

Rules for Being Human

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
 2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
 3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works."
 4. A lesson is repeated until it is learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
 5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
 6. "There" is no better than "here." When your "there" has become a "here," you will simply obtain another "there" that will, again, look better than "here."
 7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.
 8. What you make of life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
 9. Your answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.
 10. You will forget all this.
- Michael D. Powell, Look, Listen, Love, and Live

New Head teacher for St Bernadette's.

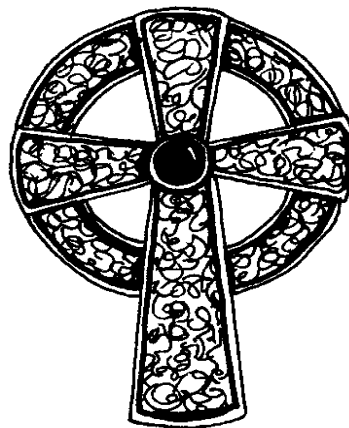
I am grateful to have the opportunity to introduce myself as acting Head teacher of St Bernadette's Primary School. It is a privilege to be appointed to such a special school that has always demonstrated a deep commitment to the well being of children and Catholic Education.

I look forward to a happy and successful year working in partnership with parents and the wider parish community and hope to have the chance to meet with you all in the near future.

Tina O'Neill



THIS YEAR OF THE PRIEST may just remind us that the priest, as we know him, is an endangered species. With the shortage of priests, ageing of priests, the mortality rate far greater than the number of ordinations, the possible unattractive state of the priesthood just now, could lead some to the wrong conclusion that priesthood is in real trouble. Some could jump to the conclusion we need to go back to the older traditional priesthood that so many of us in the Church were so comfortable with. Instead we should be looking forward. It is generally universally recognized by both theological and biblical experts that Jesus is central to all ministry and that we all, by our baptism, are called to minister. The real challenge for Catholics is that the priesthood is central to our identity as a catholic church. Where would we be without the Eucharist? The priest performs many functions but without the Eucharist we have to face reality the lives of Catholics would be empty and we would be void, of what the gospels in the last few Sundays have so clearly proclaimed, the Living bread from Heaven. The Year of the Priest is an enormous challenge to all of us.



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

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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 Schultza, Chris Conway, Vera Kaseiewz, Mary McGeehan, Veronica Clarke, Mary Dryland, Mrs Betty Goldie, Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Josie Nichols, Robert McInnes, William Norwood, Lawrence Allan Jan Moffat, Margaret Hamilton and James Cairns

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
2 August	£391.61
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
2 August	£318.31

Remember those who have died recently

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

Catherine Connelly and John Wright,

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 9 August 19th Sunday year B	Masses as normal. 1pm Baptism of James & Aimie Graham, Tullibody
Monday, 10 August	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 11 August	No Masses
Wednesday, 12 August	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. 7 pm meeting of organising team for mass for sick, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 13 August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody Last Children's Summer Mass
Friday, 14 August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva. Reception into the Church (baptism, confirmation and first communion) Jean Gallacher
Saturday, 15 August	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody,
Sunday, 16 August	Masses as normal St. John Vianney's feast day (actual day 4th)
Monday 17 August	7 pm Communications Team meeting , Parish House
Tuesday 18 August	Duke of Edinburgh Award meeting, 7pm Hall, St.John Vianney's
Wednesday 19 August	Fabric and Maintenance Committee, Parish house
Sunday 30 August	1 2.30 pm baptism of Rose Balfour, St.Bernadette's
Wednesday 2 Sept	7pm Meeting of all catechists, St.John Vianney's, Alva
Saturday 5 September	3 pm. Mass of the sick with Bishop Vincent, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 6 September	Pilgrimage to Carfin
Monday 8 September	Mass for year of priest 7pm Carnoustie
Tuesday 8 September	7pm Child Protection Meeting, St.Mungo's, Alloa
Thurs 17 September	7 pm Diocesan Annual Vocations mass, cathedral, Dundee
Sunday 27 September	12.30 Baptism of Lennon McNeill, St.Bernadette's

National Pilgrimage: Carfin 6 September 2009

The Mass begins at 3.00pm and will conclude with a Marian Procession to the Lourdes Shrine where the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes will give short address. Proceedings are expected to be concluded by 5.00pm



Children Learn What They Live (adapted)

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
 If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
 If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
 If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
 If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
 If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
 If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
 If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
 If children live with security, they learn to have faith.
 If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
 If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.
 God bless you mothers as you go about your difficult task of imparting the faith to our children.

A GREAT FINANCIAL WEEK!!

Officially the collections were down but that is normal during holiday time. However, from the GIFT AID money (your envelopes and declared giving) we have received back from the TAX man with no burden on anybody our GIFT AID Money: The St Bernadette's cheque was for £3,160.30 and the St John Vianney's cheque was for £3,987.94. This can easily be greatly increased if more people signed the Gift Aid forms – more about this next month - but do ask.

MORE GREAT FINANCIAL NEWS

By law the church does not pay water rates but there is quite a lot of administration and legal arguing to obtain this. St.John Vianney's has not paid for many years but St.Bernadette's has been forced to. This year we finally managed (thanks to Helen in the finance office in the Diocesan Office) and Charlie (on the Financial council in Tullibody) to not only get that exemption recognised but will receive back £758.41 for the period since 1 April 2008. We now need to fight and see if we can receive back the money we were wrongly charged for all the years before. It will be proposed that this surprise return of money go to the Fabric & Maintenance Fund.



FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE MEETING (F&M)

Recently the constant meetings have been focused on the repair of the leaks in the roof at St.Bernadette's church. We have come to the conclusion that taking into consideration no painting or repairs have been carried out on the roof windows in 50 years we will probably discover much greater damage than originally forecasted. Instead of spending a lot of money now, for immediate repairs, we should be looking at the long term and do a permanent repair – if needed. It was decided we needed to contract a surveyor to give us a report on the actual situation of the church. Although this is expensive it was decided to be the wisest and most practical course.

The tree in the court yard needs to be cut down this year before it becomes a major problem and the high trees at the front of the church are now a threat. Investigations are being made to discover what the best permanent solution is – but again it will be very costly.

Meanwhile Fr. Mike is into over his 14th day with a saucepan in the middle of his living room to catch the heavenly rains!!!!!!