

TEMPORARY LITURGY COMMITTEE PLANNED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Met on Wednesday evening with a poor representation of both parishes but a great thanks to those who made the effort and made the decisions necessary to plan our Liturgy for the next few months including the important Liturgical time of Advent and Christmas. Some of the activities of last year were cut because of lack of interest etc. The newness that we expect with birth appears in a greater participation in St. Bernadette's school in our parish activities. They will present their school nativity play at the end of mass in St. Bernadette's and in Orchard House as well as present something in St. John Vianney's. The offer of individual confessions throughout Advent will be increased and the number of penitential services increased to four. We should therefore not have the need to invite visiting priests to hear confessions. Our sick, both walking and housebound will be generously cared for.

Since the newssheet probably will end up in the bucket and we will all forget, the details will all be published, much nearer the time. Any questions feel free to ask Fr. Mike



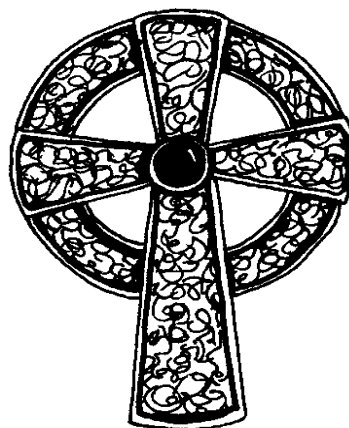
COLLEAGUE OF FR. MIKE ASSASSINATED

Fr. Rogerio Ruveletto, Italian, diocesan priest of the diocese of Padua, worked a few years ago in Fr. Mike's first parish in Brazil. In the last two years he worked in a parish in the Archdiocese of Manaus, Brazil and was found assassinated last Saturday morning. There is still doubt if it was an attempted robbery in the parish house. However, everything indicates he was about to denounce drug dealers in the parish who broke in, made him kneel on his bed and executed him with a shot in the back of the head



SHOPPING AT MORRISONS ?

Collect all your coupons and leave them at the back of the church in the box provided for St. Bernadette's school. The school can exchange them for gardening tools.



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 !!

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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, Anne Gray and John Reid Crichton.

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
20 SEPTEMBER	£531.34
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
20 SEPTEMBER	£335.89

Remember those who have died recently


Jean Gallacher and Peter Conlan

And those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Helen McKeon,
James Grey and Katherine Sinclair

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 27 September 26th Sunday year B	Masses as normal - 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianneys, Commitment of of parents of children in catechetics. 12.30 - Baptism of Lennon McNeill, St.Bernadette's
Monday, 28 September	9.30am - Mass St. John Vianney's 7pm - St. Bernadette's School Council Meeting
Tuesday, 29 September	No Masses. St's Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Wednesday, 30 Sept	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody Feast of St. Jerome 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Thursday, 1 October	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. St Theresa of Child Jesus
Friday, 2 October	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva.
Saturday, 3 October	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody.
Sunday, 4 October	Masses as Normal Feast of St.Francis of Assisi - Climate Change Day of Prayer
Thursday 8 th October	Dundee, priest's Day of Recollection
Friday 9 th October	2pm - End of term mass, St.Bernadette's
2nd November	All SOULS - Masses 9.30am and 7.00pm
3rd November	Fr. Willie Brandon SMA Silver Jubilee
15 th November	12.30 - Baptism St. Bernadette's 7.30 pm - St.John Vianney's, Ecumenical Service for prison Awareness week
17&18th November	Priests Council, Pitlochry
27th November	10.30am - Parish Financial Council

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



**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY
FOR ST.BERNADETTE'S SPECIAL REPAIR
FUND
PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE AN
ENVELOPE WITH YOU AND BRING IT
BACK NEXT WEEK**



St. Michael Archangel: Tuesday 29th September

We may know some Michaels and , with all due respects to our neighbour ,we try our best to imitate our namesake !!

St. Jerome: Wed 30th September Despite his reputation for bad temper St. Jerome is best known as a biblical scholar. He was born about 343 and was fluent in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Chaldean. He wrote many biblical commentaries and made an important translation of the bible which is known as the VULGATE . This is normally the foundation for most English translations of the bible today. He is the patron saint of Librarians, translators and biblical scholars.

St. Theresa: Thursday 1st October - A Catholic Jade Goody?

St. Therese of Lisieux, also known more popularly as St. Theresa of the Child Jesus is celebrated this Thursday. Saints are people of the past ? Cannot have anything to do with today's hectic life? Perhaps without being aware of it an article in the Guardian newspaper made a profound connection with Therese that should make us reflect. Her bones, relics, are passing through England just now. In 2001 over a million people prayed before them as they were taken round Ireland. Strange catholic custom ? We like to show off our trophies or how can you explain the bus parades with football cups and medals? Jane Goody I know little about. I did hear while in Brazil (!) about her confusion in Big Brother and could not avoid the notices that accompanied her death. She was no saint but the Guardian's author makes the connection. The ordinariness of Jane Goody made her loveable.

Perhaps Therese is the church's equivalent. Her parents had 9 children, 5 daughters became nuns. Therese entered the convent as 15 and died at 24 of tuberculosis. Her times were miserable. She was determined and strong willed. Her only ambition that was seemingly thwarted was her desire to be a priest ! Her external life would appear to be a misery and her fame is due to the publication of her diary The Journey of a Soul as she embraced her humiliations and overcame her difficulties. She did nothing fantastic nor built great works or religious communities. In her suffering she just plodded on taking advantage of the moments in her life to show humility and love.



She made ordinary, unglamorous life loveable and saintly.

Feast of St.Francis of Assisi: Sunday 4th October - CLIMATE CHANGE DAY OF PRAYER

British Church leaders of all denomination have expressed support for a Climate Change Day of Prayer on 4 October in the run up to the next United Nations climate change summit due to take place at the end of the year.

Linda Jones, Head of Spirituality for the Catholic development agency, CAFOD says: "Prayer is at the heart of all our actions, and this call to prayer comes at a good time. We pray not just that political leaders might act but that we too may be transformed. We need to be ready to change the way we live to reflect our belief that we are called to care for creation, not to participate in its destruction. "

Poor countries are already bearing the brunt of droughts, floods and extreme weather conditions. CAFOD is calling for a fair and binding climate change deal at the UN meeting in Copenhagen this December, which puts poor communities at its heart. We pray that we may recognise our responsibilities towards others, and towards creation itself, which in its beauty and diversity mirrors the glory of God.