

**P P C Meeting Monday 5th October. (Summary of main items)**

*A very disappointing turnout only EIGHT people + Fr. Mike at the meeting.*  
 It was agreed that the those present tonight would form a temporary PPC with Peter Watson as Chairman and Peter Lamb as Secretary. We will meet monthly to begin with and aim to formalize the group and structure etc by Easter 2016. The PFC and Liturgy Groups are up and running. F&M needs more help. Lourdes Youth Group is running OK as it was with St. John Vianney's. Social Group not yet formed or met.

**Parish Finances:** There was a discussion about the parish's financial situation and the costs involved in running the parish. **Estimates currently show that the parish will run at a deficit of approximately £3,000 in the coming year.**

**Refugees/ SCIAF:** SCIAF asked for a special collection but we have delayed this due to other charitable commitments in the parish and we are also waiting on local council initiative in next few weeks.

**Liturgy Group:** The group have met and looked at the Liturgical Callender for Advent. Fr. Mike is PP Kinross, he will confirm details after PPC at St. James.

**Advent Project:** Following the success of last year's project it was agreed we should do something similar this year. Fr. Mike will approach the other local parishes to find out if they want to be involved. 3 projects were agreed:

1. Hospital equipment in Mt Elgon in Uganda.
2. Solar power system for presbytery in Tanzania.
3. The parish we helped last year, St. Thomas the Apostle in Koloin Uganda now need help to build the Sacristy and install pews in the church.

**Next PPC meeting on Tuesday 3rd November (All Souls Mass on Monday)**

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE?**  
**easyfundraising**  
 .org.uk

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday you could be raising a free donation for St Bernadette's Church Tullibody.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation.

**It doesn't cost you a penny extra! & It's really simple, all you have to do is:**

1. **Join.** Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbtullibody/> sign up for free.
2. **Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. **Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Bernadette's Church Tullibody will be really grateful for your donations. More information at : <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

**St. Vincent De Paul.** If you know of anyone in the parish that could do with a visit or any help from us then please put a note with details in the S.V.D.P box at back of the church.



**St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter**  
**11th October 2015 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No. SC001810  
 Parish Website <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/>

**MASS TIMES**

**Vigil Mass Saturday: 5.30pm**  
**Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am**  
**Weekday Masses: 9.30am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday + Saturday**  
**Tuesdays - No Mass**  
**Friday evening mass at 7.00pm**

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*Welcome*

*Are you visiting our Parish or have 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....** Dan Tierney, Sarah Jane Connelly, Mary McGeehan, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Paul Kochanek, Mona Pyat, Anne McNiven, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Anne Ross, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Joanna Milne, Austen Todd and all those in the various nursing homes.



**Remember those who have recently died....**  
 Manuel Borniquel Nan Donnelly and Michael Duncan.  
**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....**  
 Toni Stolarek and Ruth Wutherall.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONS  
 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIO - SCOTLAND**



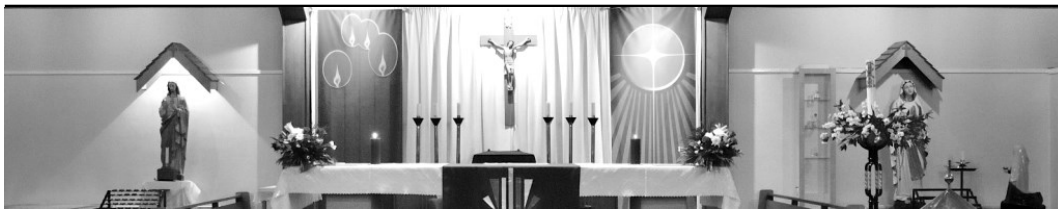
**Parish Collections**

**4th October 2015      £466.36**

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Meet in the church hall weekly at 10.30am before Sunday morning mass.  
**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:** Meet at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

**Please switch your mobile phone OFF when your in the church**



## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE MISSIONS

### THIS WEEKS DIARY

Saturday 10th October	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 11th October	11.30am - MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S, TULLIBODY	
Monday 12th October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12noon - 3.00pm - Deanery meeting, Callander. 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, St. Bernadette's	
Tuesday 13th October	NO SERVICES IN PARISH. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh	
Wednesday 14th October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Thursday 15th October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, St. James, Kinross	
Friday 16th Oct	7.00pm - Mass. St. Bernadette's.	
Saturday 17th October	9.30am - Mass and Confessions. St. Bernadette's. 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - Vigil Mass, St. James, Kinross	+ Mission Sunday + Special collection.
Sunday 18th October	9.30am - Mass, St. James, Kinross 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18th Oct	Special collection. Mission Sunday
24th Oct	"Night fever" celebration in Cathedral Dundee starts 5.30pm (also on 12th Dec)
31st Oct	FORMATION & CELEBRATION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Tues 3rd Nov	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 7.00pm in Hall.
12th Nov	Clacks Council Education Committee meeting 10 am
25th Nov Wed - 7pm	Annual Education Mass for All Heads, Teachers and Support Staff in Convent Chapel, Lawside, Dundee.
29th Nov	Special collection. Poor Mission Fund

*'Thus the exclusive pursuit of material possessions prevent man's growth as a human being and stands in opposition to his true grandeur. Avarice, in individuals and in nations, is the most obvious form of stultified moral development.'* - Populorum Progressio, 19  
<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

## Mission Awareness + Lourdes Youth Project 2016

Today Monica and Ciara our two youths that went to work in Lourdes this year will share their experiences with us.

We are looking for candidates to come forward for next year. We need to have names in before mid November. Applicants must be at least 16yrs of age by June 2016. Anyone interested please speak to Fr. Mike.

### FACTS THAT SHOULD HELP US THINK ABOUT MISSION

DISTRIBUTION OF PARISHES is very uneven. With only 23% of the Catholic population, Europe still has more parishes than the rest of the world combined, even though the number of parishes in Europe has declined by 12%. Europe continues to have 42% of all priests, despite having only 23% of all Catholics.



The number of parishes that do not have a resident priest grew in the world from 39,431 in 1970 to 49,153 in 2014.

In 1980, there were 3,759 Catholics per parish in the world. This figure now stands at 5,491 Catholics per parish. To just stay even with the growth in population, by 2050, the church will need to increase its total number of parishes by about 75,000 to approximately 300,000.

The church has 20,547 fewer priests, down 17% since 1980. Europe was especially hit hard with a decline of 32%, or 78,090 priests.

Luckily, the number of priests is growing where the number of Catholics is growing. The number of priests more than doubled in Africa (up 22,787 for a 131% increase) and Asia (up 32,906 for a 121% increase) between 1980 and 2012. But Europe continues to have 42% of all priests, despite having only 23% of all Catholics.

The uneven distribution of priests can be seen by comparing the number of Catholics per diocesan priest for the various continents: 2,597 Catholics per diocesan priest in Europe; 7,227 in the Americas; 7,223 in Africa; 3,877 in Asia; 3,554 in Oceania.

The uneven distribution of priests is exacerbated by the fact that the demand for the sacraments is higher in Africa than in Europe. Weekly Mass attendance rates in Europe are around 20%, while in Africa, it is around 70%.



In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs 71,188 kindergartens, 95,246 primary schools and 43,783 secondary schools. Charity and healthcare centres in the world run by the Church are 115,352. This is good news.

### WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES

*And the question for each one of us is:*

**WHAT IS MY MISSIONARY CALLING?**

**St Mary's Pro-Life Group are holding a Pro-Life Evening on Tuesday, 20th October at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church Hall, Drip Rd.**

**Guest speakers will be John Deighan, CEO of SPUC Scotland and Sean Deighan of Project Truth. Also speaking will be Sarah Haire of the University of Stirling Pro Life Group. For more information contact :**

**Stuart on 01786 463047 or Dolores on 01786 296314**