

Thanks... to all those who helped in any way to make Advent and Christmas genuine expressions of our faith. There are too many involved to mention individually! Often people only enter the church round about Christmas. Therefore it is important they feel welcomed. As they look around and observe peoples' welcome, atmosphere and decoration in the church, the way information is easily available they should feel this is **GOOD NEWS**. It is God's calling card through us. If by our community effort we have brought one more person closer to God then it was all worthwhile. *Fr. Mike.*

Dear friends and fellow parishioners,

Towards the end of each year the funds raised at our various events is distributed to a number of local and national charities and good causes.



• KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA •
SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

This year, the monies distributed totalled almost **£2,700.00**, a full list of the beneficiaries can be seen on the Church Notice Board. I would like to thank you for the generosity and support you have shown over the course of 2015 which has made this possible.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you, your families and Friends a very happy 2016. *Alex McCluskie (G.K.)*



With Baptism we become children of God in his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Rising from the waters of the baptismal font, every Christian hears again the voice that was once heard on the banks of the River Jordan: 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'..... With this spiritual anointing Christians can repeat in an individual way the words of Jesus: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord'.

- John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 11, 13

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



A Catholic Social Teaching message from Pope Paul VI: "If you want Peace, work for Justice."

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.



• KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA •
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Burns Supper

Friday 29th January 7.30pm - 11.30pm
St. Mungo's Church Hall, Alloa.

Tickets £10 - Includes Meal & Entertainment.
(See poster in church)

Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode in the church as they interfere with our speaker system. Surely 1 hour without it is no hardship.

St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter
10th January 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



MASS TIMES
Vigil Mass Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am
Weekdays at 9.30am
Morning Office & Holy Communion : on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday + Saturday (Tuesday & Friday - No Services)

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

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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, Kathleen 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....

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

Bernard Hughes and James Curry.



There will be a Special Collection on Sunday 24th January for African Missions

Parish Collections		27th Dec	Gift Aided	£364.50
25th Dec	Gift Aided	3rd Jan 2016	Non-Gift Aided	£477.64
	Non-Gift Aided		Gift Aided	£418.30
Advent Project			Non-Gift Aided	£297.34
			Justice & Peace	£273.16
				£344.86



THIS WEEKS DIARY

Saturday 9th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 10th January	11.30am - MASS	
Monday 11th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 12th January	NO SERVICES	
Wednesday 13th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	Feast of St. Mungo
Thursday 14th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	
Friday 15th January	NO SERVICES	
Saturday 16th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 17th January	11.30am - MASS	
Monday 18th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 19th January	NO SERVICES	
Wednesday 20th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	
Thursday 21st January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion	Feast of St. Agnes
Friday 22nd January	NO SERVICES	Day of Prayer for the Unborn
Saturday 23rd January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th January	11.30am - MASS	

**Special Collection
for African Missions**

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

**DURING FR. MIKE'S ABSCENSE PLEASE MAKE ALL FUNERAL
ARRANGMENTS THROUGH CANON JOHN AT St. MUNGO'S ALLOA.**

ADVENT PROJECT:

St. Bernadette's raised the magnificent sum of **£1,012.80** during Advent. Many thanks to all those who contributed. The total from all 4 parishes was **£3,821.83**. Cheques have been sent to SPICMA for the 3 projects. **1.** Sister Emily setting up a Health Centre at Mt. Elgon, Uganda £2,300.00. **2.** Fr. Eleu for a solar power system, £1,200.00. **3.** The remainder will go to St. Thomas the Apostle, Koloin, Uganda, for some benches for their church. Fr. Mike will update us on his return at the beginning of February. **Once again... Thanks**

AFTER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

After Christmas it seems that we get busy with the New Year and we forget to think about Jesus and talk to him and pray..... I guess we really do put him away. What do you think about us making a deal right here this morning not to forget about Jesus. Let's agree that we won't forget about Jesus and we will talk to him and think about him and pray! Jesus is really good all year long..... he is what makes every time of the year important and we should never put him away. . . . What do you think ?

**Let's pray..... Lord, forgive us for putting you away after Christmas
for not thinking about you and not praying to you.
Thank you for being with us all through the year.
You are truly the reason for every season and we love you. Amen.**

A NEW SCOTTISH BISHOP:

The Holy Father appointed Msgr. Brian McGee as Bishop of Argyll and the Isles Scotland. Bishop-elect McGee was born in Greenock, in the Diocese of Paisley, in 1965 and was ordained a priest of the clergy of Paisley in 1989. He has served as a pastor as well as the Scots Colleges spiritual director. He was diocesan director of the RCIA program as well as Episcopal Vicar for marriage and the family. Since 2014 he has served as Paisley's vicar general. - *Vatican City, 28 December 2015 (VIS).*



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 contact Fr. Mike.

**Lourdes Youth 100 Club Prize Winners - Drawn on 25th December.
1st Prize: £100 Women's Guild - 2nd Prize: £25 Tony Walker.
Next draw Sunday 31st January after 9.30 Mass at St. John Vianney's.
*Please ensure that all subscriptions are up to date.***

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Meet in the Church 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.