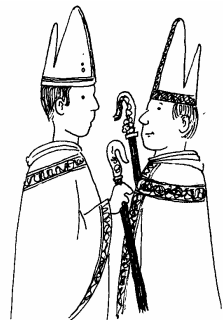


Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 2 August 17th Sunday year B	Masses as normal.
Monday, 3 August	9.30am Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva 7.00 pm Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Tuesday, 4 August	No Masses
Wednesday, 5 August	9.30am Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. 7.00pm Meeting of organising team for mass for sick, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 6 August	9.30am Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody Children's Mass
Friday, 7 August	9.30am Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Saturday, 8 August	9.30am Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody,
Sunday 9 August	Masses as normal St. John Vianney's Feast Day (actual day 4th) 1.00pm Baptisms of James + Ammie Graham, St. Bernadette's
Friday 14 August	9.30 Reception into the Church St. John Vianney's, (baptism, confirmation and first communion) Jean Gallacher
Monday 17 August	7.00pm Communications Team meeting , Parish House
Tuesday 18 August	7.00pm Duke of Edinburgh Award meeting, Hall, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 5 September	3.00pm Mass of the sick with Bishop Vincent, St. Bernadette's.
Monday 7 September	7.00pm Year of the Priest, Mass, Carnoustie
Tuesday 8 September	Meeting for Disclosure, St. Mungo's, Alloa
Thurs 17 September	7.00 pm Diocesan Annual Vocations mass, Dundee Cathedral



"Cyril, have you ever stopped to think where we two would be were it not for evil?"

Meeting Notice

Meeting Wednesday for all those involved in the preparing and organising of the mass for the sick in September (liturgy, carers, drivers, SVDP)

St. John Vianney

Tuesday is the feast day of St. John Vianney. The parish will celebrate this next Sunday. For many, this saint is already known as the patron saint of parish priests but this year is a special year. Because it is 150 years since his death Pope Benedict has announced this, a Year of the Priest.

With St. John Vianney as an example, the Pope has said this year is "meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."

St. John Vianney, was born in Dardilly, France in 1786. It was a very troublesome time in France with the French Revolution. There was a strong anti-church feeling leading to many churches being destroyed and priests and religious being murdered. He himself made his first holy communion in secret as public mass was at the time forbidden. His father refused to let him become a priest and sent him to work on the farm. After the French Revolution he did go to the seminary but found the studies extremely difficult. It was only because of the intervention of others, and because of his good character, that he was ordained in 1815 and sent to the parish of Ars where, his bishop warned him, the people had little time for God.

The Year of the Priest, the call goes out to all of us to reflect on how we are living out our ministry in the church and world. It is an opportunity for us to look forward and see how we can adapt to the challenges of the gospel today and how we can live a prophetic ministry. During the year of the priest now and then, we will present a few things, not to say whether we support them or not but just to make us think about ministry.

To start us off a serious invite to priests:

When & Where

August 21-23, 2009
Quicksilver Rally
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Free! Free! Free!

- † **Free Entry, Camping, Concerts, Showers, Swap Meet, Bike Games and Rodeo (with bulls not bikes). Free hog roast (Sunday only).**
- † **So many things to do I can't list them all. Come be a part of a ever growing Rally in a family atmosphere and live it up.**
- † **Please check out <http://www.quicksilverrally>**

THIS IS AN INVITE TO ALL THOSE CHAPLAINS

Feast of St. Martha - Last Week, 29 July

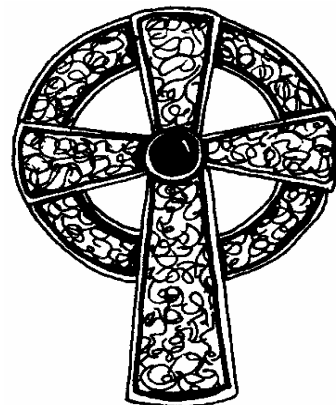
The little we know about Martha comes from the gospels. The rest is imagination of writers. Martha was the sister of Mary of Bethany. We know that she busied herself preparing a meal for Jesus and his disciples, then went to Jesus to complain that Mary did nothing while she had to do all the housework. Her testimony is often quoted at funerals how at the funeral of Jesus' friend Lazarus proclaimed: "I know He will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." And "Yes Lord", she replied, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; he who is to come into the world."

Martha is the symbol of those who serve without being asked; to be ready for others; To be given little publicity but to work backstage; Not to ask for honors but to do one's work quietly. She represents the majority in our parish who rarely receive our thanks.

Today we thank you all.

Thursday, August 6th
Feast of the Transfiguration

When they were feeling pretty low, the Transfiguration helped the apostles to increase their faith and recognise the divinity of Jesus, his union with the Father and the Spirit as well as with the prophets of the Old Testament. Maybe there is another kind of transfiguration that is needed for us so that, like the apostles when the vision was over, we may be able to "look up and see only Jesus." The transfiguration to which we refer is the indwelling of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in our neighbour as well as in us. The kind of transfiguration will enable us to see the common things of earth, sky and sea with a new wonder and fresh joy. It will also enable us to see the presence of Jesus within ourselves and in the people who cross our path, even if they drive us crazy! We may think that such an attitude is too difficult to acquire.



Newsletter for the Parishes of
St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's

2 August 2009

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Sunday Mass Times

9.30 am, St. John Vianney's
 Alva

11.30 am, St. Bernadette's
 Tullibody

6.15 pm, St. John Vianney's
 Alva

Website www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes or www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys or

GOOGLE US !!

"Year of the Priest"

June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010A

Prayer for Priests

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent You on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that You pour out through them when they minister the sacraments, and help them to fall more deeply in love with You after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd Your flock, that they may be examples of Your Truth and guide us always on the path to You. We ask these things of You, our Eternal Priest. Amen

Fabric and Maintenance Committee

Will meet this week and next week we should be able to give greater details on:

- A financial short term campaign
- Repairing of the church roof at St. Bernadette's
- Urgent repair of the leaks in the parish house
- Investigations regarding the rewiring of church and parish house
- Access for people with mobility difficulties
- Cutting down or pruning of the dangerously high trees
- Cutting down of tree in church court yard

St. Bernadette's a New Visual

Hopefully appearances are not everything but as you enter St. Bernadette's church you should notice a difference in the lighting and behind the altar. Hopefully, with the collaboration of parishioners, the banners will change according to the liturgical season. The intention is not change for change's sake, nor just to make the interior of the building more appealing but to help create a better "atmosphere" for prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving. Hopefully the new backdrop will immediately call our attention to focus on the altar, the center of the celebration of the Eucharist. Parish worship is all about community sharing, working together and these small changes have involved a lot of people offering their gifts and services to the community. No doubt God will reward them but we thank them too.

Welcome - If you are a visitor to our Parish or have just moved into the area, then please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church and remember - there are no strangers here only new friends you just haven't yet met.



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those who are sick.....

Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultz, Chris Conway, Vera Kosciwz, Mary McGeehan, Veronica Clarke, Mary Dryland, Betty Goldie, Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Josie Nichols, Robert McInnes, William Norwood, Lawrence Allan, Jan Moffat, Mary Wilkie, Margaret Hamilton, Marie McLean and James Cairns

Remember those who have died recently

Stuart McKay, Irene Daily, John O' Neil, Sady Ryan and Anna Hickey.

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

James Evens, Philemena Stirling, Agnes Dunion and John Mann

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
26 July	£381.25
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
26 July	£426.96