

TODAY WE BEGIN THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR OF THE CHURCH.

This means the year for the readings changes, the readings are now for Year C. During the weekdays of Advent and Christmastide we follow the days of the season. We will return to the normal cycle of the year on 10th January 2016 which is the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord.

ALTAR SERVERS

Mass times and Liturgical Service times when we need altar servers are being published this week.

Please with the help of parents and carers fill in when you are available and can help serve your parish.



PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

During the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day there will be **no second collection but a bucket at the back of the church for those who wish to support an Advent Project.** No one should feel obliged to participate.

The main pastoral aim is to give the opportunity for parents to explain, please do this and OFTEN, to the children why the bucket is there, what the project is about and that there is more to Christmas than Santa Clause. Christmas is a time of sharing and giving as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The project will be a "joint venture" between St. Bernadette's (Tullibody), St. James (Kinross) and St. Mungo's (Alloa). The projects we are supporting we have direct contact with them. They should send us emails and photos before and after if that is possible for them. There are no administration nor bank fees involved. All the money collected goes directly to the projects.

We have said we will do our best – with no guarantees – to help in 3 small projects:

1. **Sister Emily** is setting up a Health Centre at Mt Elgon Uganda. She has procured a building and needs help to finance the medical equipment cost estimated at **£2300**.
2. **Fr. Eleu** has no electric power at all he needs funds to equip his Presbytery with a small solar system. **£1200**.

Any monies beyond this will be used to support :

3. **The parish in Koloin in Uganda.** We purchased 60 bicycles for their catechists last Christmas and contributed to building the altar.

They need 250 benches at £90 each. We will fund as many as we can.

At the back of the church we will put up photographs, emails etc. During mass we will remember them and our efforts in the Prayers of the Faithful. The money we will send out by the first week in January and we should have final reports back by February.



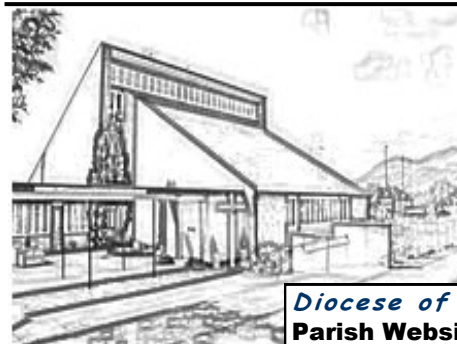
SVDP FOOD BOXES

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable goods each Sunday up to Christmas and deposit them in the box at the back of the church, we are also looking for sweets or selection boxes to be distributed to children. The SVDP will then make up parcels to be given as a help to the most needy in our parish over the Christmas period. All donations are gratefully accepted. Please be as generous as you can and take time to explain this to the children, how we receive presents at Christmas but also give to share and help others, particularly those in need.



St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

29th November 2015 - 1st Sunday of Advent



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

Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No. SC001810
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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.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, today and on each Sunday till Christmas we will have an Advent Service at 4.30pm in the church - please come along to prepare for Christmas.

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, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Austen Todd and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died....

Anna Fagam, Albert Vives, John Kennedy and Joe Horsburgh

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

Michael Bott, Paddy Docherty

and all those named on our November Lists.



Parish Collections

22nd November 2015	Gift Aided	£234.00
	Non-Gift Aided	£316.35

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet in the hall weekly at 10.30am before Sunday morning mass.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

Special Collection TODAY for Poor Mission Fund

THIS WEEKS DIARY

Saturday 28th November	5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's		
Sunday 29th November	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - ADVENT SERVICE	1st Sunday of Advent	Special collection Poor Mission Fund
Monday 30th November	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's (School Mass). 7.00pm - F & M meeting in Parish House		4.30pm - House Mass
Tues 1st Dec	NO SERVICES IN PARISH.		10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House
Wednesday 2nd December	8.15am - Mass St. Modan's RC High School, Stirling. 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.		10.30am - P F C, Parish House
Thursday 3rd December	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's (School Mass). 3.30pm - Bannockburn, Teachers Vocations Group 7.00pm - Parish Financial Council, Kinross		Visit of Superior General of Mill Hill Missionaries
Friday 4th December	9.30 am First Confessions, St Bernadette's Church 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's		
Saturday 5th December	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's. & 7.00pm - St. James's		
Sunday 6th December	9.30am - Mass, St. James's 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. + 4.30pm - ADVENT SERVICE		2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Diary

7 DEC MONDAY	4.30pm - House Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - PPC – ST BERNADETTE'S
9 DEC WED	8.15am Mass, St Modan's Stirling. Parents School Council, St. Bernadette's
10 DEC THURS	7.00pm - PPC – ST. JAMES
12 DEC SAT	9.30am - MASS + CONFESSIONS St Bernadette's VIGIL MASSES 5.30pm ST BERNADETTE'S & 7.00pm ST JAMES
3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT 13 DECEMBER	9.30am - MASS St. James, & 11.30am - MASS, ST BERNADETTE'S 4.30pm - ST BERNADETTE'S – ADVENT SERVICE 4.30pm - ST JAMES – ADVENT SERVICE
14 DEC MONDAY	12 NOON DEANERY MEETING AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH 3.45 pm St James, 1st Confessions. 4.30pm House Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - St Mungo's, Alloa St Modan's Concert
15 DEC TUESDAY	7.00pm - F & M, ST JAMES ?
16 DEC	8.15am Mass, St Modan's Stirling, 7.00pm - F & M, ST BERNADETTE'S.
17 DEC	10.00am Clacks General Council Meeting. NO MASS ST BERNADETTE'S
18 DEC FRIDAY	9.30 am END OF TERM MASS, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Blues Mass, St James NO EVENING MASS ST BERNADETTE'S
19 DEC SATURDAY	9.30am MASS + CONFESSIONS St Bernadette's VIGIL MASSES: 5.30pm- St. BERNADETTE'S & 7.00pm - St. JAMES
4th SUNDAY of ADVENT 20 DECEMBER	9.30am MASS St. James, & 11.30am - MASS, ST BERNADETTE'S 4.30pm ST BERNADETTE'S – CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - SCHOOL KIDS 4.30pm ST JAMES; ADVENT SERVICE
21 DEC MONDAY	4.30pm House Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE – ST BERNADETTE'S
22 DEC TUESDAY	7.00pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE ST JAMES, KINROSS
23 DEC WED	NO MORNING MASS – ST Bernadette's 7pm BLUES MASS – ST BERNADETTE'S
Thurs 24 DEC CHRISTMAS EVE	VIGIL MASS: 7.30pm ST.BERNADETTE'S (7.00pm Carols) 8.30pm ST.JAMES (8.00pm Carols)
Friday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am - MASS – ST JAMES 11.30am - MASS – ST.BERNADETTE'S
SAT 26 DEC BOXING DAY	9.30 MASS ST BERNADETTE'S VIGIL MASSES: 5.30pm - ST BERNADETTE'S & 7.00pm - ST JAMES

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT.

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER BEGINS HOLY YEAR OF MERCY.
Solemn opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy & opening of the Holy Door.
7.00pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee,

HOLY YEAR

The **HOLY DOOR** opens for the first time in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on 8th December 2015 the feast of the Immaculate Conception with mass at 7pm.

All are invited to this mass, it would be good if some cars were organised e.g. a car from the Knights, SVDP, morning group and perhaps the school.

Throughout the year there will be many liturgical celebrations, some will be decentralised to 5 centres the nearest to us will be St. Mungo's, Alloa. Please take note of the **STATION MASS** on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at St. Mungo's Alloa.

Every month there is a special Jubilee mass for special groups e.g. Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Pass Keepers and Readers – Corpus Christi 29th May at 3pm or the Jubilee of the Diocese 12th June at 3pm at Kilgraston. There are so many that people will be able to choose but we will make a choice of priorities for our parish at the next PPC on Monday 7th December.

During this Jubilee Year pilgrimages have been organised by the Diocese. Please note:

Pilgrimage to Rome: 8 -18th September 2016

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 8 -15th JULY 2016

Pilgrimage to Kilgraston: 12th June 2016

If you are interested look for more information in the Dunkeld News. We will share with you as we receive updates. **Please consider the Lourdes Pilgrimage.**

We are looking for YOUTH VOLUNTEERS to go and work, looking after the sick.

They must be AT LEAST 16 years of age by June 2016.

The Lourdes/Youth Fund will pay their expenses. If your interested you need to speak to Fr Mike or someone in the group before 8th December



LATE... LATE.... LATE..... AND ITS COMPLICATIONS !!!

The old traditional catholic custom of turning up for mass at the last minute has slowly crept back into our parish. 5 minutes before mass, the church is almost empty and then there is a rush at the last few moments as people arrive – some bumping into Father and the servers as they process round the church. We totally understand the lone parent who has genuinely struggled to get everybody up, fed and dressed and “convince” to leave the warmth of home to go to church and pray on a cold morning. You have our total support. But many others could make a greater effort – and remember we should be arriving for those extra minutes of silence and private prayer to prepare ourselves for the mass.



There are other complications, especially at the Vigil mass on a Saturday. We are still trying to organise ourselves so we do not have an official rota of readers, people for the Offertory procession or a list of children to help with the collection. Mass often now begins late as Father is still looking for people to read and help.

Please ALL try to arrive early..... And if you can help out as well !

WE APPEAL TO ALL READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE LITURGIES DURING THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PERIOD – PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY..... so we can confirm you are present and we can begin on time.