hungry Place non-perishable/ 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 also support "The Gate" foodbank. Your continued support of this community project is greatly appreciated and much needed.

PLEASE HELP!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland



A LIST OF MOST NEEDED ITEMS

IS POSTED NEXT TO DONATION BOX

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

As we go into the winter months demand always increases as local families face increasing pressure, in sometimes difficult circumstances, to cover energy costs and food. Demand on the Food Bank service is increasing year on year. Till Sept this year, The Gate has already provided 48,000 meals for 2,272 people including 866 children and young people. This is a 5% increase on the same time last year.



Our Parish based charity.

Focussing on the needy and socially excluded locally.

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



SEE NOTICEBOARDS
 Join the Campaign to increase child benefit in Scotland by £5 per child, per week and in doing so lift 30,000 children out of poverty in Scotland!

Simply tell us what child benefit means to you and your family? or what it meant in the past, you might remember it as Family Allowance.

Please insert your comment in the box below and tell us your first name and which town you live in. Your comments will be used on the Give Me Five Campaign social media pages. Thank You for joining the campaign to end child poverty in Scotland!!

**St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody
 Parish Newsletter - 7th October 2018
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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NORMAL MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm. & Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am

Weekday Morning Masses: Mon, Wed & Thursday at 9.30am.

Evening Mass on Friday 7.00pm NO SERVICES ON TUESDAY

See Parish Diary for Holy Days and other services / events.

There is a possibility of short notice changes to our diary while Fr. Jim Mc'Cruden is ill. Fr. Mike is covering emergency calls etc. for Callander, (covers the area of Trossachs / Crianlarich)

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
 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, John Craig, Agnes Conlan, Margaret Byrne, Kathy Mc'Laughlin, Dave Kerr, Brendan Murphy, Sarah Jane Connelly, (Kathleen Clarke & Family, Peter-James, Gerard and Shaun-Joseph), Dr. Michael Basquill, Margaret Stark, Lisa Hertwig, Mary Gordon, Fr. Jim Mc'Cruden, Lynne Malkiewicz, Carty Mourmian, Charles Roberson, Helen & Tommy Mc'Menemy, Maurice Di Duca, Bobby Williamson, Nellie Gallon, Geraldine Stolarek, Duncan Mc'Gregor, Vincent McDaid and all those in the various nursing homes.



Remember those who have recently died: Mary Conlan, John Hennessey, Sharon Summerscales, Mary Morton, Peter Swan and Ian Menzies.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... Toni Stolarek Peter Dowd and Catherine Sinclair.

Collections 30th Sept

Regular Meetings

Gift Aided

£438.60

Non-Gift-Aided

£282.82

SVDP: Meet 2 weekly at 10.30am before Sunday mass in the church hall.

Next meetings: 7th + 21st October & 4th November

Knights of St. Columba: Meet at 7.30pm on first Wednesday of each month 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 the speaker system. SURELY 1 HOUR WITHOUT YOUR PHONE IS NO REAL HARDSHIP

PARISH DIARY



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MISSIONS

Sat 29th Sept	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS - ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 7th October	9.45am - First Communions, Doune. 11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. Children doing Readings, Offertory and Collection.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 8th Oct	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Tues 9th Oct	NOPARISHSERVICES	
Wed 10th Oct	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Thursday 11th October	9.30am - Morning Mass or Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's. 9.30am - Clacks Council meeting?	
Fri 12th October	7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's Feast Nossa Senhora Aparecida, Brazil	
Saturday 13th October	9.30am NO Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 10am to 5pm - Celebration of our Missionary Activity, Dundee Diocesan Centre. 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 14th October	11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. Children's Liturgy Canonisation in Rome of Archbishop Oscar Romero	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21 Oct	29th Sunday of the Year. Mission Sunday special collection
28 Oct	4.30 pm Adoration and Prayer for the Missions
2 Dec	1st Sunday of Advent. Poor Mission Fund special collection.
14 Dec '18	First Confessions
26 May '19	Confirmations
16 June '19	First Communions

We are still looking for pass-keepers for vigil and Sunday masses. If you can help (even occasionally) please speak to Fr. Mike.



ST. JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
MILL HILL MISSIONARIES
Keep up to date with news from Fr. Mike's missionary society.
Website at:
<http://www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/>

"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"
(Pope Francis, @Pontifex 26 April 2013)



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

Do you want this newsletter delivered to your inbox? Then email us at the parish office with your request and full name:
st.bernadettes.tullibody@gmail.com.

Dear Parents and Carers Update on St Mungo's RCPS decant into Alloa Academy

Senior officers and elected members met with the Parent Councils of St Mungo's and Alloa Academy on Thursday 27th September. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update re the school decant. This letter aims to let you know what's been happening since April 2018 and the next steps regarding the location of St Mungo's. There has been an ongoing issue with damp at St Mungo's for some time. Inspections have been undertaken and remedial work carried out, but the damp smell remained and water levels under the floor continued to rise. Parts of the floor were damaged and a decision was made earlier this year to decant the school to a self contained designated area on the 1st floor of Alloa Academy as a precautionary measure. This ensures that children and staff are in a safe and healthy environment and allowed intrusive investigative works to be carried out.

Alloa Academy was chosen as it has sufficient space to accommodate all the children of St. Mungo's, no other school has the capacity to keep the St Mungo's community together. In addition, the majority of children attending St Mungo's live within walking distance of Alloa Academy. These parents and children continue to be able to walk to school. Since the decant in April we have made St Mungo's secure, carried out inspections of the building and monitored the surrounding grounds. We commissioned 2 external reports to advise the Council on possible options.

The purpose of the report received at the end of June was to gain an understanding of the current condition of the property and to provide advice relating to repairs that affect the fabric and structural integrity of St Mungo's. The report estimated that the cost of undertaking repairs amounts to approximately £1.6m - £1.8m. Amongst other things, this includes replacing the floor, the heating system and all pipework.

Following receipt of this report, we decided to commission a drainage investigation report to examine the issue of water gathering in the foundations of the school. This report was received at the end of August and highlighted the complex groundwater conditions prevailing in the area. The report said that it is difficult to identify a specific feature that is likely to be responsible for the water entering the site.

Since the decant, the Headteachers of Alloa Academy and St Mungo's are working together along with Senior Managers of the Council to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our children and young people.

There is the opportunity for ongoing discussion between HTs and their Parent Councils. Senior Officers have met with the St Mungo's Parent Council between April and June as we waited for the commissioned reports to come back.

Following feedback from parents, we have reviewed lunchtime arrangements and use of toilet facilities. Additional staff hours have been allocated to St Mungo's to ensure greater supervision in the playground at lunchtime.

Officers will bring forward a report to the Council's People Committee at the beginning of November recommending that St Mungo's should remain located in Alloa Academy in the medium term.

The Headteachers and staff at both schools are committed to ensuring that pupils' learning is not disrupted; any changes are risk assessed by teaching staff.

If you have any further questions please speak to your Headteacher in the first instance. I wish to thank the school communities for their continued co-operation and hard work.

Yours sincerely

Anne M Pearson
Chief Education Officer