

FABRIC & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Although you may not have seen many signs of life there has been plenty of meetings, consultations etc going on . The Committee is being extremely careful discussing not only prices and quality of workmanship but what has to be done and when. We may not be sitting in a blackout just now but it is easy to say in 3 months time we should have anticipated the work ! Or claim the tree looked strong enough but the gale was stronger and we are missing half the church roof !!

HOT, HOT NEWS ! The 4 tall Popular trees are a problem. No one can clearly declare that in the next gale they are going to break in two or fall over. In either case it could mean danger to personal life and property – our property ! The higher they grow the greater the possibility of causing greater damage and the costlier to cut them down. The difference between cutting them down completely or only by half is not that significant but they would grow again quickly and once more we would have bills to pay. We need to contract a firm that has all the technical capabilities, experience, public health and safety insurance and will do all the necessary legal paper work. We are about to agree on a price for this to be done that includes the cutting down of all 4 trees and their removal. It looks like the best price will be £3,000.

CHURCH ELECTRICS: we know that the parish house and church will not pass its electricity safety tests etc. On 2nd and 3rd November a firm has been contracted to do a thorough test on all our electrics. This will tell us what needs to be done immediately to receive our safety certificate for insurance purposes; what should be done to bring us up to greater safety standards and what may or may not be done for any other reasons. The first stage is a complete check-up and then from that we decide what we need to do. This is expensive but by law has to be done. The good news is that probably the Church will not need to be completely rewired and the very, very good news is that there is obviously no immediate danger.

CHURCH ROOF WINDOWS: a final decision should have been made by this weekend. It works out cheaper in the long term, more practical to replace all the windows than just patch fix and have other problems in a few years. All the wood will be replaced and PVC etc put in. The glass will be special so as not to break and be better protected. It should help reduce our heating bills. This work may begin in the next few days and should not take longer than 10 days with little disruption.

ALTAR SERVERS

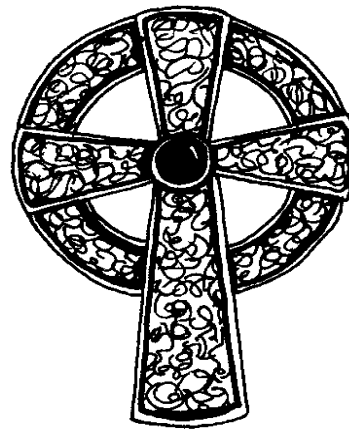
Saturday 17th October at 10.30 am at St.Bernadette's there will be a meeting for altar servers. Parents, Please facilitate

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.

CHRISTMAS AGENDA Some people are already asking about Christmas mass times !!!!! I am sure they will forget and newsheets will end up in the waste basket. However, since the Liturgy Committee has decided what is happening during Advent and Christmas a notice will be placed at the back of the church for all the long term planners.



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

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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, Mary Wilkie, James Gallacher, Anne Gray and John Reid Crichton.

Remember those who have died recently, And those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Charles Byrne.

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



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| St. John Vianney's, Alva | |
| 11 October | £380.52 |
| St. Bernadette's, Tullibody | |
| 11 October | £308.52 |

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

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| Sunday 18 October 29th Sunday year B | Mission Sunday - Masses as normal. |
| Monday 19 October | 9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 10.30 - Parish Financial Council |
| Tuesday 20 October | No Masses |
| Wednesday 21 October | 9. 30 - Mass. St Bernadette's |
| Thursday 22 October | 9. 30 - Mass. St Bernadette's |
| Friday 23 October | 9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House |
| Saturday 24 October | 9. 30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's 10.30 - Altar Servers meeting, St Bernadette's |
| Sunday 25 October 30th Sunday year B | 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 |
| 12th November | Annual Diocesan mass for deceased priests of Diocese, Dundee |
| 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 |

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Mission Sunday is organised each year by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The theme of Mission Sunday 2009 is 'Reach Out'. The annual collection which takes place in Catholic Churches worldwide provides financial assistance to Young Churches and missionaries allowing them to meet the spiritual and human needs of some of the world's poorest people. Projects supported by the funds raised through the Mission Sunday collection included the building of simple mission churches, the education of seminarians and the formation of lay leaders. The Mission Sunday gift is also used for the building of health clinics for children, emergency aid in times of war or natural disaster and assist missionaries in their efforts to care for refugees.

Our parish collection is forwarded to the Diocese who forwards the funds to Rome

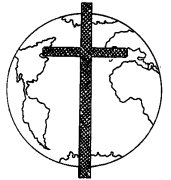
What is our mission?

Mission is fundamental to the Church. Mission is our reason for being, to continue Jesus' mission on earth. It can be said that Jesus' mission has a Church rather than the Church has a mission. As Christians we are all involved in varying ways in the one mission: to bring about the fullness of life for all peoples in all places and times as Jesus ardently desired.



WORLD MISSION DAY (October 19th)

In his message for World Mission Day 2008 Pope Benedict calls on followers of Christ not to take a back seat and allow others to caricature them as left-overs from some bygone superstitious age. He points out that many of the challenges facing our world today are the result of losing sight of the true dignity of human beings and of their calling by God. He says: "Missionary commitment, then, remains the Church's primary service to humanity today, in order to guide and evangelise cultural, social and ethical transformations, and to offer Christ's salvation to modern mankind, humiliated and oppressed in so many parts of the world because of endemic poverty, violence, and the systematic negation of human rights



MISSIONARY CHURCH The Church is of its very nature MISSIONARY. How it sees and puts into practise the mission can vary. In the past, Europe "sent" missionaries out with colonizers to the new worlds. Today we see a return mission of Africans, Asians working in Europe. A friend of mine's mission is to work with Brazilians and Portuguese speaking people in Amsterdam. There are two Brazilian parishes in London with over 300,000 people !! To be missionary the Church has to make choices, decide priorities, have options. Some people do not feel easy with the Church making options: do we all not need to be saved ? is the Church not for everyone? Are we not all invited to be God's children? In Latin America the options are especially for the poor, and the most excluded of society and religion. These options will change often and no doubt the African Synod taking place just now will decide on different priorities for evangelization for Africa.

We too are a missionary church but what are our priorities for Clackmannanshire ?.

Month of November

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to include your mass intentions for the Holy Souls . These intentions will be included at all masses, both in St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's, except on days when a special intention has been requested long in advance.

Please try and leave your mass intentions in the baskets before Sunday 1st of Nov. You can use your own envelopes.

Please note there is no stipulation regarding how much your contribution for a mass stipend should be. However, the intention behind the mass stipend is not to "pay" but to involve some kind of sacrifice on the donor's part. Fifty percent of all Fr. Mike's mass intentions in November will be going to Brazil. On the feast of ALL SOULS (Mon 2nd Nov) masses will be at: 9.30 am St. John Vianney's & 7 pm St. Bernadette's

NOVEMBER, WEEKLY SPECIAL MASS FOR HOLY SOULS

Every day both the intentions in the envelopes marked for St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's will be celebrated. On that day we will use the Readings of the day. We will have a special mass once a week in each church not just with the intentions of our deceased but a special liturgy and readings. In St. John Vianney's this will be 9.30 mass every Monday and in St. Bernadette's the morning mass every Saturday (except one Saturday which is a feast day and will be transferred to the Thursday).

