

AFRICAN SYNOD

On the 4 October in Rome the Second African Synod began in St. Peter's Basilica to the rhythm of African music (reminds me of the African Gloria and drums at my ordination!). This Synod is very important as the Church in Africa is changing rapidly. The number of Catholics has soared from 55 million in 1978 to 146 million in 2007. Vocations to the priesthood and the religious life also saw a notable growth. However Africa is also noted for its terrible diseases and poverty not to mention the number of violent conflicts over the years of which many are no longer remembered. Just in the last 10 years over 521 pastoral workers have been murdered.

The Synod will have over 228 bishops of which 197 are from Africa while the remaining 47 come from Europe (34), America (10), Asia (2) and Oceania (1). The Synod will also be addressed by the former head of the Peace-keeping forces in Darfur and by the director general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Synod will focus its debates on the theme:

Service to Reconciliation, Peace and Justice in Africa

It is good to try and accompany some of the news of the Synod over the next 4 weeks. The Internet is a good source of up to date information.

Prayer for the Synod for Africa

With this prayer the Holy Father is asking us all to pray with Our Lady for the work of the special assembly of bishops for Africa, taking place from October 4th - 25th.

Holy Mary,

Mother of God, Protectress of Africa,

You have given to the world the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Through your obedience to the Father and the grace of the Holy Spirit

You have given us the source of our reconciliation and our justice,

Jesus Christ, our peace and our joy.

Mother of Tenderness and Wisdom,

Show us Jesus, your Son and the Son of God

Guide our path of conversion

So that Jesus might shine his glory on us

In every aspect of our personal, familial and social lives.

Mother, full of Mercy and Justice,

Through your docility to the Spirit, the Counsellor,

Obtain for us the grace to be witnesses of the Risen Lord,

So that we will increasingly become

The salt of the earth and the light of the world.

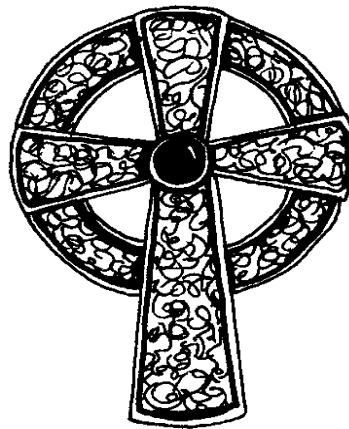
Mother of Perpetual Help,

We entrust to your maternal intercession

the preparation and fruits of the Second Special Assembly for Africa.

Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Africa, pray for us!



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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Please Remember in Your Prayers



Those who are sick.....

Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultza,
Vera Kasciewicz, 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

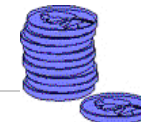
Jean Gallacher and Peter Conlan

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

Katherine Sinclair,
William Joyce and Stella Connelly.

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva

4 October £455.83

Hall Income £17.50

St. Bernadette's, Tullibody

4 October £447.60

Building Fund £763.13



INTERNET SHOPPERS – GAIN EASY MONEY FOR THE PARISH Next week we will publish easy steps to buy online at a great number of stores whereby the Parish can gain money at no cost to you.

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

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday 11 October 28th Sunday year B	Masses as normal.
Monday 12 October	9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 13 October	No Masses
Wednesday 14 October	9. 30 - Mass. St Bernadette's
Thursday 15 October	9. 30 - Mass. St Bernadette's
Friday 16 October	9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Saturday 17 October	9. 30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's 10.30 - Altar servers meeting, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 18 October 29th Sunday year B	Mission Sunday - Masses as normal
26th October	7pm - Parents Council St. Bernadette's School
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 7.30pm - St. John Vianney's, Ecumenical Service for prison awareness week.
17th + 18th November	Priests Council - Pitlochry
27th November	Parish Financial Council

WHISKY SOCIAL NIGHT had only 13 tasters but was a very serious, professional, good night and raised over £150 for the Parish Maintenance Fund. Many thanks to all those involved

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS IS NOVEMBER.

As the custom in our Diocese envelopes soon be available for All Souls and Month of November. We have agreed to follow the example of St. Mungo's and St. Serf's in that the mass intentions in the All Souls envelopes will be offered at every mass during this month except for the cases when a special intention has been asked for in advance and obviously at funeral masses. In our situation it does not matter if the envelopes are handed in to St. John Vianney's or St. Bernadette's. The intention will be offered at both churches all during this month. The Readings at mass will be the Readings of the day but hopefully each week we will have one special mass for our deceased relatives and friends and these will be announced

NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION SUNDAY

We may not think we are too missionary but Fr Mike is MHM (Mill Hill Missionary), Sisters Nora and Margaret are of the Ursuline Order that have many missions all over the world. St. Bernadette's school has its Malawi school connection; we officially support SCIAF; have the SMA Fathers in our Deanery. We normally have 2 appeals a year for the Missions. **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

What is the propagation of the faith?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. The others are: The Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious and the Holy Childhood Association.

Under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (Rome, Italy) and the bishops, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith seek to foster an ever-deeper spirit of universal mission, to inform Catholics of the life and the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions, and to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches.

Through the offering of Catholics worldwide, the Propagation of the Faith provides ongoing support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Catholic Church in Africa, Asia, the Islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the education and support of seminarians, religious novices and lay catechists; for the work of religious communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs and for disaster and emergency relief when necessary.

BANNERS

Most people have only seen the small banners in green at mass but the larger banners of Our Lady have also been used. The others will appear as the liturgical season changes or feasts appear. We wish to thank all those who collaborated in any way. Hopefully the banners are not just appreciated for their artistic beauty but contribute towards a deeper atmosphere of prayer and the presence of God in the church.

Many asked for their names not to be published so we have respected that but still we parishioners offer our thanks to all of you.

We now only have to buy five more large banners (the Resurrection, Last Supper, for martyrs and for weddings). So there is still the opportunity for any family or group who still wishes to collaborate,

I am sure if they contribute to just one person praying more than the sacrifice and the effort has been more than worthwhile.

SVDP Every year the group of SVDP in St. Bernadette's tries to make Christmas a little bit easier for some families by offering a decent food parcel. There will soon be boxes at the back of the church for those who wish to collaborate in their campaign by donating non-perishable food stuffs.



ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL NEWLETTER is available for parishioners that DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN at the school. Please take one form from the back of the church

