

**New Eucharistic ministers**



The first mission of a Eucharistic Minister is to take Jesus in the Eucharist to our housebound sick. It so important that our parish members who regularly went to Holy Communion should receive the comfort and support of the strength of the Eucharist and the parish community, when they are ill. Our Eucharistic ministers, especially on Sundays, but also during the week, take communion to the sick in both parishes.

However, especially after the Sunday morning mass in St. Bernadette's ministers always take Holy Communion to the Catholics in Orchard House Nursing Home. After our mass they unite the small group of 8 or 9 together and have a short prayerful celebration and give them communion. Not to overburden our present Ministers we have invited more couples in St. Bernadette's to be Eucharistic Ministers. They will have a brief meeting this weekend of formation and the necessary legal paper work and very soon in one of the Sunday masses be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for our parish. They will serve not only Orchard House but also other sick and at our parish liturgical celebrations.



Fr. Ian Mullen of Blairgowrie, who had his leg amputated last year, is in hospital again and had other toes amputated last week. Please remember him and Bishop Logan in your prayers.

**FR. WILLIE BRANDON SMA – SILVER JUBILEE**

Fr. Willie is well known in our parishes not just for the SMA appeals and his strong voice but also helps out when we need him, celebrates this week his Silver Jubilee. Our congratulations to him and his Missionary Order. May he continue to serve for many years in any part of the world.

For those days he is standing freezing in our Scottish rivers and Lochs trying to catch those huge fish he tells us about, we have sent a bottle of local good stuff, in the parishes' name, to keep him warm !!! Congratulations Fr. Wullie.



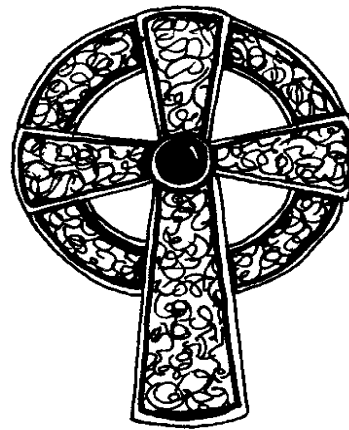
**SHOPPING ON LINE FOR ST. BERNADETTE'S**

**IF YOU SHOP ON LINE THE PARISH CAN RECEIVE MONEY AT NO COST TO YOU.**

When you shop on line go first to: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) And just following the instructions: there will be a list of hundreds of retailer shops were you can do your online shopping like Argos, Tesco's, BHS, Boots, Debenhams, Next, AA, Littlewoods, Jessop's, Comet, Curry's, Dixons, Adobe, Expedia, Airlines, Marks & Spencer's etc. You are directed by a link to the company's web site .

You will be asked to indicated the charity/organization you are supporting. Put in St. Bernadette's Church, Tullibody (St. Not saint) and we receive a percentage of how much was spent throughout the month **AT NO COST TO YOU.**

The percentage of what you spend differs from company to company but to give you an idea :most airline and travel companies between 0.5 and 1%, Boots 1.75%; Jessops 1.5%; Littlewoods 4%. Bodyshop 4%, Sky a £47.50 donation The advertisers pay this benefit to us. Every month we should receive a cheque..



Newsletter for the Parishes of  
**St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's**

1 November 2009

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**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 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**

25 October £514.30

**St. Bernadette's, Tullibody**

25 October £613.12

100 Club £27

The collections have increased considerably this week because the envelopes from the brief holidays when people were travelling are now entering. **Thank you!**

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**Those who are sick.....**

Fr. Ian Mullen,

Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultza, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary McGeehan, Veronica Clarke, Anne Gray, Mary Dryland, Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Jan Moffat, Josie Nichols, Robert McInnes, William Norwood, Lawrence Allan, Margaret Hamilton, Mary Wilkie, James Cairns, James Gallacher, Dan Tierney, and John Reid Crichton.

**Remember those who have died and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.**



**BISHOP VINCENT LOGAN** Was suddenly taken into hospital last Monday for tests. We wish him a quick exist from hospital and a rapid recovery

# Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

<b>Sunday 1 November</b> 31st Sunday year B	<b>ALL SAINTS - Masses as normal.</b> <b>4.00pm - Meeting of New Eucharistic Ministers, Parish House</b>
<b>Monday 2 November</b>	<b>ALL SOULS - Mass - 9.30am St. John Vianney's</b> <b>Mass - 7.00pm St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 November</b>	<b>No Masses. Fr. Willie Brandon SMA Silver Jubilee</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 November</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass. St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thursday 5 November</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass. St Bernadette's</b>
<b>Friday 6 November</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's</b> <b>7.00pm - Fabric &amp; Maintenance Committee, Parish House</b>
<b>Saturday 7 November</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 8 November</b> 32nd Sunday year B	<b>Masses as normal.</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday and International day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians</b> <b>1pm Baptism St. John Vianney's</b>
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

**THIS SUNDAY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR  
ST. BERNADETTE'S REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUND.  
(BROWN ENVELOPES IF YOU REMEMBERED)**

## **MASS ON ALL SOULS DAY Monday 2nd November**

Please arrive a few minutes early. At the back of the church you will find wooden crosses with a poppy. Although the names of our deceased are in the November lists offered at all masses those who wish, at the offertory, can bring up a cross representing their deceased. (There is a red collection box at the back of the church for a small donation for the Earl Haig Foundation that made the crosses).

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November**

If you wish to have one of the poppy crosses on the altar please arrive early for mass, collect your cross before mass begins and place it in the sandbox provided before the altar. **Please do not place them once mass has begun.**



## **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

In the calendar of the Catholic Church, every day has a saint, often more than one. November 1 commemorates them all, as a sort of catch-up for any failures to properly worship any saint on his or her given day. This may not sound very important, but medieval saints were far more terrifying and formidable than the ghosts of any average sinner. They could haunt, harass, wound, kill and/or damn any one who crossed them. A single day to commemorate and placate them all therefore seemed appropriate, just in case one felt left out. Established as a local Roman festival on May 13 to the Virgin Mary by Pope Boniface IV in 609, All Saints Day was moved to November 1 by Pope Gregory IV in 835 who extended its celebration to the entire Western Church. November 2 is All Souls Day. St. Odilo of Cluny established the festival c.998 to pray for those souls trapped in Purgatory (which was itself invented around this time to give ordinary medieval Christians some hope of avoiding Hell). Medieval Christians believed that most of even the faithful would go to Hell and that most of the saved would have to work out their sins in Purgatory before reaching Heaven. Therefore, a festival that encouraged prayer for their souls that might shorten their stays was as important as one that honoured the saints

## **All Hallows Eve or Halloween**

### **EASTER, HALLOWEEN, ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS:**

Originally a Celtic Holiday to celebrate the end of Harvest and the memorial of the past dead, the Holiday was heavily influenced later by the coming of Christianity. The day was later declared as All Saint's Day by Pope Boniface IV. The day was meant to commemorate and honour saints and martyrs. Later the Catholic church made All Souls' Day (Nov 2nd) as a day to remember the dead. The whole thing, October 31st though November 2nd was known as Halloween. Halloween is the shortened version of this holiday.

Easter is the most important Christian feast when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Obviously Easter makes us think of life and death. In one sense you could say that Halloween was meant to adapt some pagan festivals and turn them into mini Easter feasts. However, the focus was not so much on Jesus but on people who had led good Christian lives and the dead.

The danger is that Halloween can become just a darker extension of Easter or a celebration of sweets, Halloween parties and horror films !! It is good fun but let us not forget the original purpose of what was meant to Christianize secular



## **PRISON AWARENESS WEEKS**

St. Bernadette's school children will take part in the Ecumenical service at St. John Vianney's for Prison Awareness week to be held on Sunday evening 15th November. There will also be an ex-prisoner preaching who is now an active Christian. This year there have been 2 baptisms in the prison

## **BANNERS**

In St. Bernadette's the reception of the larger banners has been overwhelming so we have agreed with the company to exchange the smaller banners we bought for the larger version. St. John Vianney's has 2 groups/people who have also supported the buying of banners and we have bought some. Coming with the banners are ladders. Because of the height and age of most people who are changing the banners regularly according to the liturgical feast we had to buy stable, high and lightweight steps. We do not want headlines: Christians falling in church !