



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



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Let's reverse the Advent
Calendar and **GIVE** to the
needy this Christmas.

Assist Foodbanks
help others.



Donate
a GIFT
a day
this
Advent
and fill
the box.

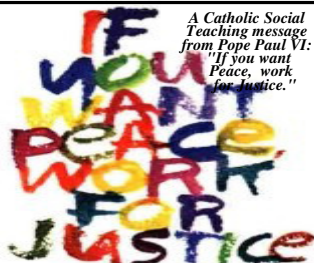
Feed the Hungry

Please place non-perishable / tinned items
in the box/ basket at the back of the Church.
Members of our SVDP & KSC will distribute
the goods to the needy in our area and also
support "The Gate" Foodbank in Alloa.

*"The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the LORD,
and the LORD will repay him for his good deed."*

Proverbs 19:17

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 **before 8th December** for Fr. Mike to take out to Brazil.



A Catholic Social
Teaching message
from Pope Paul VI:
"If you want
Peace, work
for Justice."

Christmas Carol Concert

in

St. Mungo's RC Church Alloa

7.00pm Monday 12th December.

Please come along and support.

Schoolchildren from St. Modan's High School,
St. Bernadette's & St. Mungo's primary schools

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. 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

WINTER CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

Grit & "brown salt" used on footpaths, roads etc.
is highly staining. Altar Servers; We remind altar
servers please provide a pair of black plimsolls so
that you are NEVER on the altar area with out-
door 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 door mats.

Do you want to remember some-
one at Christmas or Pray for
a situation in the world?

Write it on the back of a
"star" or symbol provided
and place it on our
Christmas tree. Please
encourage and explain
to the children to do this.

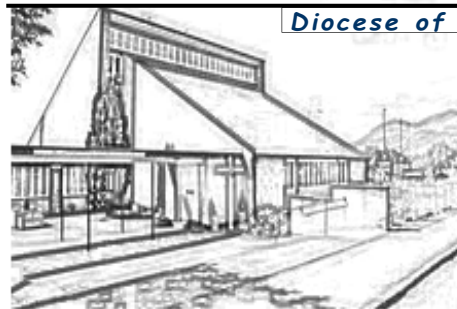


Mobile phones must be switched off or put to Airplane mode
in the church as they interfere with our speaker system

St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

4th December 2016 + 2nd 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,
Jimmy McIntyre and Leslie Robson.

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

Ewan Cameron. Peggy Carr and Maura Scott.



Parish Collections

27th November	Offertory	£577.03
	Poor Mission Fund	£296.37

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

On the walls of the church are paintings done by the school children
to do with our ADVENT PROJECTS on WATER & CHILDREN:

PARISH DIARY

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 - Children's Mass 4.30pm - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Advent Reflection. Theme: John the Baptist.	
Monday 5th December	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Priests' Diocesan retreat Kinnoull	
Tues 6th Dec	NO PARISH SERVICES - Priests' Diocesan Retreat Kinnoull.	
Wednesday 7th December	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's High School. 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Thursday 8th December	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Thanksgiving mass, St. James, Kinross	
Friday 9th December	11.00am - PFC 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Saturday 10th December	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's 10.00am - Mission Awareness Group, Dundee 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 11th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Advent Reflection. Theme: The Shepherds & the Wise Men.	

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Advent Reflection, Sunday 4.30pm.
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 look at special posters with Christmas liturgies – days and times.
Also on parish website: <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/current.html>


FORTHCOMING EVENTS

School nativity play will be during the school mass on Monday 19th Dec.

12 Dec	12noon Deanery Christmas meeting	15 Dec	10am Council Meeting
20 Dec	10 am Scrutiny Meeting, Clacks Council	21 Dec	Education Meeting & Director of Education.

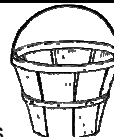
St. Vincent De Paul: If you know anyone in the parish that could do with a visit or any help from us then please put a note with details in the S.V.D.P box at back of the church.

Mass & Confession finding App launched Archbishop Leo Cushley
The Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh, has launched a GPS powered App for mobile phones and tablets, enabling visitors to his Archdiocese to locate Catholic Churches for information on Mass and Confession times. With the GPS technology, it guides the user to the chosen venue. Musemantik, the company that designed the App are hoping to expand this technology into others Dioceses.
Archbishop Cushley said. "This is a little bit of smart technology that could make a big impact on how the Catholic Church brings the mercy of God and the joy of the Gospel to our contemporary world," More information available from:- <http://thecatholicapp.com/>



WEEK TWO OF OUR ADVENT PROJECT

Once again we will have an Advent Project where we will all work together with our neighbouring parishes. 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.

We have 2 projects

1. Bore a well 50m deep to find water and train users.
2. Build a "baby facility" that one day will be part of an orphanage.

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

This week we publish more background to the Borehole Project:

Kotido Diocese in the north east of Uganda, bordering Sudan and Kenya, covers the three civil districts of Abim, Kaabong, and Kotido. Recently there was a cholera epidemic in Kotido District. Over five hundred people were infected and around twenty died. The main reason for the outbreak was the polluted water sources. Water is at a premium in the whole area. There is some rain every year, but nothing like in Europe. it tends to be torrential rain, which rushes down the dry river beds and fills up the ponds. Once the rain stops, there is no longer water in the "rivers". Women go to the ponds to collect water. The problem is cattle go there and people bathe there, so the water is soon polluted. All kinds of water born diseases afflict the more vulnerable members of society. Fairly soon the ponds dry up because of the fast rate of evaporation, due to the heat and the strong dry winds. The women then have to travel longer distances to look for water. The Borehole has been a tremendous blessing to the people.

In the Diocese **SPICMA** has already funded 5 boreholes in 2008 and 25 boreholes in 2009/10. This is a significant contribution to the total number of the boreholes in the Diocese.

Karamoja, Uganda is an area which has suffered greatly. The water cover in the Catholic Diocese of Kotido is the lowest in the country and much of the area has no electricity supply. The recent tragic famine has been one of the worst this area has suffered for many years and, at the time of writing, is at last coming to an end.



This year we have joined with the Swiss Charity ACT-U to drill more boreholes in this area of Eastern Uganda. ACT-U is not new to us as we have partnered several smaller borehole projects with them in past years. Codenamed Shiny Village 9, the project will be to drill 30 new deep boreholes at a cost of £5,800 each. The financing of this important project will be shared by ACT-U, the Swiss Government and **SPICMA**. Beneficiaries will be the roughly 30,000 families in this district...

The above is taken from a more detailed report which is on the parish website, groups page : <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/groups.html>

For Project 1 we aim to finance the drilling of a well 50m deep to find water and train people to supply water to irrigate the land. To bore a well costs £5,800. The Swiss government, via a charity will finance 50% of each well dug. So the cost of Project 1 is £2,900.

Next week more information on the Baby Facility

Parish total collected to date: £157.50