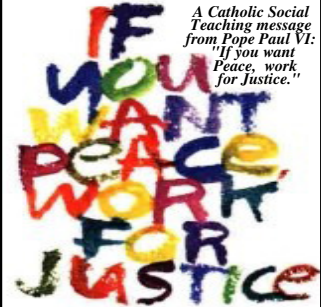


**Service each Sunday of Advent at 4.30 pm.**  
 This year each service with focus on a person or people involved in the Christmas story. Adoration of the Blessed sacrament and prayer should last 30 to 40 minutes each week.

**Please remember....**  
**Brazil Jars for the projects we help support in Brazil... Also in need of children's clothes for ages 2 - 9yrs especially girls. Please hand in as soon as possible or before 8<sup>th</sup> December for Fr. Mike to take out to Brazil.**

**WINTER CHURCH HOUSE KEEPING**  
 Winter is approaching and sometime we have snow and ice. Grit & "brown salt" is highly staining. **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.

*Just Faith course has been cancelled. Only 3 people signed up for it. Obviously Advent is not a good time. Propose to do it during Lent.*



**St. Bernadette's School**  
**Parent Council Christmas Fayre**  
**Sat.17th Dec, 11am - 2pm, £2 (inc refreshment)**  
 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

**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** or Mary Speck **01259 760319**.  
*All monies raised will be donated to the Advent Mission appeal.*

**Knights of St. Columba will be selling Raffle Tickets for a Christmas Hamper in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The proceeds of this will go to Missio.**

**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.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland**

**Feed the Hungry**

Please place non-perishable / tinned items in the box/ basket at the back of the Church.

Members of our SVDP and KSC will distribute the goods to the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" Foodbank in Alloa.



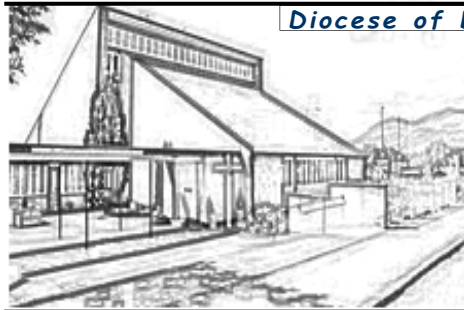
**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

**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

## 27th November 2016 + First Sunday of Advent



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**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.

*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, Dr. Michael Basquill and all those in the various nursing homes.



*Remember those who have recently died...* Peter Doyle, Charles Finley and Leslie Robson (Bishop Stephen's Father)



*and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....*  
 Those named in our November Lists on the altar.

Parish Collections			REGULAR MEETINGS
20th	Gift-Aided	£317.14	<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b> Meet every 2 weeks in Church hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass. Next meetings 30th October & 13th November <hr/> <b>KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:</b> Meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's Church Hall Alloa.
November	Non Gift-Aided	£271.57	

**Parish Website** <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/>  
 Has all parish newsletters & notices, Advent Diary, information from groups, history, links to schools and other catholic organisations and publications.

# PARISH DIARY

Saturday 26th November	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday 27th November	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Collection for Poor Mission Fund & START OF ADVENT PROJECT 4.30pm - Advent Service - Theme Elizabeth and Zachariah 6.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in Parish house.	
Mon 28th Nov	9.30am - Mass St. Bernadette's - (School mass). Missio meeting - Coatbridge	
Tues 29th Nov	<b>NO PARISH SERVICES</b> 10.30am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.	
Wednesday 30th November	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's High School. 9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's. 12.50am - Reception of body of Leslie Robson and funeral, at 1.00pm St. Bede's Church Carlisle - (Bishop Stephen's father) 6.30pm - School Parents Council meeting	
Thurs 1st Dec	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Friday 2nd December	First confessions - parents come along and support. 7.00pm - St. Bernadette's	
Saturday 3rd December	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 4th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - Advent Service - Theme John the Baptist.	

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

5/6Dec	Priests' retreat Kinnoull	8 Dec	7pm Thanksgiving mass, St James, Kinross
10 Dec	10am Mission Awareness, 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.

During the summer some of our youth worked in projects abroad which were part-funded by the parish. Today we publish the final part 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).... During one of the weekends, we also visited a very small village, Mhaji, where another Lasallian group was doing a teaching project. We had the chance to visit the local school and see some of the work which the children were doing. The class rooms were very simple and small for the number of pupils that had to fit in them. It was an experience which made me appreciate our education so much more. To think that an unfortunate number of children in today's world still have such a difficult time trying to gain a substantial level of education, breaks my heart. Outside the school we met a few of the local children, and I gave them little bracelets which my family and I made. To see big smiles on their faces from such a simple thing was truly unforgettable.



As a group we also sponsored seven local students which were the best students in the school, but their parents or guardians could not afford school equipment or clothing. Every member of the

## TODAY WE START COLLECTING FOR OUR ADVENT PROJECT

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), St. Serfs (High Valleyfield), St. James' (Kinross) and St Matthew's, Auchtermuchty. Each Sunday of Advent and on Christmas day there will be a collection bucket at the back of the church. It's 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, Uganda.

## OUR 2 PROJECTS

1. Bore a well 50m deep to find water and train users.

**Both are critical.**

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

**Both are part of much larger projects.**

**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.***

Details in our website Groups Page: <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/groups.html>



***"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society... This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid."*** (Pope Francis)

group has given something which they brought with them as a gift for the children. Football strips, pencils, music instruments, toys... The other things like new school shoes, new jumpers.... we went to buy in the market as a donation from us.

This whole opportunity has been truly one of the best and most life changing things I have ever had the chance to do. I can honestly say this experience has helped me to look at life from a different perspective but it also strengthen my faith in some way.

There is so many things I realized about myself and the world I live in while being away, which will stay with me forever. I truly realized what's really important for me.

Without the help I received from numerous people and organizations, I would have not been able to be a part of this unforgettable adventure.

You helped me to do something which I've always dreamed of doing!

**So, from the bottom of my heart, I THANK YOU !!!** *Angelika Gerzok*

