

St. Bernadette's Primary School Enrolments for New intake 2017



We will be enrolling our new P1s on the 12th and 13th of January 2017. Please inform any friends and/or family who are considering sending their child to St. Bernadette's that they should phone the school on 01259 723973 to arrange a time to enrol on those dates. The child should be 5 on or before 28.02.18. Proof of address, a birth certificate and baptism certificate (if the child is baptised) will be needed. It is easy to check whether or not St. Bernadette's is a child's catchment school on the Council website at:

<http://www.clacksweb.org.uk/mapping/schoolcatchment.php>

All parents who live within the catchment, and wish their child to attend St. Bernadette's, should enrol directly with us. There is no need to enrol with another school or to put in a placing request.

That earthly peace which arises from love of neighbour symbolises and results from the peace of Christ which radiates from God the father.

- (Gaudium et Spes 78)



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



Shine a light of hope this Christmas

<http://www.acnuk.org/>

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.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC PARENTS

The parent Involvement Working Group of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) are organising an event for all interested Catholic parents with children currently at school. This Gathering for Catholic Parents will take place on **Saturday, 21st January 2017** between **10.00am and 12 p.m.** in **St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, Taylor Avenue, Carfin.** During this event parents will have the chance to talk to each other about the matters which are important to them regarding Catholic education and to discuss ways in which they can contribute to the Mission of their Child's Catholic school.

Places for this event are free, but booking is essential.

For further information & booking places contact SCES by email: mail@sces.uk.com or by telephone: [0141 556 4727](tel:01415564727) or by completing the online form at sces.org.uk

Do you want to remember someone 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.



26% of Children in Clackmannanshire are living in poverty

Wee County Children's Christmas Shop

new and pre-loved children's toys, gifts, clothes & accessories for "pay what you can" donations for the local foodbanks

Monday to Saturday, 10-4pm
1st - 24th December 2016

new location:
14 Bank Street, Alloa
just along from Chalmers night club

Having a clear out?
Donations of good quality clothes and toys can be dropped into the shop any time we're open.

St. Bernadette's - Parish Newsletter

18th December 2016 + 4th Sunday of Advent



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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.

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 newcomers 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.... Margaret Mc'Intyre, Anne Mc'Niven, Margaret Tobin, Austen Todd, Sarah Jane Connelly, Margaret Foye, 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... Elizabeth McInally, Jimmy McIntyre, Leslie Robson and Dan Tierney



and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....
Paddy Docherty, Ewan Cameron, Peggy Carr and Maura Scott.

Parish Collections

11th December	Gift Aided	£395.50
	Non Gift Aided	£280.97

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet every 2 weeks in Church hall at 10.30am before Sunday mass. Next meetings: January 2017

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

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.

Please look at special posters / flyers with Christmas liturgies – days and times.
Also on parish website: <http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes/current.html>

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 17th December	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's 5.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Sunday 18th December	11.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Advent Reflection. Theme: Mary.	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday 19th December	8.45am - 9.15am - Confessions 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. School nativity play during mass 2.00pm - Diocesan Education meeting, Pastoral Centre Dundee 7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. Bernadette's	
Tues 20th Dec	10.00am - Scrutiny Meeting, Clacks Council	
Wednesday 21st December	8.45am - 9.15am - Confessions . 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Thursday 22nd December	8.45am - 9.15am - Confessions 9.20am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 11.00am - Mass at Nazareth House Edinburgh.	
Fri 23rd Dec	7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Saturday 24th December	NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS 7.00pm - CAROLS 7.30pm - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS	
Sunday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY 11.30am - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	

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

**Penitential Service on Monday 19th December 7.00pm
2 PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION AFTER
THE SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE IT**

**Readers please check with Fr. Mike you know what you are reading
and when. Readings are available in the Sacristy this Sunday.**

**Altar servers and readers please be here over the Christmas period
at least 10 minutes early.**

THE GATE

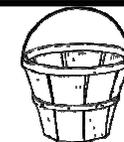
Our **SVDP**, in practise, is the parishes' working charity. People in need will always be visited, normally within 24 hours. Where there is a real need our SVDP acts very rapidly providing emergency food. We do not have enough volunteers to do this in a more organised and systematic way. For this reason the Parish Council decided to take a step further what the Knights of St. Columba had been doing as a project in the parish supporting The Gate. Our parish has joined with other churches and charities to support **THE GATE**. One of their coordinators has already spoken at the end of mass recently explaining not only how they function but how the demand is constantly increasing. The Gate is organised and support people who have been referred to them from other charities and agencies so you are nearly completely certain they are attending people in need.



WEEK FOUR 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

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.

Cost of Project 1 is £2,900.

Project 2. We aim to finance the building of a "baby facility" that one day will be part of an orphanage. Deformed, handicapped children are normally killed at birth. Sr. Christine, an African nun, rescues them and tries to look after them until they are 5 yrs old. Now they sleep on the kitchen floor. We plan to finance building a room where they can sleep.

Cost of Project 2 is £3,000

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

**Pictures and up to date information is posted
on the large noticeboard at back of the church**

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

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

Parish total collected to date: £523.04

The Knights of St. Columba, Council 636



Dear friends and fellow parishioners.

Towards the end of each year, the monies raised at our various social events is distributed to a number of charities and good causes. This year, that sum amounted to £2155.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity and support you have shown over the course of the last year and for that, I sincerely thank you.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you, your families and friends a very happy and Holy Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

Yours sincerely, Alex McCluskie (Grand Knight)



Feed the Hungry  **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

**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.**