

## WHAT IS PETER'S PENCE ?

As long ago as the eighth century kings of England were making donations or goodwill offerings to demonstrate their unity to the Church to assist the financial needs of the pope. These donations were partly designated to help maintain a school in Rome used by English students and for a hostel used by visiting English pilgrims. The concept of sending money to support the pope's work as the Vicar of Christ spread throughout England and then to Northern Europe. The popes became accustomed to these donations and came to expect the regular income. During the reigns of rulers such as Alfred the Great, Canute and William the Conqueror, the peoples of England and Scandinavia started being taxed in order to make what became an annual contribution to Rome. The tax was one penny for every family or household with an annual rental of thirty pence or more. In some Scandinavian countries, a penny was paid as a hearth or fire tax, every family that lived in a home with a hearth paid one penny each year. The so-called voluntary tax of one penny per family was collected and sent to the pope near the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - thus the name Peter's Pence. King Henry VIII of England ended the donation as part of his struggle with Pope Clement VII.

The annual Peter's Pence collection, re-established during the second half of the nineteenth century in support of Blessed Pius IX, continues today through the dedicated giving of Catholics around the world. There is a distinction in how the funds are used now as opposed to the time of Pope Pius IX. During his papacy and earlier, the contributions were used by the pope as necessary, such as to support his day-to-day expenses, pay his staff, provide for his army and fund basic needs.

***The focus of the collection today is primarily for the pope's charitable efforts to help the poor, the homeless and those in need.***

The annual collection gives parishioners everywhere an opportunity to actively demonstrate unity with the pope, our personal support for his mission as Vicar of Christ and a way to help our needy brothers and sisters.

*"You are aware of the growing needs of the apostolate, the requirements of the ecclesial communities, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect the Apostolic See to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere. In this perspective the Peter's Pence collection is a true and proper participation in the work of evangelization, especially if one considers the meaning and importance of concretely sharing in the concerns of the universal Church."* - (Pope John Paul II to the St. Peter's Circle, Feb. 28, 2003)

*"Peter's Pence is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one as a sign of communion with the pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character"*

- (Pope Benedict XVI address to Members of the St. Peter Circle, Feb. 25, 2006).

***It is also worth remembering that the Catholic Church is the biggest aid agency in the world.***

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

# St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

## 26th June 2016 - 13th Sunday of the year



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 welcomers at the back of the church.*

*There are no strangers here just new friends you haven't yet met.*



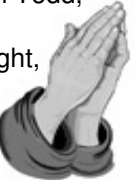
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MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick...** Dan Tierney, Anne McNiven, Veronica Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Austen Todd, Sarah Jane Connelly, Paul Kochanek, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Byrne, Margaret Tobin, Margaret Foye, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Susie Meehan, Joan Wright, Brigit Grey, Mary Hughes, Dave Kerr, Gracie MacLeod(baby)

and all those in the various nursing homes.



**Remember those who have recently died....** Fr. Jim Foley,

Thomas Sinclair, Betty McMillan, Gerard McFadden and Betty McNally  
**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...**

Cristina Earons; Michael Dunion; William Hutchinson; Charles Glendinning;  
Bernard McKeown and All Deceased Fathers

### Parish Collections

<b>19th June</b>	<b>Gift Aided</b>	<b>£368.90</b>
	<b>Non Gift Aided</b>	<b>£377.33</b>

**+ TODAY +**  
**Peter's Pence Special collection.**

### 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.

# THIS WEEKS PARISH DIARY

Saturday 25th June	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter's Pence Special Collection
Sunday 26th June	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's		
Monday 27th June	9.30am - End of School term mass: St. Bernadette's 10.30am - Orchard House 6.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, Parish House, St. Bernadette's		
Tues 28th June	NO SERVICES IN PARISH. 10.30am - Mass Nazareth House, Edinburgh		
Wednesday 29th June	SOLEMNITY FEAST OF SAINTS PETER and PAUL 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	
Thursday 30th June	9.30am - Mass. 12noon - Missio Meeting, Coatbridge.		
Friday 1st July	7.00pm - Evening Mass, St. Bernadette's.		
Saturday 2nd July	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's - Fr. Mike 6.30pm - Vigil Mass, Alloa - Fr. Martin 7.00pm - Vigil Mass, St. James, Kinross - Fr. Mike	14th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
Sunday 3rd July	9.30am - Mass, Alloa - Fr. Mike 9.30am - Mass, St. James, Kinross - Fr. Martin 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's - Fr. Mike 11.30am - Mass, Highvalleyfield - Fr. Martin 6.15pm - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva - Fr. Mike		

Please note while Fr. Brian is away in Lourdes for a week (8th to 15th July) Fr. Mike is acting for St. John Vianney's, Alva. In addition during the month of July Canon John is on some well earned holidays therefore Fr. Martin and Fr. Mike will be sharing looking after all 4 parishes. (St. James's, St Bernadette's, St. Mungo's and St Serf's)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 10 July	Sea Sunday - Special Collection	
Wed 22 June	6.30pm - School Parent Council	
Mon 27 June	Monday 9.30am End of term school mass	
Sat 30 July	Wedding	
Thurs 11 Aug	Clacks full Council meeting	
27/28 August	Aid Church to in Need (ACN) at St. Bernadette's - Presentation No collection. Will sell articles at back of church.	
Thurs 1 Sept	Mass new term of school	
Th 29 +Fri 30 Sept	Priests' Council, Airth Castle	
Wed 2 Nov	Cathedral Jubilee mass for the dead	
Mon 5+Tu 6 Dec	Priests' retreat Kinnoull.	

## 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.



We remember in our prayers one of our teachers on maternity leave Mrs Debby McLeod who has had twins. One of the twins, Gracie, needs a serious operation so we remember Gracie and all the family in our prayers



## Fabric & Maintenance Volunteers needed!

Are extremely occupied just now and would appreciate volunteers: We hope to rub down/scrape, the woodwork around the windows in the sacristy/house corridor and repaint it all within the next few weeks.

The large side windows of the church, all MUST be painted soon or we will end up with enormous bills to replace them. We have a firm willing to do this for a reasonable price but are still negotiating with firms for a good price for the necessary scaffolding. Health & Safety quite rightly no longer permits us just to do this with ladders.

Insulation of the house and church: We have approached the Council who are coordinating the firms updating the insulation in houses around Tullibody. It looks like the parish house will be included and hopefully the church.



"The obligation to earn one's bread presumes the right to do so. A society that denies this right cannot be justified nor can it attain social peace." - Centesimus Annus, n43

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



## PPC

We have now appointed our Parish Pastoral Council officers:

**President:** Fr. Mike - **Chairperson:** Peter Watson

**Vice-Chair:** Ronnie O'Grady - **Secretary:** Suzanne George

We owe a big thanks to Peter Lamb who has been secretary for such a long time. He will help with the handover and will continue with the Parish Newsletters here and at St. James's Kinross as well as our Parish website. A big thanks.

Fr Mike



On holiday? You've found us.....

Welcome, come and join us in prayer and thanksgiving...

We as a Christian community welcome people on holiday.

Please feel at home and free to ask about anything.....

Services, mass times, events and even where are the toilets?

Contact details are on the front page of this newsletter.

