

Congratulations to Canon John Harty in Alloa. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has raised him as Chaplain to His Holiness and has given him the rank of Monsignor.

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS (Anonymous via email)

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.



Please give this warning out to all your friends.....

This virus can and has affected many systems.....

Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it!!!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE?

With **EASYFUNDRAISING.org** you can raise extra cash for our church, just go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbtullibody/> There are no catches or hidden charges and St Bernadette's, will be really grateful for your donations. Thousands of online retailers will make donations just by you buying online through **EASYFUNDRAISING.org**. Leaflets at back of church. More at : www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

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. Modan's High School on Tuesday 11th Dec at 7pm.



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



Please put these dates in your diaries now and make an effort to come along.

SVDP are 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.

Parish contributions to THE GATE Foodbank in November: Food 54.4kgs + Cash £55

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 - 9th December 2018
Second 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)

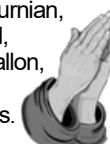
Parish Website: <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/>
For newsletters, notices, information from parish groups, history, links to schools, other catholic organisations and publications.

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'Menery, 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, Ian Ramage, John Neil, Gordon McNeil and Wiktor Rapca.
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.
Paddy Docherty, Maura Scott and Margaret Carr.

TODAY IS THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ADVENT PROJECT



Buckets at church door

Collections 2nd December

Regular Meetings

Gift Aided	£404.50
Non-Gift-Aided	£230.84
Poor Mission Fund Special Collection	£337.44

SVDP: Meet 2 weekly at 10.30am before Sunday mass in the church hall.
Next meeting: 16th December

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

PARISH DIARY






Sat 8th Dec	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS - ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 9th December	11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S 4.30pm - Advent Adoration CHILDRENS LITURGY	2nd Sunday of Advent. 
Mon 10th Dec	9.30am - Morning Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Tuesday 11th December	NO PARISH SERVICES Tues to Thurs, Priests' Diocesan Retreat, Perth. 7.00pm. - ST. MODANS COMMUNITY CHOIR Concert in St. Modans High School	
Wednesday 12th December	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's	Priests' Diocesan Retreat, Perth.
Thursday 13th December	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's	Priests' Diocesan Retreat, Perth
Friday 14th Dec	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's High School. 7.00pm - Evening Mass St. Bernadette's.	
Saturday 15th December	9.30am - Morning Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 11.30am - Blessing, Internment of ashes, Doune Cemetery 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday 16th December	11.30am - MORNING MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. 4.30pm - Advent Adoration	3rd Sunday of Advent. 

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19 Mar 2019	After Sunday morning Mass - Formation meeting for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Pass-Keepers.	
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.	Advent
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

COLLECTION 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.

Please be generous!

This year we will try to support 2 projects

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

See noticeboards for more information

"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)

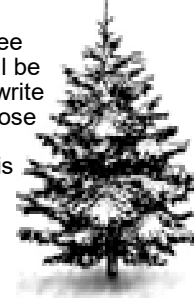
The Dunkeld Diocesan website has also posted information on our project at:
<https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/hillfoot-parishes-aid-for-missionary-projects/>

"Advent is a time for renewing the faith, for purifying it, so that it can be more authentic." #SantaMarta - (POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex)

VISITING OF THE SICK FOR CHRISTMAS: All the housebound sick will be visited and offered the anointing of the sick, confession and holy communion by Fr. Mike. If you know of any sick not yet visited by our Eucharistic Ministers or members of the parish who would like a visit please inform Fr. Mike with a written note of name, address and if possible a contact telephone number.

Christmas Tree:

Near the Christmas tree in the church there will be "labels" for people to write down the names of those we wish to remember and pray for during this Christmas season. Parents please be careful and attach the prayer tickets on the Tree for the children. Our sacristans may relocate the prayer cards on the tree during the week.



Cameroon Crisis: Abducted Claretians Set Free

"We thank God for the release of our missionary confreres abducted on 23 Nov by secessionists present in the Anglophone area of the country. We are grateful for all the messages of solidarity, communion, and prayers. May God bless us all!" This was the message issued by the Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Maria (Claretians), which announced the release. The Congregation is celebrating for the release of the confreres of the Independent Delegation of Cameroon. The missionaries are now in Douala, but the driver, also taken prisoner, is still in the hands of the kidnappers.

More at the Millhill website:
<http://www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/>

Also go to
[Missio U.K.: Praying for Peace in Cameroon](http://www.missio.uk.com/)

(Nearest Sunday to International Human Rights Day -10 Dec)

"Every State has the primary duty to protect its own population from grave and sustained violations of human rights, as well as from the consequences of humanitarian crises, whether natural or man-made."

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the General Assembly of the U.N., April 2008

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

A Catholic Social Teaching message from Pope Paul VI: "If you want peace work for justice"



LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

Drawn Sunday 25th November at St. John Vianney's.
1st No.291 Margaret McKay.
2nd No.245 B McCallum
Next draw on Sunday 23rd December after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's

WINTER COLDS & VIRUSES:

Someone commented to Fr. Mike 2 weeks ago he had not taken the chalice at Holy Communion. Fr. Mike had a throat/chest infection at the time 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.