



THURSDAY ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL NEW TERM MASS

The 9.30 morning mass this week will be a school mass to celebrate the new term. All mums and dads, and grannies and great, great and greater granddads all encouraged to praise and thank the Lord with the children. Obviously our celebration, the readings and prayers will be done by the children and in a language accessible to them.



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This week our bishop Vincent will celebrate this sacrament with many of our sick parishioners. This sacrament has its early Christian roots in Scripture when Jesus sent His disciples out to preach, **"they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them"** (Mark 6:13). James 5:14-15 ties physical healing to the forgiveness of sins:

"Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Who May Receive the Sacrament?:

Following this biblical understanding, the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that: **The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."**

When in doubt, priests should err on the side of caution and provide the sacrament to the faithful who request it.

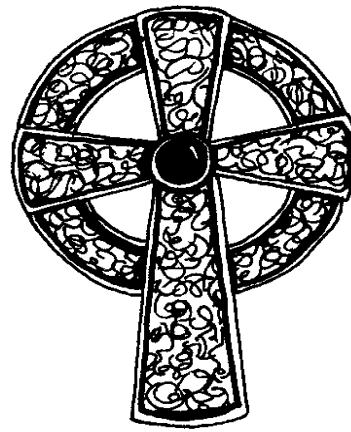
How the **Sacrament is celebrated: generally this consists** in the priest laying his hands on the sick, anointing him with blessed oil (usually olive oil blessed by a bishop, but in an emergency, any vegetable oil will suffice), and praying **"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."**

When circumstances permit, the Church recommends that the sacrament take place during [Mass](#), or at least that it be preceded by Confession and followed by Holy Communion.



The Minister of the Sacrament is the ordained priest.

For many years the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was most commonly administered to the dying, however this is a **sacrament of the living** (priests are forbidden to anoint unconscious or dead people). In our parish all who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation should inform the parish priest or members of the parish so that this sacrament can be celebrated. Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as is necessary and always in our parish the housebound sick are anointed around Christmas and Easter. However, generally 4 or 5 times a year at mass we also celebrate this sacrament of the living but who are ill.



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 Schultzza,

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, James Gallacher and Mary Wilkie.

Remember those who have died recently

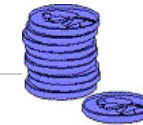
Mrs Betty Goldie and Chrissie Conway

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

Jim Millar, Chrissie McDade, Willie Forsyth, Alexander McGowan, Joan Wright and Bridie Lamb

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva

23 August

£411.09

St. Bernadette's, Tullibody

23 August

£566.49

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 30 August 22nd Sunday year B	Masses as normal. 12.30 pm baptism of Rose Balfour, St.Bernadette's
Monday, 31 August	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 1 September	No Masses 7pm - Meeting Dunkeld Youth Service and Duke of Edinburgh Award in St.John Vianney's Parish Hall
Wednesday, 2 Sept	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. 7pm Meeting of all catechists, St.John Vianney's, Alva
Thursday, 3 September	9.30am - School mass for beginning of new term. St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 7pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee in Parish House
Friday, 4 September	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva.
Saturday, 5 September	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. 3 pm. Mass and Anointing of the sick with Bishop Vincent, St. Bernadette's
Sunday, 6 September	Masses as normal Pilgrimage to Carfin
Monday 7 September	Mass for year of priest 7pm Carnoustie 7pm - Parents Meeting followed by Parent Council AGM in St. Bernadette's School
Tuesday 8 September	7pm Child Protection Meeting, St.Mungo's, Alloa
Friday 11 September	10.30am - Parish Financial Council Meeting in Parish House
Monday 14 September	7pm - Communications Team Meeting in Parish House
Thurs 17 September	7 pm Diocesan Annual Vocations mass, cathedral, Dundee
Sunday 27 September	12.30 Baptism of Lennon McNeill, St.Bernadette's



GREGORY THE GREAT (September 3rd) Religion was something of a family business for Gregory. His great-great-grandfather was Pope Felix III, his father worked for the Church in Rome, three of his aunts were nuns and his mother was a saint! (St Silvia). He became Pope Gregory I in 590 and was renowned as a holy man who was an impressive reformer and administrator as well as having a missionary vision that was responsible for the growth of the Church in many lands and a keen interest in liturgical practice. Many of his sermons and writings survive to this day. After his death in 604 he became known as Gregory "the Great", the only other receiving such a title being Pope Leo the Great. Perhaps he is most famous in Britain for sending Augustine to England to "convert" the tribes who lived there at the time. Augustine, of course, became (Arch)bishop of Canterbury.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – FOCCUS Scottish Marriage Care is currently in partnership with the Catholic Church, to provide FOCCUS as part of a Marriage preparation Package for couples preparing for marriage. In order to support this work we are recruiting individuals to train as volunteer FOCCUS Facilitators; Facilitators will work with Scottish Marriage Care centres. If you are interested please phone Kathleen Conroy 0141 2222166 or email info@scottishmarriagecare.org. Fr. Mike also has some more information.

Interesting but probably useless INFORMATION BEFORE GETTING MARRIED !!

Tying the Knot

In medieval times the most popular month for getting married was June. This is because in those days people only took a bath once a year and they powdered themselves the rest of the time. May was the month when most people took their annual bath and so they still smelt reasonably sweet in June. However, just in case they had started to go off a bit, brides carried a bunch of flowers to perfume the air around them. And this is the origin of the bridal bouquet.



There was a time when Christians could marry with no reference to the Church. But even those who did have a Church wedding did not necessarily go inside the building. Some of them stopped under the lych-gate, that little hut structure at the gate to many old churches. Could this be the origin of the phrase "**married in the sight of the church**"? The bride's family often had to pay a hefty **dowry** to the groom's family. In addition, some fathers tried to pass off a "less valuable" daughter in marriage. This was easy to do since the bride wore a veil that sometimes was thick enough to conceal her true identity. This is why the bride is required **to remove her veil** in church before the groom makes his promises to marry her.

At the **reception** afterwards, if bread was served then it was cut lengthways rather than from top to bottom. The lower parts, which could sometimes be a bit burnt, were given to the servants and unimportant people. The bride and groom had the middle section along with their families, while the best part, the top bits, was given to the really important guests. Hence the phrase "**upper crust**".

PARISHONERS FEELING RESPONSIBLE Many thanks to all those who read our newsletter and pay attention to the notices given in church. Many people do feel responsible for the parish and have offered help, made suggestions, forwarded names of people or companies who may be able to contribute to solving many of the practical difficulties that we are challenged with. A big thanks and it is great to know you feel

" WE ARE THE CHURCH".



Next Sunday is the First Sunday of September.
Please remember to pick up your envelopes for the Parish Emergency Building and Maintenance Fund.



Second collection next Sunday 6th September

Will all parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid tax relief please write the number of their normal Sunday envelope on the special envelope this will boost their donation by 25%