






# THIS WEEKS DIARY

Saturday 19th December	5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	4th Sunday of Advent	
Sunday 20th December	11.30am - MASS, St. BERNADETTE'S 4.30pm - St. BERNADETTE'S, CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - SCHOOL KIDS		
Monday 21st December	4.30pm - House Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - PENITENTIAL SERVICE, St. BERNADETTE'S		
Tuesday 22nd December	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House 7.00pm - PENITENTIAL SERVICE, St. JAMES.		
Wednesday 23rd December	8.30 to 9.00am Confessions, St. Bernadette's *NO MORNING MASS – St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - BLUES MASS, St. BERNADETTE'S		
Thursday 24th December	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS 7.00pm - Carols 7.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. BERNADETTE'S.		
Friday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY 11.30am - MASS – ST. BERNADETTE'S		
Saturday 19th December	9.30am - MASS, St. BERNADETTES 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, St. BERNADETTE'S	Feast of the Holy Family	
Sunday 20th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.		

**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.**

## Nativity Paintings

The Nativity Scene Paintings displayed in the Church are the work of the children of St. Bernadette's Primary School.

They were produced as entries for a National Nativity Scene Painting Competition organised by The Knights of St. Columba and sponsored locally by Council 636.

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.



# JUBILEE OF MERCY

EMBRACE! - REJOICE! - PROCLAIM!

"Let us pray for us and for all those who pass through the Door of Mercy, that we may understand and welcome the infinite love of our Heavenly Father, that recreates, transforms and reforms life",  
-(Pope Francis as he opened the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran)

## 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.



## WELLBURN Home.

We were all used to the Little Sisters coming round every year and standing at the doors of Tesco's begging for money for the Wellburn old folk ' home in Dundee. The little Sisters had to withdraw after 100 years there due to lack of vocations. The Home had over 40 residents which Dundee Council could not accommodate. The Diocese after a lot of thinking, planning and negotiations has decided to continue the home and has legally purchased the building and land. The actual Home is now being run by the Diocese but the buildings are in poor condition and the cost of renovation is too much. It has been decided it is cheaper to build a brand new Home on the land which both the Diocese and the Local Council are enthusiastic about. The Diocese is looking for competent, creative fund raisers to help pay for this enormous venture. Anyone interested in joining the Diocesan Fund raising group please see Fr. Mike.

## St. Bernadette's Primary School Enrolments for August 2016.

On the 19th and 22nd of January 2016, St. Bernadette's Primary will be enrolling children who have their 5th birthday on or before 28.02.17. Parents and carers should phone the school on [01259 723973](tel:01259723973) to arrange an appointment to enrol. Parents will need the child's birth certificate, baptism certificate (if the child is baptised) and proof of address such as a council tax letter.



**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**

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.

**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

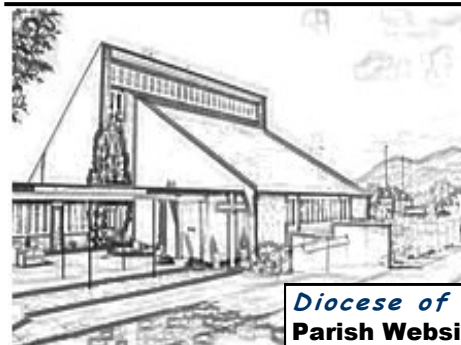
**SVDP FOOD BOXES**

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable goods each Sunday up to Christmas and leave 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.

**Mobile phones must be put to Airplane mode in the church as they interfere with our speaker system. Even better switch your mobile phone OFF surely you can last 1hour without it.**

**St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter**  
**20th December 2015 - 4th 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**

**Baingle Brae,**  
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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.*



JUBILEE OF MERCY  
MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

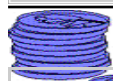
**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick....** Dan Tierney, Sarah Jane Connelly, Mary McGeehan, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Paul Kochanek, Mona Pyat, Anne McNiven, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathlean Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Austen Todd, Susie Meehan, Joe Smith 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.



**13th December**

**Parish Collections**

<b>Gift Aided</b>	<b>£375.02</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aided</b>	<b>£267.94</b>
<b>Advent Project</b>	<b>£192.34</b>

**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.