



VATICAN'S TOP 15 RELIGIOUS FILMS

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of cinema in 1995, the Vatican compiled this list of "great films."

The 45 movies are divided into three categories: "Religion," "Values" and "Art."

15 for Religion

Andrei Rublev (1969) Russian production about a 15th-century monk (Anatoli Solonitzine) who perseveres in painting icons and other religious art despite the civil disruptions and cruel turmoil of his times

Babette's Feast (1988) Screen version of a story by Isak Dinesen, set in a rugged fishing village in 1871 Denmark, shows the impact of a French housekeeper (Stephane Audran) on two pious sisters who carry on their late father's work as pastor of a dwindling religious flock.



Ben-Hur (1959) Director William Wyler's classic Hollywood epic follows the Jewish prince of the title (Charlton Heston) after he's betrayed by his boyhood Roman friend (Stephen Boyd) and subjected to much misery until finally achieving retribution for all his suffering.

The Flowers of St. Francis (1950) Remarkable Italian production about the beginnings of the Franciscan Order as its founder sets the example of humility, simplicity and obedience for his first followers at Portiuncula, a little chapel near Assisi, from which they depart into the world to preach peace

Francesco (1989) Overwrought Italian production portrays St. Francis of Assisi (Mickey Rourke) as a spiritual agitator challenging the accepted values of his 13th-century contemporaries by embracing a life of utter poverty and simplicity.

The Gospel According to St. Matthew (1966) Straight-forward Italian dramatization of the evangelist's account of the life of Jesus and His message of salvation succeeds exceptionally well in placing the viewer within the Gospel events, avoiding the artificiality of most biblical movie epics.

La Passion de Notre Seigneur Jesus-Christ (1905) Though better known for one-reel crime melodramas, movie pioneer Ferdinand Zecca (1863-1947) also produced this two-reel (c. 30 minutes) dramatization of Christ's Passion.

A Man for All Seasons (1966) Engrossing drama of the last seven years in the life of Thomas More, Henry VIII's chancellor, who met a martyr's death rather than compromise his conscience during a period of religious turmoil.

The Mission (1986) In the 1750s, the large and prosperous Jesuit Indian missions were divided between Spain and Portugal. In dramatizing these events, Robert Bolt's screenplay focuses not on the religious but on the socio-political dimension of the colonial era and its injustices.



Monsieur Vincent (1947) Lucid, moving account of St. Vincent de Paul's work among the poor and the oppressed in 17th-century France, from his first labours in a plague-ravaged village and his appeals to the conscience of the aristocracy to the founding of an order devoted to charitable works and his death in 1660.

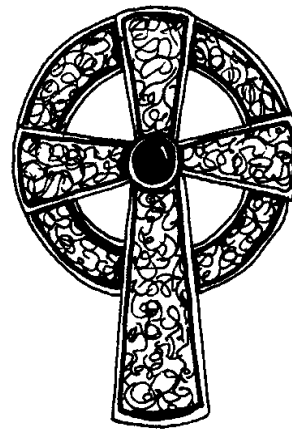
Nazarin (1958) Mexican story set in 1905 when a young priest comes into disfavour with his inflexible religious superiors, the civil authorities and even the poor among whom he tries to live a life of simplicity, poverty and charity.

Ordet (1954) Challenging Danish production about different kinds of faith and various sorts of miracles, one of which restores a dead woman to life.

The Passion of Joan of Arc (1928) Silent screen masterpiece portraying the heresy trial, confession, recantation and execution of the Maid of Orleans (Maria Falconetti) in a performance of such emotional power that it still stands as the most convincing portrayal of spirituality on celluloid.

The Sacrifice (1986) Swedish production in which a group of adults and a child pass through a night of confusion and fear, including portents of a nuclear-devastated landscape.

Therese (1986) French dramatization of the life of St. Therese de Lisieux from age 15 when she joined a cloistered convent of Carmelite nuns to her death there 9 years later of tuberculosis.



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 welcome them at the back of the church and remember - there are no strangers here only new friends you just haven't yet met.

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
27 SEPTEMBER	£505.96
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
27 SEPTEMBER	£560.69

Please Remember in Your Prayers



Those who are sick.....

Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultza, 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.

Remember those who have died recently

Jean Gallacher and Peter Conlan.

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

Katherine Sinclair, William Joyce and Stella Connelly.

Also remember in our prayers Annie Fitzgerald of Devonside who must be one of the oldest ladies in the parish. She completed 90 years on October 3rd and has lived in Devonside since 1948

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 4 October 27th Sunday year B	Masses as normal Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Climate Change Day of Prayer
Monday, 5 October	9.30am - Mass St. John Vianney's
Tuesday, 6 October	No Masses.
Wednesday, 7 Oct	9.30am - Mass , St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 8 October	9.30am - Celebration of Word + Communion, St. Bernadette's, Dundee, priest's Day of Recollection
Friday, 9 October	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva. 2pm - End of term mass, St. Bernadette's in church. Crowning of Our Lady 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee. Parish House
Saturday, 10 October	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody.
Sunday, 11 October	Masses as Normal
2nd November	All SOULS - Masses 9.30am and 7.00pm
3rd November	Fr. Willie Brandon SMA Silver Jubilee
8th November	1pm Baptism St. John Vianney's
15th 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 ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND

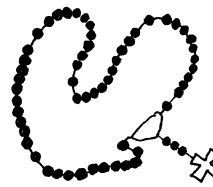
This weekend there is the special second collection for the Maintenance and Repair Fund for St. Bernadette's. If you pay tax please put your envelope number on your envelope as we can claim 25p for every pound donated. If you do not have a brown envelope they are at the back of the church but you can also simply put money in the collection bags.

A great anticipated thanks to everybody

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

ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL AND MASS OF HOLY ROSARY

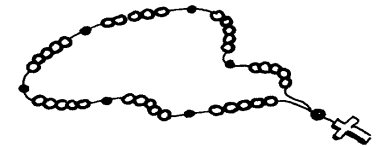
Our parishes will remember in a special way the month of October as the month of the



Rosary with a special end of term school mass. The children of St. Bernadette's school will celebrate a special mass on Friday at 2pm in St. Bernadette's Church with the theme of Our Lady. The children will also crown Our Lady at the end of mass. Obviously it is important that parents who are available participate to support the children.

VICTORY FOR THE ROSARY? (October 7th)

On this day in 1571 the Battle of Lepanto took place in the Gulf of Patras, off western Greece. The Christian fleet successfully took on the Turkish (largely Muslim) fleet who were trying to get a foothold in Europe. Pius V was pope at the time and he saw this victory as the successful answer to prayers organised by the Holy Rosary Confraternities on that day in Rome. So he established a feast of Our Lady of Victory in thanksgiving. Later popes adapted in different countries the feast with a far less warlike title: "Our Lady of the Holy Rosary". The feast was extended to the universal Church in 1716 and assigned to the date of this memorable victory



WE HAVE A PRIEST FOR SUNDAY MASS IN JANUARY !!

It has taken 6 months for Fr. Mike to arrange for a priest to say mass for the parishes on Sundays when he is away in January ! On Two Sundays the SMA Fathers, who most people know, will say mass and on one Sunday Fr. Peter Cominsole, Canadian who studies at Edinburgh University. Of course we will be relying on Fr. Michael our good, rather..... excellent neighbour. So please, please be very, very, very good to him in the next few months!!!!

Can you imagine what would happen if swine flu suddenly struck Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael ? There is definitely no priest available to come and say mass who lives remotely near here. Even if we could have Celebrations of the Word with Holy Communion – who would consecrate the hosts after a few days?...and funerals ???

Fabric & Maintenance. Discussions are slowly advancing and we are now down to details regarding types of material, types of glass with various firms looking for the best value and price. Hopefully by the end of next week we have more definitive news about **Replacing ALL Windows** where the leaks are in the roof. We would like this work to begin still in October before the weather becomes too bad. Firms for rewiring the house and church in January are still being finalized. Then we have to negotiate a loan with the Diocese.



We have bought a metal shed for STORAGE and not a JUNK ROOM !!! Anyone willing to help lay down a concrete base please have a word with John Smith or Fran or Jim at the back of the church.

SHELVES: The shed will be organized to store everything that cannot be thrown out and that we need at sometime during the year. Hopefully this will free up valuable space and the toilets, confessions and other areas. If you have bookcases or storage cupboards with shelves that you do not need please inform us so that we can "organise" the shed to hold the maximum of material in an efficient way.