

MEETING OF ACTING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR ST. BERNADETTE'S

Many thanks for the good turn out (over 16 people) considering the weather and many away on holiday. After a brief presentation of the new pastoral situation that St. Bernadette's will now function in its own right, separated from St. John Vianney's. Fr Mike will also be parish priest of St. James' Kinross but that would also function as a separate parish. A few important decisions were taken all voted on and agreed unanimously that would take effect as of **29th August 2015**.

Regarding masses: beginning Monday 31st August we will introduce a Monday morning mass at 9.30am.

As of Saturday 29th August we will introduce a Vigil mass every Saturday evening at 5.30pm.

This was discussed in great detail as it does involve looking for another sacristan, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, passkeepers and singers. Many of these have already offered their services. This mass is not to substitute the 11.30 am Sunday mass that will obviously continue but is to offer another option for those who cannot manage the Sunday. We already have a good number of parishioners who frequent other parishes because we have no vigil mass. It may take a few months for the mass to be well attended. An evaluation would be done around Advent time. There was concern that as numbers are expected to be low the sense of community would be drastically reduced since it seems to be a Catholic tradition to fill up the back benches and leave an enormous, empty gap between the congregation and the priest at the altar. It was agreed to buy some nice coloured cord and close off at least 5 rows to encourage people to move to the front and facilitate the celebration.

Other decisions voted and agreed upon included:

Mrs Ronnie O'Grady would be the new parish safeguarding officer and contact details will be displayed on the appropriate notice board.

Maureen Mc'Cready, Maureen Joyce and Tony Massanopoli would look after the counting of money every Monday morning.

Tony and Kathleen Massanopoli also join the Parish Financial Council.

The children's liturgy will continue and we are looking for at least one more person to help – we have people interested. If we have candidates for the sacraments who are not at a Catholic School we will continue to provide the appropriate support.

We will go ahead with the Mary's Meals weekend on 26/27th September.

Having witnessed the great success of our Advent project – both financially and pastorally – it was agreed to look into a possible other practical project in Africa and if we could find one to see if parishes around us would be interested in making it a joint effort.

Meetings of the PPC will generally be held on the first Monday at 7.00pm of the month: Monday 5th October, Tuesday 3rd November (mass for All Souls on 2nd) and Monday 7th December.

Many thanks to all who made the effort to come out and contribute to our meeting.

VISITING OR ON HOLIDAY ?

We as a Christian community welcome all visitors and people on holiday.

Please feel at home and free to ask any questions about anything, services, mass times, events and even where are the toilets ???

Contact and website details are on the front page of this newsletter.



St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's Parish Newsletter

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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.*



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick....

Dan Tierney, Jean Quinn, Mary Dryland, Christie Scott, Michael Ferguson, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Veronica Day, Ursula Crichton, Peter Doyle, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Mary McGeehan, Thomas Benie, Brendan Murphy, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Elizabeth Docherty, Bridget Grey, Owen Cattigan, Bill Dunsmore, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Sandy Taylor, Mary McCartney, Theresa Flemming, Mona Pyat, Kathleen McNeil, Dr. Michael Basquial, Mrs McConnachie, Margaret Tobin, Alma White, Anne McNiven, Maureen Joyce, Margaret Byrne, Joan Wright, Betty Witton, Nina Smith, Suzanne George, Anne Ross and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.... Winifred Banner, Lorraine Brown, Anthony Quinn, John Fagan, Tina Burgoyne and Winifred (Winnie) Conlan.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.... James Evans, John Mann, Paddy Byrne and John Wright

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Meet in St. Bernadette's weekly, at 10.30am before Sunday mass and at St. John Vianney's, on the last Sunday of the month after 9.30 morning mass.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:

Meet at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

Parish Collections 26th July 2015

Parish	Amount
St. Bernadette's	£343.23
St. John Vianney's	£326.20

NEXT WEEKS DIARY

**Sunday Morning Masses:
St. John Vianney's, 9.30am
& St. Bernadette's, 11.30am**

**Sunday Evening Mass:
St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm**

Sunday 2nd August	Mass times as Normal - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament at St. John Vianney's.
Monday 3rd August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 10.30am - SCIAF meeting 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, Parish house, Tullibody
Tuesday 4th August	NO SERVICES IN PARISH 10.00am - Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wednesday 5th August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Parish Financial Council, parish house, Tullibody
Thurs 6th Aug	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Friday 7th August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 7.00pm - Evening Themed Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Saturday 8th August	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 9th August	Mass times as Normal - 19th Sunday in Ordinary time.

This Sunday 2nd August we welcome groups from the different Lay Societies in our Diocese. They will do a brief presentation at the end of mass; SERRA group for vocations, Dundee Secular Carmelite Group and John Paul prayer movement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17th August	Deanery Meeting, Alva
20th August	Missio Directors Meeting, Airdrie.
22nd August	Diocesan Mission Awareness, Dundee
23rd August	Special Collection. Mensal Fund
10th September	Clacks Council Education Committee meetings 10 am
26th - 27th Sept	Mary's Meals clothes collection on Saturday 26th Sept. Representatives of Mary's Meals at all masses on Sunday 27th Sept.
29/30th Sept	Airth Castle, Priests' Council

St. Vincent De Paul.

If you know of anyone in the parish that could do with a visit and/or any help from us then please put a note with details in the S.V.D.P box at the back of the church.

On the weekend of 26th/27th September we'll have our annual clothes collection and fund raiser (annual raffle) for Mary's Meals. So you could start now, putting away old clothes etc to bring to our church halls on 26th September.

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to world hunger



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- ◆ Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002 — today we are feeding over a million children every school day across four continents.
- ◆ In schools where children receive Mary's Meals, there is a rise in school enrolment, attendance, and attainment.

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CHANGES IN DUNKELD DIOCESE

The changes affecting us are as follows.

From the weekend of 29th/30th August Fr. Mike will no longer be parish priest at St. John Vianney's. Fr. Brian McLean will become Parish Priest at St John Vianney's, Fr. Brian is currently Parish Priest at St. Fergus, Forfar & St. Anthony's Kirriemuir and works on the Marriage Tribunal in Glasgow. Fr. Martin Pletts will be moving to St. James, Kinross to become Assistant Priest and Fr. Mike will assume role of interim Parish Priest at Kinross. Fr. Mike will remain Parish Priest in St. Bernadette's, Tullibody.

If anyone has anything they could donate to the Summer Fare being held on 23rd August for the retirement home run by the Sisters of Nazareth in Edinburgh. Fr. Mike would welcome any donations (bottles etc.)

"Thus the Lord unites us with himself through the Eucharist - sacrament and sacrifice - and he unites us with himself and with one another by a bond stronger than any natural union; and thus united, he sends us into the whole world to bear witness through faith and works to God's love, preparing the coming of his kingdom and anticipating it."

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 48.4

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