

The International Day of Peace occurs annually on September 21. It is dedicated to peace, or specifically the absence of war, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone. It is observed by many nations, political groups, military groups, and peoples.

To inaugurate the day, the "Peace Bell" is rung at [UN Headquarters](#). The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents. It was given as a gift by the [Diet of Japan](#), and is referred to as "a reminder of the human cost of war." The inscription on its side reads: "Long live absolute world peace."

history

1980 On 21 September 1980 Iraq launched a full-scale invasion of Iran, which was the beginning of an 8-year-long bloody war (Iran-Iraq war) between the two countries. This however, is probably not the main motivation to name September 21st as the International Day for Peace!

1981 The United Nations General Assembly declared, in a resolution sponsored by Costa Rica,¹ the third Tuesday of September (the opening day of regular sessions of the General Assembly) as the International Day of Peace devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace.

2001 A new resolution was passed by the General Assembly,¹ sponsored by the United Kingdom (giving credit to Peace One Day) and Costa Rica (the sponsors of the original day) to give the Day of Peace a fixed date and declare it as a global ceasefire day.¹

2005 In 2005, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for the worldwide observance of a 24-hour cease-fire and day of nonviolence to mark the Day.

2006 In 2006, then Secretary-General Kofi Annan rang the Peace Bell for the last time during his term in office. That year the UN asserted the "many ways it works for peace and to encourage individuals, groups and communities around the world to contemplate and communicate thoughts and activities on how to achieve peace. The United Kingdom held the primary public and official observation of the United Nations International Day of Peace and Non-Violence in Rochdale, Greater Manchester.

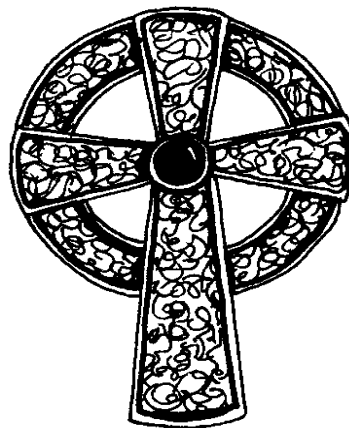
This was organised by Peace Parade UK.

2007 In 2007, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon rang the Peace Bell at United Nations Headquarters in New York calling for a 24-hour cessation of hostilities on 21 September, and for a minute of silence to be observed around the world!



YEAR OF THE PRIEST - reflection DOING YOUR BIT?

The Archbishop of Los Angeles recently wrote a letter to all his people in which he said: While the number of priests is declining and their average age rising, the number of Catholics is increasing. The gifts of the lay faithful have been flourishing in unprecedented numbers and in wondrous ways. As the priests continue to explore different understandings and models of ministry, there is a deepening awareness that even as we are faced with a shortage of priestly and religious vocations, we are being invited to a deeper understanding of the nature of the Christian vocation. We all are gaining a fuller appreciation of ministry, both ordained and non-ordained. The Holy Spirit is leading us toward new horizons.



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

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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 Kosciwicz, 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,
Mary Wilkie and Anne Gray.

Remember those who have died recently

Jean Gallacher and Peter Conlan

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
13 SEPTEMBER	£287.85
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
13 SEPTEMBER	£365.12

Special Collection 13 Sept

St. John Vianney's £ 243.61
St. Bernadette's £127.60

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

Catherine Kelly, Bridie Lamb, Owen Downs and Helen McKeon

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 20 September 25th Sunday year B	Masses as normal. Racial Justice Sunday
Monday, 21 September	9.20am - Mass St. John Vianney's ***Note Time***
Tuesday, 22 September	No Masses 7pm - Duke of Edinburgh Award, St. John Vianney's
Wednesday, 23 Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 7pm - Planning Liturgy until January 2010, Alva
Thursday, 24 September	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 7pm - Award Winning St. Modens
Friday, 25 September	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva. 7pm - Fabric and Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Saturday, 26 September	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody.
Sunday, 27 September	Masses as normal - 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianney's, Commitment of parents of children in catechetics. 12.30 - Baptism of Lennon McNeill, St. Bernadette's
Mon 28 th September	7pm - St. Bernadette's School Council Meeting
Thursday 8 th October	Dundee, priest's Day of Recollection
Friday 9 th October	2pm - End of term mass, St. Bernadette's
15 th November	7.30 pm - St. John Vianney's, Ecumenical Service for prison Awareness week

BAPTISM Families planning a baptism for December, January and February and even in March please make an appointment with Fr. Mike now.

LITURGY On Wednesday at 7pm in St. John Vianney's there is a Liturgy Meeting for all those interested in planning what is happening, times and dates in our liturgy until end of January 2010. This includes the important time of Advent and Christmas. All those interested are more than welcome. We would ask especially that those involved in liturgy or their groups send representatives: catechetics, choirs, sacristans, readers and Eucharistic ministers..



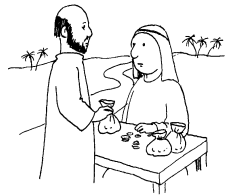
LONG TERM PLANNING. In the month of November there is a week dedicated to awareness of prisoners and the difficulties of their families. This year a group of the parish will be visiting Glenochil Prison to meet the prison Governor, the chaplaincy teams and some prisoners. There will also be an ecumenical service in St. John Vianney's on Sunday 15th November to initiate the week. Fr. Mike will concelebrate and hear confessions with Bishop Vincent and Fr. Andrew at their Christmas mass on Christmas Eve.

MATTHEW (September 21st)

Matthew worked off commission; he was paid no salary by the occupying Roman Army. His job was to collect as much tax as possible from his fellow countrymen and women for the Romans so that his take-home pay would be more. Obviously this led to corruption and injustice. No wonder people gave tax collectors (also called publicans) a wide berth! They were almost outcasts.

Yet this is one of the men Jesus chose to be an apostle. If God can use a despised collaborator to further the message of the gospel, just think what he can with you!

God of mercy, you chose a tax collector, St Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles. By his example and prayers help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in your service. (Roman Missal)



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

Shed

Going to the toilet? If you can get passed the ladder kept behind the toilet door! Toilet in the hall – overflowing with cleaning material; in the hall are spare sinks, fridge/freezer, old hymn books and music sheets; extra priest for confessions- first clean out the confessional storing flower and candle holders, odds and ends; servers' sacristy- battle your way through tools, cleaning material, carpets, redundant curtains, storage of electrical bulbs, candles, the garage has a car in it – just, with ladders, lawnmower, odds and ends, junk: attic- with Christmas altar decorations, old church furniture, boxes; under church benches - little used musical material; altar wine in sacristy -on top of buckets full of anti-ice grit; boiler room -full of furniture, old parish house pictures, lawn mowers, polishers etc 7 etc. Not only are we slightly disorganised and using much needed space for storage but occupying what could be used better for **sacred** space. We really need some space for **STORAGE**. The only practical solution is a much needed



shed or easy constructed garage at the back of the garden, next to the fence that can be planned with shelves and big enough to keep ladders. If anyone has one, knows where to get one or is well informed on cheap places to buy a weatherproofed good one please, please inform us **IMMEDIATELY**.