



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Evaluated how well our Internet Site is being used. It was decided to increase the content so that it would become a better form of information and evangelization. It was especially mentioned that the youth have a greater tendency to read on-line information rather than our Newsletter.

We will do a review and try and fill in the gaps in the history of the parishes.

New pages would be added that gave more information about.

How to inform the hospital chaplain when sick.

A page and a link to our catholic schools especially informing about how to transfer, enrol in a catholic school, travel arrangements etc. This could be useful for new parishioners.

We would set up a confidential mailing list for those who wish to receive our Newsletter by email.

We are researching into how we could make use of the notice's pages in the local press since we stand out by our absence there.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD REALLY WELCOME SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

Next Meeting 14th Sept at 7pm in Parish House

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

This Committee has been meeting tirelessly over the past weeks and making many investigations with professionals to try and solve some of the almost emergency situations that have arisen, but in the most cost effective way. The real crunch of the problems is that St. Bernadette's is over 50 years old and most of the repairs over this period have been "patching up" and on the basis "I know someone who could do this very cheaply for us." Plenty of good will and wanting to help there has been, but this has not always meant the best solution was carried out. For instance we have two leaks in the church roof which seems simple enough. A simple and risky investigation revealed about 4 feet of rotten wood has to be replaced and parts of 3 or 4 window frames. Because of Health and Safety regulations the costliest part of this is scaffolding and "lifts". We could spend a few thousand on the rent for such equipment and "cheaply" do a repair job and in a few years time have to continue with more maintenance of a similar problem. However, since we are up there and paying so much it could, in the long term, work out cost effective to have the whole front done in PVC, solve the problem of all the windows for ever. That seems simple but what if we begin to find greater problems? Perhaps we have to have a complete survey done of the building, which is very expensive, but all churches in the diocese are going to have to do this within the next few years. It is taking time to decide but the committee is working very hard and is asking lots of professionals for advice before parting with parish money – our money. We would appeal to anyone who is, or knows of, a building surveyor or structural engineer, that we really are good listeners, and would welcome any sound, practical advice.



We are still trying to get our hands on the building plans of the church!!

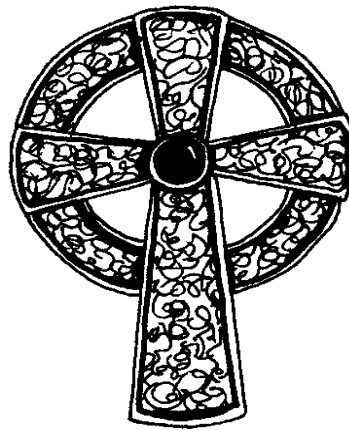
Then there are the trees..... the leak in the parish house *has just been repaired !!!*

....and the rewiring of the church and house (said to be about £15,000).

These are complicated and difficult economic times but the Committee, knowing that we will have these major costs, has decided that we will begin a second collection, using special envelopes for the EMERGENCY BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND, every FIRST Sunday of the month. So one Sunday a month.

This will be long term but TEMPORARY. More news about this soon.....very, very soon....

p.s. Does anyone have a Cherry-Picker lift in their backyard?



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

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

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GOOGLE US !!

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, Vera Kaseiewz,
Mary McGeehan, Veronica Clarke,
Mary Dryland, Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald,
Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Josie Nichols,
Robert McInnes, William Norwood, Jan Moffat,
Lawrence Allan, Margaret Hamilton, James
Cairns, Patricia Smith and James Gallacher

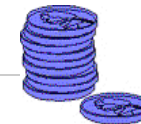
Remember those who have died recently

Mrs Betty Goldie and Chrissie Conway
**And those whose anniversaries of their death
occur at this time.....**

Archie McNiven, Jim Millar, Chrissie McDade,
Willie Rosyth and Alexander McGowan

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
16 August	£435.17
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
16 August	£368.70

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 23 August 21st Sunday year B	Masses as normal.
Monday, 24 August	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 25 August	No Masses
Wednesday, 26 August	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody.
Thursday, 27 August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 28 August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva.
Saturday, 29 August	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody,
Sunday, 30 August	Masses as normal 12.30 pm baptism of Rose Balfour, St. Bernadette's
Tuesday 1 Sept	Meeting Dunkeld Youth Service and Duke of Edinburgh Award. St. John Vianney's Parish Hall
Wednesday 2 Sept	7pm Meeting of all catechists, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Thursday 3 Sept	9.30am - St. Bernadette's school mass for beginning of new term.
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

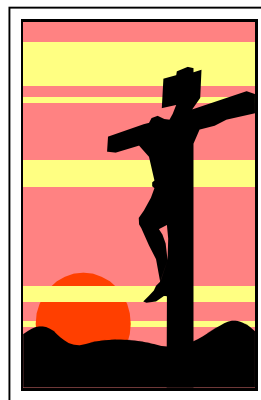
CALLING ALL PARISH CATECHISTS

On Wednesday 2nd September there will be a meeting in St. John Vianney's Parish Hall at 7pm to evaluate the past year and discuss the new catechetical year. It is important that all participate as we work as a team and your contribution is important

PARISH FUND RAISING AND SOCIAL : WHISKY TASTING
ORGANIZED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA
PROCEEDS GOING TO THE FABRIC AND MAINTANANCE OF
St. Bernadette's Roof.
Tickets now available £12 each.
On sale at back of the church.
Limited to 30 entrance.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, TWO SAINTS, MUM AND SON, MONICA AND AUGUSTINE

Monica was married to Patricius, a pagan who had a violent temper. Although he felt some contempt for her devoutness and generosity to the poor, Patricius respected her. Over time her meekness, humility and prayers transformed Patricius, who became a catechumen. The marriage produced three children that lived: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Her eldest, **Saint Augustine**, was born in 354 A.D. When widowed about 371 A.D., at the age of 40, Monica vowed to belong wholly to God, renounced all worldly pleasures, and ministered to the poor and orphaned while still fulfilling her maternal duties, especially the conversion of her wayward son. The family was relatively poor, but a rich citizen met Augustine's educational expenses at the university in Carthage. Monica hoped studying philosophy and science would bring back her wayward son to God, but she did not realize Carthage was a seething mass of iniquity. St. Augustine besides many good aspects in his life is famous for his wayward life and for the long time it took for his conversion.- Monica prayed for her son's conversion for 17 years. At the age of 29, Augustine finally tired of the frivolity of Carthage and moved to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to accompany him, but he tricked her and sailed alone. Monica followed him wherever he went in Europe until he was captured by the preaching of St. Ambrose. Finally Augustine was baptized by Ambrose on Holy Saturday, 387. He was a great preacher, philosopher and doctor of the church and is most famous for the Augustian way of life which countless monks follow today.



BRAZIL MOURNS PRIEST SLAIN IN ROBBERY

BRASILIA, Brazil, JUNE 18, 2009 (Zenit.org).- Stigmatine Missionary Father Gisley Azevedo Gomes died a victim of the violence he was dedicated to fighting, according to the national youth ministry program in which he worked. The 31-year-old priest, who was ordained just four years ago, was killed Monday in Brasilia. Investigators have said a robbery or a short-term kidnapping was the motive for the crime. Brazil's national pastoral ministry offices released a statement recalling the priest's "efforts in the fight for youth, his courageous words in defense of life, and above all his commitment to the cause of justice and peace."

Together with other youth ministers in Brazil, he had organized a national campaign in defense of young people. The motto of the campaign was "Youth in Action Against Violence

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please collect a letter sent to each one of you from Bishop Vincent. It is a special invite for the YEAR OF THE PRIEST for the Mass in Carnoustie on Monday 7th September.

