



*Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC\*HS*

*Bishop of Motherwell*

25<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**EMERGENCY APPEAL BY SCIAF ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA**

I appeal to you to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in eastern and southern Africa who are suffering a severe food crisis and help them in their hour of need.

While here in Scotland, many of us enjoy our summer holidays in the sun, across eastern and southern Africa, too much sun is causing a terrible crisis to take hold. Tens of millions of men, women and children are going hungry as the region experiences the most severe drought in 50 years. I know that you will be as moved as I have been to hear of this tragedy and I hope that you will feel motivated to do something to help.

Our own Aid Agency, SCIAF, has been quick to respond, sending £150,000 from its reserves to provide life-saving emergency food rations for babies, pregnant women, children, the sick and the elderly in Zambia, Malawi, Ethiopia and South Sudan. The charity has also launched an emergency appeal for those going hungry. There has been an excellent response from SCIAF's supporters but many millions of people still urgently need our help.

I write to you – the Catholics of Scotland – inviting you to support SCIAF's Africa Food Crisis appeal through almsgiving and with your prayers. You may wish take up a collection in your parish (Gift Aid envelopes have been enclosed for this purpose), organise a fund-raising event, or encourage groups or associations to respond. Every penny you donate to SCIAF's emergency appeal will be used to help save lives in some of the worst hit areas.

You will find enclosed prayers of Intercession for those suffering in eastern and southern Africa. You are encouraged to make use of them at Mass and in other prayer services. Our prayer is an important expression of our solidarity with those suffering and our plea to God for their relief.

This appeal comes close on the heels of the great support given to SCIAF during Lent, both through WEE BOXES and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection. The timing of disasters and the associated appeals for help are beyond our control so we respond as best we can when something happens, even if it follows a time of generous giving, as is the case on this occasion. I know many of you will feel deeply moved by the plight of those who are suffering and I thank you for your solidarity and support.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy the call to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty encourages us respond as best we can.

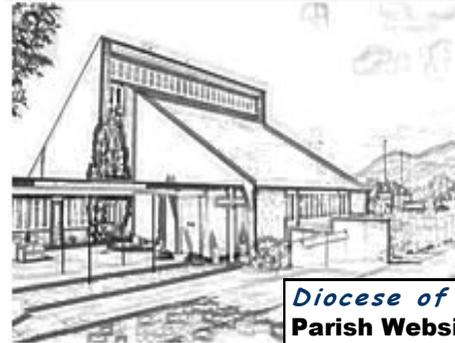
*With my thankful prayers and very best wishes,*

*+ Joseph Toal*

**We will have a special collection next Sunday 31st July for this appeal.**

# St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

24th July 2016 - 17th 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  
and 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, Austen Todd, Paul Kochanek, Brendan Murphy, Veronica Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Sarah Jane Connelly, Margaret Byrne, Brigit Grey, Margaret Foye, Margaret McIntyre, Margaret Tobin, Susie Meehan, Mary Hughes, Gracie MacLeod(baby), Baby Dowds, Sheena Neil

and all those in the various nursing homes.



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

Joan Wright and Helen Mangan.

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

Sandy Suave, Peter Lamb., William Hutchinson; Hutchinson Caine;

## Parish Collections

<b>17th July</b>	<b>Gift Aided</b>	<b>£367.90</b>
	<b>Non Gift Aided</b>	<b>£198.67</b>

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Meet every 2 wks in Church hall before Sunday mass at 10.30am.  
**(No July meetings. Next meeting 7th August.)**

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:**  
Meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's Church Hall Alloa.

## THIS WEEKS PARISH DAIRY

Saturday 23rd July	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th July	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Monday 25th July	WORLD YOUTH DAY BEGINS IN POLAND    Feast of St. James 9.30am - Mass & Anointing of Sick, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - St. James, Kinross, concelebrated mass of parish patron, Feast of St. James with Anointing of the Sick	
Tues 26th July	NO PARISH SERVICES 10.30am - Mass Nazareth House, Edinburgh	
Wednesday 27th July	Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. 9.30 Mass & Blessing of Grandparents - St. Bernadette's. 6.00pm - Wedding practise	
Thurs 28th July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Fri 29th July	NO MASS ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Saturday 30th July	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 12.30pm - Nuptial Wedding Joanne and Kevin 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	18th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Sunday 31st July	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's <i>Special collection see back page.</i>	

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

	30 July	Wedding	
11 Aug	Clacks full Council meeting	27/28 Aug	Aid Church to in Need
1 Sept	Mass new school term.	29/30 Sept	Priests' Council, Airth Castle
2 Nov	Cathedral Jubilee mass for the dead	5 / 6 Dec	Priests' retreat Kinnoull.

*The Christian lives under the interior law of liberty, which is a permanent call to turn away from self-sufficiency to confidence in God and from concern for self to sincere love of neighbour. Thus takes place genuine liberation and the gift of oneself for the freedom of others. Justice in the World .33*

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



**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.



## PARISH DAY TRIP TO IONA



On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, leaving at approximately 7am and returning around 10.00pm in the evening. The cost is £25 per person to be paid by 7th August.

The feast of St. James is on Monday with Anointing of the Sick at the 9.30am mass. ALL WELCOME.... Tuesday is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, we will celebrate this on Wednesday at the 9.30am mass with the BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS. ALL WELCOME.

### Saints Joachim and Anne

At one time, 26th July was the feast of St. Anne only, but with the new calendar the two feasts of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been joined and are celebrated on this day.

According to writings from about the year 170, Joachim was a prominent and respected man who had no children, and he and his wife, Anne, looked on this as a punishment from God. In answer to their prayers, Mary was born and was dedicated to God at a very early age. From these early Christian writings have come several of the feast days of Mary and Anne particularly the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity of Mary, and her Assumption into Heaven. Very early also came feast days in honour of Saints Joachim and Anne, in the Middle Ages many churches and chapels were dedicated to St. Anne.

The couple early became models of Christian marriage, and their meeting at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem has been a favourite subject of Christian artists. Anne is often shown in paintings with Jesus and Mary and is considered a subject that attracts attention, since Anne is the grandmother of Jesus. Her two great shrines - that of Ste. Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France, and that of Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada - are very popular. We know little else about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of SS. Joachim and Anne, when they lived.

**ALTAR SERVERS - MORNING OUT - THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
9.30am, Mass ST. BERNADETTE'S on to BOWLING ALLEY in Stirling accompanied with pizza, chips and coke. Due back at St. Bernadette's approx 12.30pm.



**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.

