

WEE BOX....

As Lent draws to an end and we begin Holy Week to prepare for Easter please remember to hand in your WEE BOX this week.

Please remember....

Millions of people all around the world continue to go hungry every day because of extreme poverty.

We can all play our part to change this all year round by helping SCIAF and helping people in some of the poorest countries work their way out of poverty, opening the door to a brighter future for them and their families. Play your part and learn more about SCIAF at: <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

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



St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

20th March 2016 - Palm Sunday

MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 11.30am
Monday, Wed, Thurs & Sat at 9.30am
Friday evenings at 7.00pm
(Tuesday - No Services)



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

Mary's Meals to feed Syrian refugee children

Forced to escape the bloodshed and horror in their homeland, millions of Syrian children are now out of school in the places they have sought refuge. That's why we are planning to soon begin providing Mary's Meals in Lebanon to a small number of Syrian refugee children and their Lebanese classmates, bringing them back into school when their lives have been turned upside down. You can read more about how we plan to bring hope of a brighter future in the full message from our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow at: www.marvymeals.org.uk/who-we-are/news-and-blogs/

mary's meals
a simple solution to world hunger

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Welcome

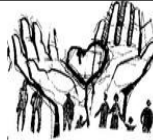
Are you visiting our Parish or have just moved into the area?
Please feel very welcome.....
Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or newcomers at the back of the church.
There are no strangers here just new friends you haven't yet met.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY..... Feed the Hungry.

We will collect tinned / non-perishable foods for distribution to the needy in our local community and if possible to support the food-bank operated by The Gate Charity in Alloa.

The foodstuffs can be placed in a basket placed at the rear of the Church. Both SVDP & K.S.C. will work together to sort and distribute the goods collected.

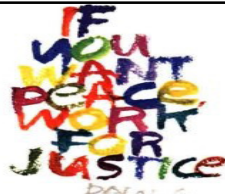


What more can we do as a parish for mercy? We are open to more suggestions.....

"The Church...has a proper and specific responsibility which is identified with her mission of giving witness before the world of the need for love and justice contained in the gospel message, a witness to be carried out in church institutions themselves and in the lives of Christians."

- Justice in the World, p.36

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



DUNKELD DIOCESAN 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Led by Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld

8 - 15 JULY 2016 | BY AIR FROM EDINBURGH



**SEE POSTER
AT BACK
OF CHURCH**

A Night of Scottish & Irish Music to the sound of "Mak - a - Din", in St. Mungo's Church Hall, Alloa

Friday 8th April, 7.30pm - 11pm. Tickets £5

Please collect your new Offertory Envelopes at back of church.... If you are a tax payer and have not signed a Gift Aid declaration please consider this as the church can reclaim tax you have paid on your offering

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.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick... Dan Tierney, Anne McNiven, Sarah Jane Connelly, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Paul Kochanek, Brendan Murphy, Joe Smith, Margaret Byrne, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Austen Todd, Susie Meehan, Mary Conner, Brigit Grey, Margaret Foye, Mary Hughes and all those in the various nursing homes.



Remember those who have recently died....

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

John Boyle.



Parish Collections

13th Mar	Gift Aided	£392.40
	Non Gift Aided	£309.56



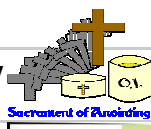


REGULAR MEETINGS

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.



HOLY WEEK DAIRY 2016

 Saturday 19th March	Feast of St. Joseph, patron Saint of Mill Hill Missionaries 5.30pm - VIGIL MASS
 Palm Sunday 20th March	11.30am - Procession with Palms and Mass, St. Bernadette's 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross. Led by schoolchildren.
Monday 21st March	8.45am - 9.15am - Confessions & 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 10.30am - Orchard House, Anointing of the sick & Holy Communion 7.00pm - Penitential Service. St. Bernadette's
Tuesday 22nd March,	7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. James Kinross. 7.00pm - Public Consultation at Abercromby School
 Wednesday 23rd March	8.45am - 9.15am Confessions, & 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Mass of Holy Oils (Chrism), Cathedral, Dundee.
MAUNDY THURSDAY 24th March	8.00am - 8.30am - Confessions. 8.00pm - St. Bernadette's, Washing of Feet, Institution of the Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion children) 9.00pm-10.00pm - Watch & Pray with Jesus: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at chapel of repose in the hall.
 GOOD FRIDAY 25th March	3.00pm - St. Bernadette's Passion & Adoration of the Cross. Special Collection, Holy Places
HOLY SATURDAY 26th March	8.30am - Morning Office for the Dead, St. Bernadette's 7.30pm - Easter Vigil, St Bernadette's
 EASTER SUNDAY 27th March	11.30am - Easter Mass, St. Bernadette's

Please see the many opportunities for individual confession before mass.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9th April	Mass of The Sick 11.00am (Saturday)
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READERS: *If you are reading Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil or Easter morning mass and the Readings are not from the Lectionary, please collect your reading in the sacristy. Please check the readers list that was put up last week. If you cannot manage please try to arrange a substitute and put their name on the list. If there is still no one available please advise Fr Mike or Liz immediately so we can re-arrange.*

Altar servers: *Please indicate which liturgies you are available for during Holy Week.*



PLEASE REMEMBER... This is the most important week of the church's year

HOLY WEEK

This week is a very holy Week.

Understandably people still have to go to work and school unlike many Catholic countries where on Thursday their countries basically enter a holiday period until Easter Monday.

No doubt this facilitates people's participation. However, we encourage parents and carers to stress and explain to their children the importance of this week – the many highlights of our faith. On Thursday we begin the Easter Triduum. Each ceremony flows into the next and is meant to be seen as a whole. On Thursday we depart in silence. We begin Good Friday with no greeting nor dismissal and we begin Easter with the blessing of the paschal candle. However, many chose and go to only one or two and therefore do not feel the full benefit as they should.

We can only really appreciate the fullness of the resurrection at Easter if we have also walked with Jesus from the Last Supper through his suffering and death on the cross. Try and take full advantage this week to deepen and strength your faith and the faith of your children.

2 weeks ago Father Mike received a letter from Cathleen Forman the administrator at SPICMA thanking the parishioners of St. Bernadette's, St. James's, St. Mungo's and St. Serf's for the money sent as a result of our ADVENT APPEAL... This week we publish the second update from one of the projects we helped.

Fr Elweu wrote:

We are delighted to report that we completed the installation of four much-needed new solar panels at the Parish House in St. Patrick's Catholic Parish, Madera, Soroti. The project was put in place in order to provide low cost, reliable electricity to the parish house, which would greatly enhance our ability to meet the administrative demands of a large and ever expanding parish. As the running of the parish is becoming ever more dependent upon modern technology – laptops, printers, and photocopiers and so on – we were previously struggling to work efficiently given the inefficiencies and problems of relying on electricity from the national grid, which sometimes would only supply us with power for 3 days in a week. With your generous support, we bought solar panels, batteries, an inverter, a solar charge controller, 4way Main switch, bulbs, tubes and solar flat Iron and cables. We then installed the equipment, placing four solar panels onto the roof of the parish house, alongside one other panel which we had managed to raise funds for through other fundraising efforts.

We are extremely pleased with the results as we now have a constant supply of power, and so we are able to do our administrative work without interruption. We also now have light in the house all the time, making day to day tasks far easier, and we have drastically cut our electricity bills as this solar power means that we only rarely need to use other, much more costly, sources of electricity. As a result, we are delighted to be able direct more of the money raised locally in the parish towards our pastoral needs.

We thank you once again for your generous donation.