

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT.

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 aim is to give the opportunity for parents to explain, to children why the bucket is there, what the project is about and that there is more to Christmas than Santa Clause. **(please do this and OFTEN !)**

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, St. James (Kinross), St. Mungo's (Alloa) and St Serf's Highvalleyfield.

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. (That we helped last year)

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

More info on the big notice board at back of the church

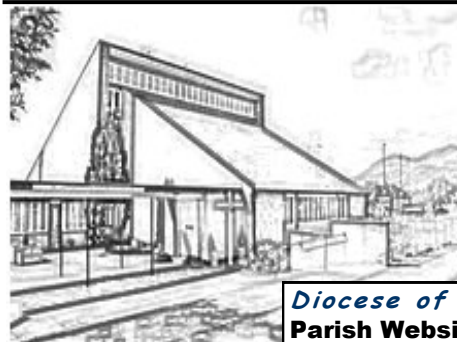


Christmas Tree

Next Sunday we will bless our Christmas tree. This is a green tree of hope in the true Christian tradition. Symbols will be available – with pens – near by to write the names and situations of people and situations we want to pray for during this Christmastime. Parents and carers please take time and encourage, and explain, so that the children can write their prayer petitions. They can ask and pray for as many people as they wish. God has big ears and is always willing to pay attention.



St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter
13th December 2015 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



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 newcomers at the back of the church.

There are no strangers here just new friends you haven't yet met.

Wee County Children's Christmas Store

New and Pre-loved Children's Clothes, Toys, Gifts & Accessories

all available for "pay what you can" donations to The Gate & Sauchie Foodbanks

opening times:
 Monday - Saturday, 10-4pm
 1st - 24th December 2015

1 Coalgate, Alloa
 opp. Rhona McCallum Hairdressers
 next to Bar Aldos

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 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 explain to the children, how we receive presents at Christmas but also give to share and help others, particularly those in need.

The SVDP door box collection at this weekends masses will be for projects in Brazil supported by Father Mike. These projects get very little other financial support.

It would also be good to hand in your Brazil Jars in this week. This will give Fr. Mike time to change the money to dollars



Altar Servers and Readers please make sure you have made it known when you are available and filled in rotas for over the festive season.



Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode in the church as they interfere with our speaker system.

Please switch your mobile phone OFF in the church



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

JUBILEE OF MERCY
 MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick... Dan Tierney, Anne McNiven, Sarah Jane Connelly, Mary McGeehan, Margaret McIntyre, Paul Kochanek, Mona Pyat, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Austen Todd, Susie Meehan, Joe Smith, Brigid Gray, Liz Buchan and all those in the various nursing homes.



Remember those who have recently died.... Jim McCool

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

Paddy Docherty, William Hutchinson, Eddie & Cathie Kelly.



6th December

Parish Collections

Gift Aided £405.60

Non-Gift Aided £400.41

Advent Project £152.59

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.

THIS WEEKS DIARY

Sat 12th Dec	5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 13th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - ADVENT SERVICE	
Monday 14th December	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12 Noon Deanery meeting, Stirling. 4.30pm - House Mass 7pm St. Modan's & our Catholic Primary schools concert in St. Mungo's church.	
Tuesday 15th December	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, Kinross.	
Wednesday 16th December	8.15am - Mass St. Modan's RC High School, Stirling. 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - F & M, Parish House	
Thursday 17th December	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 4.00pm - Diocesan Strategy Education Committee, Dundee.	School Christmas Fete
Friday 18th December	9.30am - End of term Liturgy of Word including Nativity Play, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Blues Mass, St James Kinross. NO EVENING MASS ST BERNADETTE'S	
Saturday 19th December	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Sunday 20th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	4th Sunday of Advent

Advent Diary

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
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER	4.30pm House Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE - ST BERNADETTE'S
22 DEC TUESDAY	7.00pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE ST JAMES, KINROSS
WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER	NO MORNING MASS - ST Bernadette's 7.00pm - BLUES MASS - ST BERNADETTE'S
Thurs 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE	<u>VIGIL</u> 7.00pm Carols & Mass 7.30pm ST.BERNADETTE'S <u>MASSES:</u> 8.00pm Carols & Mass 8.30pm ST.JAMES
Friday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am - MASS - ST JAMES 11.30am - MASS - ST.BERNADETTE'S
SAT 26 DEC BOXING DAY	9.30am - MASS ST BERNADETTES 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST BERNADETTE'S 7.00pm - VIGIL MASS, ST JAMES



On MONDAY 14th December at St. Mungo's Church: St Modan's and our primary schools will have their Christmas choir presentations. Please come along for a wonderful musical evening and support our schools.

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

Please note: **No evening mass on a Friday during the winter.**
Evening mass on a Friday will begin again in Lent.

Third Sunday of Advent- GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today marks the halfway point through Advent. The theme of today's Mass is summed up in the traditional title given to the third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday.... Gaudete is a Latin word which means: "Rejoice!" "Rejoice" was the first word of the antiphon sung at the beginning of today's Mass. The liturgical colour of the day is rose: today the rose coloured Advent candle is lit, today is one of two days of the year on which the priest may wear rose colour vestments if he wishes. The Church, through the prayers and readings of today's Mass, encourages us to rejoice: the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord quickly draws near. Advent looks back to the historical first coming of Christ, and looks forward to the Second Coming which will be the end of all history. Christ's first coming and His promised Second Coming both call for a personal response from each one of us. Advent is a time to be shaken awake: it is a time for us to reflect on His first coming, and to remember that He will come again.



BLUES MASS - 23rd DECEMBER at 7.00pm - ST. BERNADETTE'S.

Is a mass when we pay attention and pray for people who Christmas, no matter how much they try, is not always joyful. They try to be involved, smile and laugh with the grandchildren but there is always the memory of past Christmases spent with a loved one now deceased. It is a mass to give space and time for these people where they can be "allowed" to be sad. Where they can pray for a loved one and can also find the strength from the new life of the birth of the Risen Jesus to live Christmas as joyfully as they can. Know someone who had a friend, a family member die in the past years? Invite them to come and pray and reflect.



The 4.30pm Advent Service on the 20th December the 4th Sunday of Advent will be *Christingle service* with the school children. Please come along and support.

Shopping during Advent

Dear God,
as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life. But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy. And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centred on you. Walking through the store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.



Lourdes Youth 100 Club Prize Winners - Drawn on 28th November .
1st Prize: £100 - No 40 Veronica Hislop. 2nd Prize: £25 - No 219 Denis Cairns.
Next draw the Sunday before Christmas (20th Dec) after 11.30 Mass at St. Bernadette's.
Please ensure that all subscriptions are up to date.