

**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.*

*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."

### Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council please note the first meeting of this year is on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm in the church hall.



### 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.

**• 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

## 24th January 2016 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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, Anne McNiven, Sarah Jane Connelly, Mary McGeehan, Margaret Mc'Intyre, 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 and all those in the various nursing homes.



**Remember those who have recently died...** Charlie Hunter.

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

Cathie Stolarek.



### Parish Collections

<b>10th JAN</b>	Gift Aided	£430.60	<b>17th JAN</b>	Gift Aided	£276.30
	Non-Gift Aided	£268.08		Non-Gift Aided	£251.09

**There will be a Special Collection TODAY for African Missions**



## THIS WEEKS PARISH DIARY

Saturday 23rd January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	Special Collection for African Missions	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th January	11.30am - MASS		
Monday 25th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion		
Tuesday 26th January	NO SERVICES		
Wednesday 27th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion		
Thursday 28th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion. Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas		
Friday 29th January	NO SERVICES		
Saturday 30th January	9.30 am Morning Office and Holy Communion 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS (Fr. Mike)	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
Sunday 31st January	11.30am - MASS (Fr. Mike)		

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1st Feb	7.00pm - FABRIC & MAINTENANCE - PARISH HOUSE
3rd Feb	11.00am - PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL – ST BERNADETTE'S 6.30pm - PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL
5th Feb	11.00am - ST MODAN'S HIGH SCHOOL FEAST DAY MASS
8th Feb	7.00pm - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – ST BERNADETTE'S
10th Feb	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY. MASS 9.30am &amp; 7.00pm</b>
12th Feb	<b>7.00pm FRIDAY EVENING MASS BEGINS AGAIN</b>
5/6th March	BISHOP STEPHEN'S PASTORAL VISIT TO TULLIBODY – STAY THE NIGHT & SAYING BOTH MASSES 5.30pm SATURDAY & 11.30am SUNDAY
9 April	11.00am MASS OF THE SICK.

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

### ADVENT PROJECT CORRECTION:

The published figure in the last *printed*\* newsletter for St Bernadette's was actually the figure for St James's Kinross. The correct figure for St. Bernadette's was **£1,012.80p**. The total figure was correct **£3,821.83p**. Apologies.

*\* (The website version was correct.)*

*Once again... Thanks*

### Merciful like the Father:

#### Message for the Jubilee of Mercy for the young

Pope Francis' message for the Jubilee of Mercy for young boys and girls Was published today. In the text, dated 6 January 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Holy Father addresses young boys and girls aged 13 to 16, many of whom intend to make a pilgrimage to Rome from 23 to 25 April, and who are "preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace", and encourages those who live in difficult situations not to lose hope as the Lord "has a great dream" for them that He wishes to come true.... He invites them not to be "taken in by the messages of hatred or terror all around us", and instead to make new friendships. – *Vatican City, 14 January 2016 (VIS)*  
**Full text on parish website - Links page.**

<http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/links.html>



### Clergy and Religious Day Conference with Fr. Philip Bochanski, International Director of Courage, Catholic Ministry to those with Same Sex Attraction Monday 1st February, 11.00am-4.00pm Paisley Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts

We are delighted to welcome clergy and religious who are concerned about the Church's pastoral ministry to those with same-sex attraction and are interested in finding a way forward through Courage. This conference is part of Fr. Bochanski's UK tour which includes Westminster archdiocese and Shrewsbury diocese. Courage was established in 1980 in New York archdiocese by Fr John Harvey with the help of the Rev. Benedict Groeschel at the request of Cardinal Cooke, in order to form a spiritual support system which would assist men and women with same-sex attractions to live chaste lives in fellowship, truth and love. With the endorsement of the Holy See, Courage now has over 100 Chapters world-wide and has become a mainstream Catholic Apostolate helping thousands of men and women find peace through fellowship, prayer, and the Sacraments. Soup and sandwiches lunch will be provided.

*If you are coming or would like more information please contact  
Email: Marianne at [Curia@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Curia@rcdop.org.uk) or Tel: 0141 847 6130.*

**Please note: *No evening mass on a Friday during the winter.*  
Evening mass on a Friday will begin again in Lent. 12th Feb.**