

Following the killing of Fr. Cosmas Ondari Omboto MHM on 21st November, three Claretians (Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) were kidnapped in the Anglophone region in southwest Cameroon: Fr. Jude Thaddeus Langeh Basebang, Fr. Placide Muntong and a student from the same religious congregation. The three were kidnapped on November 24 by armed men on the road to Muyenge, where they were going on a mission of evangelization and assistance at the local parish. At the moment there is no further information on the identity of the kidnappers. Please pray for their safe release.

More information on the Mill Hill website. <http://www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/>



DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL. After a long time of reflection the Diocese of Dunkeld is establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council. This Council was encouraged at the Vatican Council in its Decree on the Pastoral Office of the Bishops and later by Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical on the Laity. The Council is based on Canon Law. The Council's function is to study and weigh those matters which concern pastoral works in the Diocese and to propose practical conclusions concerning them. In our Diocese the Council will consist of: The Bishop and his 2 Vicars General ex officio, The Episcopal Vicars ex officio, A curial appointee ex officio, The 4 Deans, 1 assistant priest, 2 Deacons, 3 male and 3 female religious, 1 lay person from each constituted parish, 3 from lay societies, 2 Primary Head teachers, 2 Secondary head teachers, 2 appointees by the Bishop, A secretary will be appointed. It will have a total of 63 members. The term of office is for 3 years. The Council will meet probably twice a year with the first meeting in Jan or Feb 2019.

The Parish Pastoral Council agreed that Peter Watson would be our parish's member on the Council

Strategic Education Committee has been reorganised. It has the function of reflecting on, creating and putting into practise educational policies for our Diocese. Elizabeth Philiben has accepted the invitation to participate in this important Committee.

Last week Bishop Stephen confirmed Fr. Mike's appointment as Vicar Episcopal for Mission, Justice & Peace. Fr. Mike has been doing this work for some time and this is now officially recognised.

WANTED! Deanery Safeguarding Trainers. Information and application form on parish website. [Current notices page.](#)

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. Also in need of children's clothes for ages 2 to 9 years especially girls. Please hand in as soon as possible or at least before 16th December for Fr. Mike to take out to Brazil after Christmas.



ST. MODANS COMMUNITY CHOIR
Concert in St Modans High School
on Monday 10th Dec at 7pm.



ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE
in St. Serf's Parish Church
on Monday 17th Dec at 7pm.



A Blessed Christmas
Please put these in your diaries now and make an effort to come.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland
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.

SVDP CHRISTMAS PARCELS PLEASE HELP!

For the next few weeks 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"



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



St. Bernadette's RC Church Tullibody Parish Newsletter - 2nd December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

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



Remember those who have recently died: Fr. Cosmas Ondari Omboto MHM, John Neil, Gordon McNeil and Wiktor Rapca.
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.

Maura Scott and Margaret

**TODAY IS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ADVENT PROJECT**



**Buckets at
church door**

Collections 25th November

Regular Meetings

Gift Aided

£417.90

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

Next meetings: 2nd & 16th December

Non-Gift-Aided

£272.61

Knights of St. Columba: Meet at 7.30pm on first Wednesday of each month in the church hall at St. Mungo's Alloa.

Today there will be a Special Collection for the Poor Mission Fund.

PARISH DIARY



Sat 1st Dec	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS - ST. BERNADETTE'S	1st Sunday of Advent.
Sunday 2nd December	Poor Mission Fund Special Collection. 11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. Children doing readings, offertory and collections 4.30pm - Advent Adoration	
Monday 3rd December	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Tuesday 4th December	NO PARISH SERVICES 10.30 am Nazareth House, Edinburgh mass & anointing	
Wednesday 5th December	8.20am - Mass St. Modan's HS. 9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Stakeholders meeting, Abercromby 6.00pm - Parish Financial Council, Parish House	
Thursday 6th December	9.30am - Morning Mass or Morning Office, St. Bernadette's (9.30am - Possibly, Clacks Council meeting.)	
Friday 7th December	12noon - National Missio meeting, Coatbridge. 7.00pm - Evening Mass St. Bernadette's.	
Saturday 8th December	9.30am - Morning Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 9th December	11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. 4.30pm - Advent Adoration CHILDREN'S LITURGY	2nd Sunday of Advent.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	11 Dec, 7pm - St Modan's Community Choir, concert in school.
14 Dec '18 First Confessions	26 May '19 Confirmations
	16 June '19 First Communions

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2018 - DIARY

Sun 16 Dec.	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4.30pm Exposition & Advent Service.	
Mon 17 Dec.	8.30 - 9.15am Confessions 9.30 mass St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Ecumenical service, St. Serf's, Tullibody.	
Wednesday 19 Dec	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's High School 9.30am - End of school term mass, St. Bernadette's church. 7.00pm - BLUES MASS - ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Thur 20 Dec	8.30 - 9.15am Confessions 9.30 mass St. Bernadette's.	
Fri 21 Dec	7.00pm - PENITENTIAL SERVICE - ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sat 22 Dec	9.30am - MASS & CONFESSIONS, ST. BERNADETTE'S 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 23 December	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass 9.45am - Doune & 11.30am - St. Bernadette's 4.30pm - Exposition & Advent service - St. Bernadette's	
Mon 24 Dec	CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.00pm - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS, DOUNE 7.30pm - CAROLS & 8.00pm - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Tues 25 December	CHRISTMAS DAY 9.45am - Christmas MASS DOUNE 11.30am - Christmas MASS, ST BERNADETTE'S	
Wed 26 Dec:	9.30am - Mass - Feast of St. Stephen.	
Thurs 27 Dec:	9.30am - Celebration of the Word, Feast of St. John	

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WE WILL START COLLECTING FOR OUR ADVENT PROJECT

On the Sundays of Advent and on Christmas day there will be a collection bucket at the back of the church. ***This is not a second collection! No one has to contribute.*** This is an opportunity to give a little of ourselves to help others with greater needs. We ask parents to take this opportunity to explain Christmas, how lucky children are receiving presents, that we thank God for our blessings and share with those in need. There will be more information throughout Advent in the newsletter, the parish website and on notice boards. Please read and explain thoroughly to our children.

This year we will try to support 2 projects

1. Kenya £4,500 for sewing machines, Sr Agnes Kwamboka. The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin in Tabaka run a training centre for girls and young women. They are particularly focused on helping vulnerable girls in danger of forced marriages. They approached us to request funding for sewing machines so that they can offer tailoring courses to enable the girls the prospect of employment, financial independence and a more dignified life

2. Solomon Islands £1,500 for pews . Fr Albert Kalu. SPICMA helped to fund the construction of a new church for a remote community at Fote, Malaita. Their previous church was made of bush materials and no longer fit for purpose. The building work is now largely complete and they approached us with one final request. They would like help to purchase the materials so that they can construct the pews.

Please be generous! *"These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer."* - (Pope Francis)



St. John Vianney's Christmas coffee morning and raffle last Sunday raised £878.50 for the Advent Mission Appeal.

ADVENT PROJECT - TAKE A PICTURE FRAME

As you leave the church you will find the court yard with tables and picture frames. We are making space in our storage and these all go back to Fr. Wallace's time. Our Lourdes girls and children from the Pope Francis Awards will be there to help you. Choose a frame for the photo/ picture or because you want the frame. **ALL MUST GO - PLEASE!** You can leave any donation you feel fit from a few pence to we will accept cheques. You may find a masterpiece!!! **All profits go to our Advent Project.**

"Do not follow Jesus only when you feel like it, rather, seek Him every day. Find in Him the God who loves you always, the meaning of your life and the strength to give of yourself." - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex)

WINTER COLDS & VIRUSES

Someone commented to Fr. Mike last week he had not taken the chalice at Holy Communion. Fr. Mike had a throat and chest infection and was not going to pass his germs on to others.

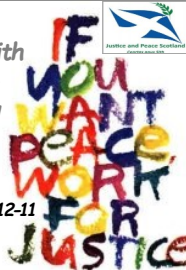
Please remember if you are down with a cold or virus it is best also not to receive the chalice and we can be a healthy community.

(World AIDS Day observed on 1 December)

"I have had time to journey with them and reflect with them, on the issues. I find myself now understanding that, "the Name of Jesus is written on the forehead of people who are HIV+." They bear the wounds of suffering, of stigma and often rejection."

Fr. John Sherrington CP Provincial of the Passionists of England & Wales, 4-12-11

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



Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Pass-Keepers

There will be a formation meeting for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Pass-Keepers on **3rd March 2019** after the Sunday morning mass for around 20 to 30 minutes.

Please put this date in your diary.