

#RedWednesday

On **#RedWednesday** - Wednesday 23rd November - join with **ACN*** to honour those who have suffered because of their religion, and stand in solidarity with millions of people, targeted for their beliefs and living in fear.

Throughout the world people are being persecuted because of their Faith. The young, the old, women, children, priests, Sisters and religious leaders are victims of kidnap, torture and death.

In partnership with Aid to the Church in Need, on the evening of **#RedWednesday** 23rd Nov '16, Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, will light up their iconic facades Red. This profound act of solidarity will be joined by other faith groups as a tribute to all who, in recent times, suffer injustice and risk their lives for their faith.

We invite you to be part of Red Wednesday and make a stand against religious persecution and to stand for peace and tolerance.

More information at <http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday>

* Aid to Church in Need

St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

20th November 2016 + Feast of Christ the King

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)

Welcome

Are you visiting our Parish or have you 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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Christmas Coffee Morning
St. John Vianney's. 10.30 Sun 4th Dec.
 Refreshments, Baking stall, Tombola, Christmas Stall, Raffle of Christmas Hamper. Please support this event and any donations for the stalls would be much appreciated, contact Pat Hutchison [01786 473268](tel:01786473268) or Mary Speck [01259 760319](tel:01259760319).
All monies raised will be donated to the Advent Mission appeal.

St. Bernadette's School Parent Council Christmas Fayre
Sat. 17th Dec, 11am - 2pm,
£2 (inc refreshments)
 Visit Santa at his Grotto, Stalls include Refreshments, Home baking, Jewellery, Knitwear, Healthy living, Makeup, Candles, Wood turning, Arts and Crafts, Christmas Raffle, Guess Teddy's name and Christmas Quiz to name a few



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

Knights of St. Columba
St. Andrew's Night
In St. Mungo's Church Hall
Friday 25th Nov @ 7.30pm
 Music by the Jack Delaney Band
 Tickets £10 (Includes Stovies)
 The proceeds from this event will be donated to Missio.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Scotland



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - Feed the Hungry...
 Place items in box/ basket at the back of the Church. Our SVDP and KSC will distribute the goods to the needy in our area and if possible support "The Gate" Foodbank in Alloa.

Message from St. Modan's High School.
Primary 6 & 7 Information Evening at St Modan's on Tuesday 22nd Nov at 6.15pm.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS - MASS OF THANKSGIVING

For all those who offer their time and gifts to serve and help the parish in any way. Mass Friday 25th November at 7pm followed by small reception. **We would welcome home baking for this occasion.** **Please shares your culinary skills with us! Let Fr. Mike or Mary Anne Dease know.**

ALL WELCOME!

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



END OF
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 Mc'Niven, Margaret Tobin, Austen Todd, Sarah Jane Connelly, Margaret Foye, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Kathleen Clarke & Family, (Veronica, Peter-James, Gerard, Bernard and Sean-Joseph).
 Susie Meehan, Brendan Murphy, Paul Kochanek, Margaret Byrne, Dave Kerr, Lynne Malkiewicz, Sheena Neil, Lisa Hertwig, Bishop Stephen's Father, Dr. Michael Basquill and all those in the various nursing homes.



Remember those who have recently died....

Peter Doyle and Charles Finley

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....
 Agnes Dunion, Mr Byrne, Nan Grant, Manoel Borniquel and Harry Dunion



Parish Collections

13th	Gift-Aided	£379.92
November	Non Gift-Aided	£239.63

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet every 2 weeks in Church hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass. Next meetings 30th October & 13th November

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

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 19th November	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Sunday 20th November	END OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12.30pm - Baptisms 4.00pm - Closing Liturgy of the Holy Year, St Mungo's Alloa.	Last Sunday of Year. Feast of Christ the King
Mon 21st Nov	9.30am - Mass St. Bernadette's.	
Tues 22nd Nov	NO PARISH SERVICES 10.30am - Nazareth House, Edinburgh, Mass	
Wednesday 23rd November	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - School Parent Office Bearers meeting St Bernadette's & Abercromby - Church Hall	
Thursday 24th November	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 12 noon - Ecumenical lunch with Funeral Directors, Hillview	
Friday 25th November	7.00pm - St. Bernadette's THANKSGIVING MASS & RECEPTION - ALL INVITED	
Saturday 26th November	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Sunday 27th November	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Collection for Poor Mission Fund & START OF ADVENT PROJECT	1st Sunday of Advent

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

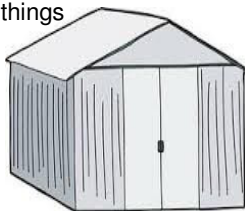
28 Nov	Missio meeting - Coatbridge	30 Nov	6.30pm - School Parents Council meeting
5/6Dec	Priests' retreat Kinnoull	8 Dec	7pm Thanksgiving mass, St James, Kinross
10 Dec	1pm Mission Awareness Group, Dundee	12 Dec	12noon Deanery Christmas meeting
12 Dec	7pm - Schools Christmas Concert - Alloa	15 Dec	10am Council Meeting
20 Dec	10 am Scrutiny Meeting, Clacks Council	21 Dec	Education Meeting & Director of Education.

WINTER CHURCH HOUSE KEEPING

Winter is approaching and sometime we have snow and ice. Grit & "brown salt" is highly staining and the cause of the carpet around the altar so badly stained that we had to replace it last year. **Altar Servers**; Once again we remind altar servers please provide a pair of black plimsolls and keep them in the drawer provided so you are **NEVER** on the altar area with outdoor shoes. **Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans**: we ask you to take the special precautions to make sure your footwear is clean of all traces of brown salt making full use of the front door mats. *As an extra caution this year we have bought 500 kilos of "white salt" from a factory which is less damaging. This salt we will spread on the steps and near the main entrances so hopefully, after cleaning your feet, there is even less chance of staining the carpets beyond repair.*

STORAGE

At the last Parish Pastoral Council it was discussed how we tend to hoard things we will never use again and the continual problem that we have very little storage space. *(Confessionals are used as cupboards; the house attic becomes full of seasonal liturgical objects; boxes are stored for years under church benches; flammable paint is kept in the boiler room; chairs, tables remain in areas they should have been removed from ages ago).* We hope to be buying a shed to help solve our storage problems. This will be placed next to the existing shed in the garden.



ADVENT PROJECT - Details in parish website Groups Page:

<http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/groups.html>

Flyer will be issued to all parishioners.

Once again we will have an Advent Project where we will all work together with our neighbouring parishes - St. John Vianney's (Alva), St. Mungo's (Alloa) and St. James' (Kinross). On each Sunday of Advent and on Christmas day there will be a collection bucket at the back of the church. This is an opportunity to give a little of ourselves to help others with greater needs. **We ask parents to take this opportunity to explain Christmas, how lucky our children are receiving presents and that we thank God for our blessings and share with those in need.**

Where: Kotido Diocese, Kenya 1. Bore a well 50m deep to find water.

2. Build a "baby facility" that one day one be part of an orphanage.

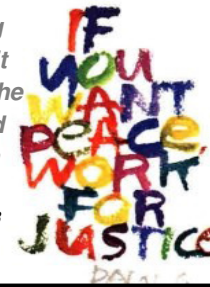
Both are part of much larger projects. Both are critical. Both are life saving.

Throughout Advent In the Newsletter, on notice boards and in the parish website there will be more information. ***Please read and explain thoroughly to our children.***

... While the Church is proclaiming the kingdom of God and building it up, she is establishing herself in the midst of the world as the sign and instrument of this kingdom which is and which is to come...

Evangelii Nuntiandi 59.3

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



Brazil Jars

Please remember the projects we help support in Brazil...

Also in need of children's clothes for ages 2 to 9 years especially girls. Please hand in as soon as possible or at least before 8th December for Fr. Mike to take out to Brazil.

During the summer some of our youth worked in projects abroad which were part-funded by the parish. Today we publish part 2 of an article by *Angelika Gerzok who went to Tanzania to work on a Lasallian Developing World Project.* The entire article is on the parish website (Groups page) <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/groups.html>

(Cont)... We also had the opportunity to visit some amazing places that will stick out in my mind forever. One of those places was Lake Malawi. It is the 3rd largest lake in the African Continent where the water is amazingly blue and the sand is so worm that it's difficult to walk on. When we were there, we took a two hour trip through a jungle up a mountain. We followed a river and after along walk through this magical place, we finally got to a lagoon with a mesmerising waterfall. When I first saw it I found it hard to believe that places this beautiful actually exist in our world.

Many times we also visited our village and the local "pub". The people were always very smiley, full of happiness and always glad to see us there. They would recognise and welcome us with open arms. At those times, we had the chance to get to know them more and have a small taste of their beautiful culture. We danced, we laughed and enjoyed ourselves. Even though they were strangers to us, we felt like we had known them all along.

As a group, we also had the pleasure of visiting a deaf school in Njombe and were warmly welcomed by the teachers and students of the school. We had the chance to see how the children were learning English through sign language and individually, we were giving a name in sign language by which they would remember us.

We also had the opportunity to play with the children and teach them some of our favourite Scottish dances and in return they taught us some of their dances. Despite the fact that they cannot hear the music, the music and the rhythm is deep inside their souls. What I thought was incredible was how simple things like bubbles or even a balloon made them so happy. The way they look at life is much different than the way we do and I feel like they appreciate little things much more.



to be continued next week