



CONFIRMATION NEXT YEAR 2010

Next year Bishop Vincent will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in two places in our Deanery: Dunblane and HighValleyfield. In the other parishes the parish priest has been delegated to administer the sacrament.

Candidates from St. Bernadette's School and from the catechetical classes in St. John Vianney's will celebrate their **Confirmation** on 9th May 2010. **First Communions** will be celebrated on the weekend of 13th of June 2010

TODDLERS CLOTHES

When Fr. Mike went out to Brazil last year two thirds of his case was full of clothes for small children. If you have a 18 month/2 year old out growing their summer clothes and want to put them to good use Fr. Mike still has room in his case. Normally he (his sisters and nieces actually!!) hand them on to on to about 8+ poor families in Brazil. These are them handed on..... and handed on... and handed on..... and you have a whole group of happy kids crawling or running around feeling like princes. Actually they are normally princesses as the boys are normally quite content with shorts – what more do you need for the nursery's 5 a-side !! So if you want to make a child extra happy at Xmas / New year there is still an opportunity if you let Fr. Mike know as space is kind of limited.

If you do know someone who works at Air France that may be helpful as well.

AFRICAN SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The African Church must be regarded as extremely important now with its explosion of catholics from 1.9 million in 1900 to 165 million today. Plus there is all that energy from its youth , colourful music and liturgy , increasing number of religious and priestly vocations. The African Synod of bishops is just coming to an end and although they no doubt, as a poor continent and Church will still need our financial support one of the themes that is emerging is a new kind of support. SOLIDARITY. But solidarity in the sense of "LOBBYING." There is a new desire that the Church in the West should bring about more pressure on Washington, Brussels, London or wherever it may be on these decision making centers that have consequences for the African people; For instance: On migration, how Africans are treated abroad. On corruption, bribery and citizenship how corrupt regimes are supported by the West. Unjust trade agreements and conditions

The closing of arms factories and the ending of the arms trade

The censure and control of multinational corporations stealing natural resources.

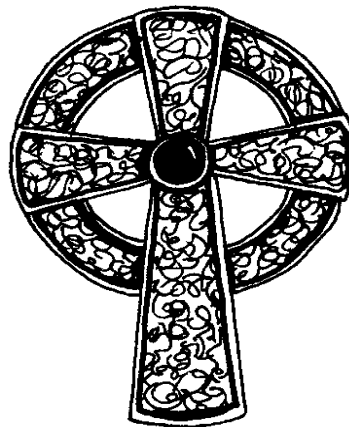
No doubt the Synod will offer many solutions but raise more questions not just for Africa but the whole Church.

HALLOWEEN (October 31st)

Holidays and festivals have been celebrated at the end of October for thousands of years. During the 8th century, the Christian Church made November 1st, "All Saints Day". And the night before was called "All Hallows Eve", since hallows was another name for saints or holy people (think about "hallowed by thy name"). Over the years, this name became changed into Halloween. The custom of Halloween was taken to America in the 1800s by European immigrants and slowly developed into a popular secular celebration. It is from there that the "Trick or Treat" customs owe their origins. We can choose to ignore the modern trends, to condemn them as an attack on Christianity or to see them as a springboard for rediscovering our own sense of festivity surrounding All Saints. What you decide to do will tell you whether you are a Christian optimist, a Christian pessimist or just downright boring



The Secret of a Good Sermon: The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and having the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*



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.

Remember - *there are no strangers here only new friends you just haven't yet met.*

Parish Finances

2009 Collections



St. John Vianney's, Alva	
18 October	£344.23
Special Collection	£281.97
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
18 October	£322.69
Special Collection	£186.77



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those who are sick.....

Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultz, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary McGeehan, Veronica Clarke, Mary Dryland,

Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Jan Moffat, Josie Nichols, Robert McInnes, William Norwood, Anne Gray, Lawrence Allan, Margaret Hamilton, Mary Wilkie, James Cairns, James Gallacher, Dan Tierney and John Reid Crichton.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PROPAGANDA FIDEI CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday 25 October 30th Sunday year B	Masses as normal.
Monday 26 October	9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7pm - Parents Council St. Bernadette's School
Tuesday 27 October	No Masses
Wednesday 28 October	9.30 - Mass. St. Bernadette's 7pm - Communications Committee, Parish House.
Thursday 29 October	9.30 - Mass. St Bernadette's
Friday 30 October	9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Saturday 31 October	9.30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's
Sunday 1 November 31st Sunday year B	Masses as normal
2nd November	ALL SOULS - Mass - 9.30am St. John Vianney's Mass - 7.00pm St. Bernadette's
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

BANNERS

The banners, although not all have been seen by everybody, seem to have met the approval of all. We still need to buy one set for St. Bernadette's, hopefully before Christmas.

A group have experimented with them in St. John Vianney's which seems to have delighted everybody.

One group in St. John Vianney's has already offered to pay for a set so hopefully we can buy one set in time for Advent.



FABRIC & MAINTENANCE

The replacing of the roof windows and repairs begin this week at St. Bernadette's.

If necessary weekday mass may be celebrated in the hall.

The felling of the trees should begin within 10 days
On 2nd and 3rd of November Stirling Electrical services will carry out a complete electrical analysis of the church and parish house.

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 November. 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 (Monday 2nd Nov) masses will be :

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. However, 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 the 9.30 mass every Monday. In St. Bernadette's it will be at the morning mass every Saturday (except one Saturday which is a feast day and will be transferred to the Thursday



CROSSES WITH POPPIES

Will be used at the masses of All Souls, Remembrance Day and the special masses for the deceased during the month of November. Please do not take them home as there are a limited number and they will be used many times during the month of November in both parishes. These were made by the Earl Haig charitable foundation who raised over £2 million last year to provide support for ex-servicemen and families of deceased service personnel. Those who wish can contribute to the Earl Haig Foundation in the box provided at the back of the church. **This in no way implies we are supporting a war. On the contrary it is to support the victims, their families and dependants.**

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This feast has various origins but probably goes back to the early 600 AD. This day the Church invites us not only to remember all the recognised saints but all those who inspire us on our Christian journey. The majority are not well known to the public or acclaimed publically as saints but for us are people who lived, preached, showed by their life and death what it means to be Christian and thus help us in our daily lives.

HOW IMPORTANT IS COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH?

On 18th of Oct. Began in Thailand the World Catholic Association for Communication began to reassess the church's commitment to communication. A Malaysian layman who is president, before the Apostolic Nuncio and Thailand's Bishops' Conference, stated: "The church says communication is central to the evangelizing mission of the church and as such must be central to all the ministries of the church. It says that communication must be a priority of the church. But is this the case?" Noting that communication is often the first thing to be eliminated when budgets are cut.

Have you visited our WEB site that is updated every week? How do you keep yourself informed what is happening in the Church?