

Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

In order that our pilgrims can go to Lourdes this year (8-15 July), we need a doctor and 8 nurses to make up a medical team. Any assistance will greatly benefit our sick pilgrims.

CAN YOU HELP? If you can please contact: Mrs C. Van der Boon on 01382 815292

For parishioners who would like to go on the pilgrimage the cost will be £699 to £779 - full board depending on which hotel is used. Full details will be published when available.

SCIAF send a huge thank you on behalf of the millions of people you're helping by putting money in a WEE BOX

Last Lent you helped raise over £1.8 million (the UK Government doubled your donations to give a total of £3.4 million) Thank you for making such a massive difference and for giving people real hope for the future. This year, for the second time, every £1 we receive by 4th May will be doubled by the UK government so, once again, we'll be able to help many more people with the money you donate.



In last weeks newsletter we printed Carfi Sara's story to tell you about just one of the many families whose lives have been transformed, thanks to your prayers, your campaign actions and your generous donations. The Sara family (pictured on your WEE BOX) live in a remote village in southern Ethiopia. Carfi, his wife Kabale and their 3 children are cattle herders who live a traditional way of life, like their parents and grandparents before them. Thanks to your generosity and their hard work, the Sara family no longer go to bed hungry. And they're passing on the kindness you've shown them to their neighbours by sharing what they have with others in their village. He told us

"I give to the poor, please do the same. Together, we can make people strong."

In this Year of Mercy, let us ask God to grant us merciful ears, to hear the cry of the poor, merciful eyes so that we never look away from the suffering of our neighbours, and merciful hands, that we might share what we have with those who have nothing; just like Carfi does. By giving, reflecting and acting with SCIAF this Lent, you're helping many more families like Carfi's, in Ethiopia and around the world – so they can earn a living setting up cooperatives and credit unions so they can support each other.

Pope Francis is calling on us all to hear 'both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. He reminds us that: "We are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide." This Lent, please take inspiration from his words and add your name to our WEE vote, BIG change campaign. On 5th May, Scotland goes to the polls. Whoever wins the election, we want to make sure our next government hears the call to put people and planet first. Please take a minute to fill in the campaign card that came with your WEE BOX and return it to us. The more cards we have, the stronger our voice will be.

We are one SCIAF family, working together to build a fairer and more just world for everyone. Our prayers, our actions and our donations are helping millions of people living in poverty to build a brighter future so please give what you can this Lent.

Together we can make people strong. Thank you and God bless.

To support our work and help more families like Carfi's please [donate to our WEE BOX Appeal](#)
Remember, your donation can be doubled with UK Aid Match.

More information at : <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

Lourdes Youth 100 Club - Prize Winners Drawn on 31st Jan at St. John Vianney's.

1st: No 318, B. Driver

2nd: No 68, K. Keane-Tobin.

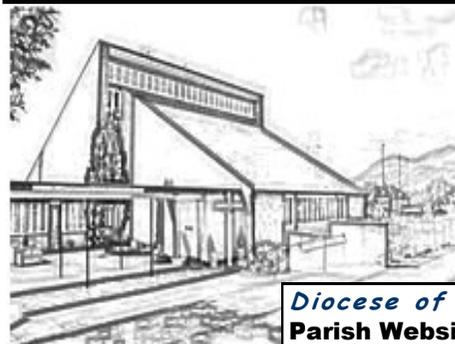
Next draw Sunday 28th February at St. Bernadette's

Please ensure that all subscriptions are up to date.

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

14th February 2016 - 1st Sunday of Lent



MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am

Weekday Mass at 9.30am on
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday + Saturday
(Tuesday & Friday - No Services)

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

Baingle Brae,
Tullibody. FK10 2SG

Parish Priest:

Fr. Mike Freyne MHM

Tel: 01259 213274

Email:

mafreyne@btinternet.com

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.



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, 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... Isa Watson.

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

Brigid Boyle



Sick & Retired Priests Fund Special Collection TODAY

Parish Collections

7th Feb	Gift Aided	£410.10
	Non Gift Aided	£185.35
	Education Week Special Collection	£202.74

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet in the Church hall weekly at 10.30am, before Sunday 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 PARISH DIARY

Saturday 13th February	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	Special Collection Sick & Retired Priests Fund	1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday 14th February	9.30am - Mass St. John Vianney's 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's 6.15pm - Mass St. John Vianney's		
Monday 15th February	9.30am - Mass 7.00pm - Fabric & Maint meeting in Parish house.		
Tuesday 16th February	NO SERVICES IN PARISH 10.30am - Mass at Nazareth House, Edinburgh		
Wednesday 17th February	9.30am - Mass 10.30am - 12.30pm - Internal Diocesan Audit 7.00pm - Stations mass at St. John's Perth.		
Thursday 18th February	9.30am - Mass.		
Friday 19th February	9.30 am - Funeral Mass of Tony Mc'Gurk – St. John Vianney's, Alva. 7.00pm - Evening mass.		
Saturday 20th February	9.30am - Mass and Confessions 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS	2nd Sunday of Lent	
Sunday 21st February	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's		

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

5th & 6th March	<i>Special Collection, Papal & Episcopal charities (including SCIAF)</i> Bishop Stephen's Pastoral visit to St. Bernadette's Tullibody. Bishop will celebrate both Vigil and Sunday masses.
25th March	Good Friday. Special Collection, Holy Places
9th April	Mass of The Sick 11.00am (Saturday)

**Stations of the Cross
During Lent
on Sundays
at 4.30pm
in
St. Bernadette's**



"Yet there are those who, while professing grand and rather noble sentiments, nevertheless in reality live always as if they cared nothing for the needs of society.... Others think little of the certain norms of social life, for example those designed for the protection of health..." Gaudium et Spes, p.30
<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

Offertory Collections Thanks to Parishioners

Last October, the Parish Financial Council members notified you of the financial impact of St Bernadette's no longer being joined with St John Vianney's.

We would be approximately £9,000.00 worse off each year.

Since then, the response has been magnificent.

Compared to the same period last year, Offertory Collections have increase by 30.5%. Many thanks to all of you, but keep it up!!!!

The appeal also resulted in 15 parishioners making out Gift Aid declarations.

At the end of last year, we received a cheque from HMRC for £1,916.28 in respect of the 6 months 6th April – 31st October.

The next cheque for the period 1st Nov – 5th April will definitely be greater!!!!

If you pay income tax, please check your Offertory Collection number against the list on the notice board at the back of the church.



*If you have not already made out a
Gift Aid declaration, please do so now.
It increases your Offertory Collection donation
by 25% without it costing you a penny more!!!!*



Fr. Henry McLaughlin is the only priest in the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh who now works on the missions. He has worked in El Salvador and now in Chiapas, Mexico. He sent this note to Fr. Mike about the Pope's visit to Mexico:

Long before Pope Francis spoke of a poor church for the poor and taking the church to the peripheries, Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of San Cristobal de Las Casas built the church in southern Chiapas state.

Inspired by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and gatherings of the Latin American bishops in Medellin, Colombia, and Puebla, Mexico, he showed a preferred option for the poor, rubbed the rich the wrong way and ran afoul of the Vatican with his pastoral approach, especially with his ordination of married, indigenous deacons.

Francis will visit Chiapas Feb. 15 and celebrate Mass for indigenous peoples, including local Mayan languages in the celebration. He also will pray at the tomb of Ruiz, who died in 2011 at age 86, in the San Cristobal de Las Casas cathedral. It's seen as a show of respect for a churchman often at odds with the Catholic hierarchy, though a pioneer in a pastoral approach since adopted by the pope.

The trip to Chiapas -- part of a six-day visit to Mexico -- highlights the pope's preoccupation with indigenous issues and a population that has abandoned the church in large numbers across the Americas. While speaking in Bolivia last July, the pope apologized for the role of the church in the "so-called conquest of America" nearly 500 years ago.

His presence is expected to also bring attention again to the 1994 Zapatista uprising, when an indigenous-led rebel group demanded social, cultural and land rights. The indigenous issue in Mexico, where such populations are often impoverished and living in the most marginalized of municipalities, remains so sensitive in Mexico that local church officials said the Mexican government preferred that the pope visit elsewhere.

But for the pope to travel to Mexico and not San Cristobal de Las Casas would be unthinkable, especially since he reversed a ban of the ordination of indigenous deacons imposed after Bishop Ruiz's retirement. Pope Francis also has approved liturgies in indigenous languages.