

## DAY FOR LIFE - The Church's Guide to End of Life Decisions

*"How great a lie.... to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!" - Pope Francis*

Kathleen, a much-loved grandmother, collapsed at home one Saturday morning and was rushed to hospital. Early signs pointed towards a stroke. The doctors talked about the next twenty-four hours being critical; it seemed like Kathleen might not even survive. The priest was called and Kathleen received the anointing of the sick. Doctors were talking about brain damage and whether interventions might be possible. Suddenly the family was faced with big questions. What would Kathleen want and how could the Church help guide any decisions? How do we accept death when it comes and cherish life while we can?

There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the chronically ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be truly thankful for such advances. And yet at some time or other we will all die. These same advances have led to more complex decision making about appropriate treatment.

At the end of life, there are **two thoughts** which can help guide us all:

**The first is that we love life.** Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in his good time.

**The second is that we accept death.** This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks or burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits.

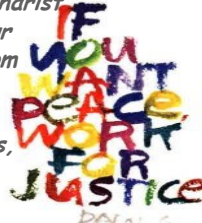
We need to prepare to face life-threatening crises. Ideally these difficult and important decisions need to be faced with others – our spouse, our siblings, our extended family members. The family, after all, should be the privileged place where mutual support and understanding occurs.

Sometimes difficult decisions need to be made and the views of family and experts are needed. But in such situations these two questions can guide us: "is this decision loving life?" and "is this decision accepting the inevitability of death?"

***Depending on the situation we should seek ways to answer yes to both, as life itself is a gift from God, and death but the gateway to new life with Him.***

*The Kingdom of God becomes present above all in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the Lord's Sacrifice...All of us who take part in the Eucharist are called to discover, through this Sacrament, the profound meaning of our actions in the world in favour of development and peace; and to receive from it the strength to commit ourselves ever more generously, following the example of Christ, who in this Sacrament lays down his life for his friends (cf. Jn 15:13). Our personal commitment, like Christ's and in union with his, will not be in vain but certainly fruitful. - (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, n48)*

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



## 60's / 70's Disco

Friday 10th June  
7.30pm to 11.00pm

St. Mungo's Church Hall, Alloa

(Proceeds to Inter-Parish Lourdes Fund) Tickets  
£5 - (from members of Knights of St. Columba)



## REGULAR MEETINGS

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Meet every 2 weeks in the Church hall at 10.30am, before Sunday mass.

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:

Meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's Hall Alloa.

# St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

## 29th May 2016 - Corpus Christi



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**  
**Monday, Wed, Thurs & Sat at 9.30am**  
**Friday evenings at 7.00pm**  
**(Tuesday - 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 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, Brendan Murphy, Joe Smith, Margaret Byrne, Veronica Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Margaret Tobin, Joan Wright, Margaret Foye, Austen Todd, Susie Meehan, Brigit Grey, Mary Hughes, Dave Kerr and all those in the various nursing homes.



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

Nan Down and Hellen Burchich.

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

Janice Martin, Elizabetta Danata, Eddie & Helen Kennedy, Bernard McKeown and Charles Glendinning.



**TODAY'S 11.30am MASS IS FIRST COMMUNIONS.**

**THE FIRST ROWS ARE RESERVED FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES. I AM SURE PEOPLE WILL GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE THIS IMPORTANT DAY MEMORABLE FOR THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING MASS WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY AFTER MASS TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH**

Today there will be a Retiral Collection for Day for Life.

## THIS WEEKS PARISH DIARY

Saturday 28th May	5.30pm - VIGIL MASS, St. Bernadette's.	CORPUS CHRISTI
Sunday 29th May	9.30am - First Holy Communions, St. James, Kinross 11.30am - First Holy Communions, St. Bernadette's 3.00pm - Blessed Sacrament procession, Wellburn Home, Dundee.	
Monday 30th May	9.30am - Mass 12noon - Funeral Mass of Tommy Sinclair	10.00am - First Holy Communicants Breakfast
Tuesday 31st May	NO SERVICES IN PARISH. 10.00am Mass Nazareth House, Edinburgh 6.00pm - College of Consultors, Dundee	
Wed 1st June	9.30am - Mass.	11.00am - Parish Financial Council
Thursday 2nd June	9.30am - Mass.	3.00pm - Inland revenue Course, Dundee 7.00pm - Jubilee Education Mass, Cathedral Dundee.
Fri 3rd June	7.00pm - Evening Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Saturday 4th June	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 10.00am - Mass, Glasgow, 150 Years Anniversary Mill Hill Missionaries 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's 7pm - Vigil Mass, St. James Kinross	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 5th June	9.30am - Mass, St. James, Kinross 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	

Today Corpus Christi, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm, is the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession at Wellburn, Dundee. *All welcome....* This is a Jubilee ceremony meant for the Eucharistic Ministers. Those wanting a lift please see Fr. Mike.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd - 23rd June	Fr. Mike responsible for St Mungo's parish masses and sick
Sat 4 June	11 am 150 years anniversary Mill Hill Missionaries mass, Glasgow
Sun 5 June	(Sea Sunday) 10th Sunday of the Year Apostleship of the Sea
Mon 6 June	7.00pm - Parish Pastoral Council
Tues 7 June	1.00pm - SCES at St. MARGARETS. STIRLING
Fri 10 June	Knights of St. Columba Social Night - 60's / 70's Disco - (see back page)
Sat 11 June	SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE
Sun 12 June	St Margaret's Summer Pilgrimage, Dunfermline. (More info in next newsletter)
Mon 13 June	2pm - St Ninian's Institute Executive Management Committee, Dundee
Sun 26 June	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year - Peter's Pence Special collection.
Thurs 30 June	Missio Committee

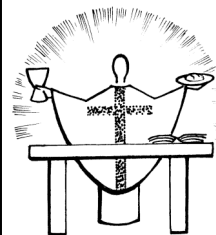
### Parish Collections

22nd May	Gift Aided	£388.70
	Non Gift Aided	£244.13

**SVDP Door Collection for Angelica's Lasallian Student Summer placement in Tanzania, £118.81p. Many thanks.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Today is our First Communion Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi. Normally first communicants have lots of guests, family & friends.



A few things worth remembering:  
This is a very important day in the life of the children.  
We all should make a special effort to make this a very spiritually significant day.  
Let us all be welcoming to those from outside the parish making them feel they are in the presence of the Lord but also in a very friendly and welcoming community.



Let us help the children focus and concentrate on Jesus and not distract them by waving or calling their attention. There will be plenty of opportunities AFTER mass for photos. We will have an official photographer present.

Let us make this a joyful and memorable day for the children and all of us!

**\* A reminder to advise your visitors to turn off mobile phones in the church.**

**Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode in the church as they interfere with our speaker system.**



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
"OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD'S MERCY"



### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY -

***Feed the Hungry . . .***

Place items in box/ basket at the back of the Church.  
Our S.V.D.P. and K.S.C. will distribute the goods to the needy in our area and if possible support "The Gate" Foodbank in Alloa.



To date, a total of 23 full carrier bags of goods have been donated (over 120kgs.) The S.V.D.P. and the K.S.C. thank you for your generosity and hope that you will continue to support this Year of Mercy Parish Project.