

NEXT SUNDAY 15th NOV BEGINS PRISON AWARENESS WEEK

ON SUNDAY 15TH.

Rev. Stephen Armstrong, a deacon, one of the catholic chaplains at Glen Ochil will preach at all masses. I am sure we will all give him a great welcome and learn from what he has to say.

In the evening of this Sunday at 7.30 pm there is an Ecumenical Service led by all 5 chaplains to the prison. The preacher will be a converted prisoner. After the Service there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please, participate. We do nothing as a parish for the prisoners or prison officers. Here is an opportunity to become more aware of their difficulties, to pray for them, their families and their situation and to welcome fellow Christians from other Churches along the Foothills.

**International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – 2009 is November 8th
Theme: The Suffering Body of Christ**

In the traditional church calendar, "All Saints Day" and "All Souls Day" stand out in the month of November, set apart to remember the saints of the church and the souls of those who departed this world. It is fitting that the modern church has set apart the month of November to remember and pray for the persecuted church, through the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).

There are many countries in the world today where Christians are martyred for their faith. The world watched in horror the unbridled violence that was unleashed on Christians in Orissa state, India last year. There are other places in the world, such as North Korea, where acts of persecution take place, but we often don't see or hear the full story. Brother Andrew of Open Doors once said, "Our heroes are not with us simply because they are in prison."

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is a time set apart for us to remember thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who suffer persecution, simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord.



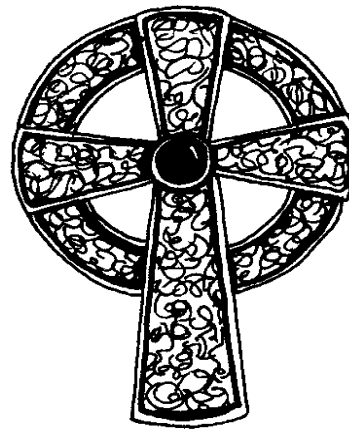
Explanation of the Open Doors World Watch List, 2009

The World Watch List is compiled from a specially-designed questionnaire of 50 questions covering various aspects of religious freedom. A point value is assigned depending on how each question is answered. The total number of points per country determines its position on the WWL. **The WWL Top Ten Ranking.....**

This year's number one on the World Watch List is no stranger: **North Korea** has topped the list for seven years in a row. There is no other country in the world where Christians are being persecuted in such a horrible and relentless way.

The Wahhabi kingdom of **Saudi Arabia** holds a solid second place, sharing the same amount of points with a country that's also ruled by Sharia law: **Iran**. Islam also is the official religion in **Afghanistan, Somalia** and the **Maldives**; the countries in the fourth, fifth and sixth position. **Afghanistan** rose from seventh to fourth place. The country moved up on the list as a result of increased pressure from the Taliban movement during 2008; the situation in the country is tense.

On seventh place we come across **Yemen**, whose position changed from six to seven, but there was no major change in the lack of religious freedom for Christians in Yemen in 2008. There was no big change to the status of religious freedom in **Laos**; the country is still number eight on the list. Two new countries have entered the top ten: **Somalia** and **Eritrea**.



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

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Sunday Mass Times

9.30 am, St. John Vianney's
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11.30 am, St. Bernadette's
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6.15 pm, St. John Vianney's
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GOOGLE US !!

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

1 November £495.00

St. Bernadette's, Tullibody

1 November £395.57

**1st Nov Fabric and Maintenance
Special Collection was £503.25**

A Huge thanks to all who are collaborating. Please do not forget to write your envelope number on the outside so we can reclaim the tax.

Please Remember in Your Prayers *Those who are sick.....*

Bishop Vincent Logan, Fr. Ian Mullen, Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultza,

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

Remember those who have recently died.....

Winfred Conlan
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time. Nellie Lynch, Scott Grant and Catherine Douglas

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

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| Sunday 8 November 32nd Sunday year B | Masses as normal. Remembrance Sunday and International day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians 1pm Baptism St. John Vianney's 4.00pm , Meeting of new Eucharistic Ministers, Parish house |
| Monday 9 November | 9.30am - Mass. St. John Vianney's |
| Tuesday 10 November | No Masses. |
| Wednesday 11 November | 9.30 - Mass. St. Bernadette's |
| Thursday 12 November | 9.30 - Mass. St Bernadette's Annual Diocesan mass for deceased priests of Diocese, Dundee (St. Peter & Pauls) |
| Friday 13 November | 9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House |
| Saturday 14 November | 9.30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's |
| Sunday 15 November 33rd Sunday year B | Masses as normal. 12.30 - Baptism, St. Bernadette's 7.30pm - St. John Vianney's, Ecumenical Service for Prison Awareness week. |
| 16th November | St. Margaret of Scotland |
| 17th + 18th November | Priests Council, Pitlochry |
| 27th November | Parish Financial Council |
| 26th November | 7pm - Liturgy Committee, St. John Vianney's Parish Hall |
| 27th November | Parish Financial Council |
| 29th November | First Sunday of Advent 7.30 pm Dollar Episcopal Church, Candle lite Ecumenical Advent service |

ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S READERS

A new list of readers is available at the back of the church.
Thank you !

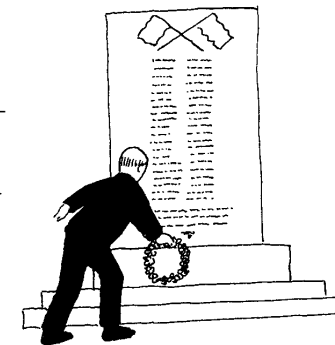
UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHER, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S, would like to remind parishioners that their Annual Christmas Sale, in aid of the Dunkeld Diocese's Ecclesiastical Student Fund will be held on Sunday 15th November, immediately after the 9.30 am mass. In the parish hall there will be the usual stalls and teas and coffees are now on sale (50ps). Please support.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Every November we see people wearing red poppies. This is because of Remembrance Day which is a day set apart to remember originally all those who were killed in the first two World Wars but today we remember all those who have died in conflicts of war.

Originally this day remembers that at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 World War One ended.

On this day normally at 11 am there is a silence and throughout the day in churches, cemeteries, war memorials and public crosses wreaths are laid. Many people place wooden crosses and wreaths of flowers. In St. Bernadette's a wreath has been placed at the outdoor cross and in both parishes, as Sunday mass begins, a wreath will be placed before the altar. Those who wish can place before mass, small wooden crosses made by the Earl Haig Foundation before the altar. In the past Remembrance Day was also called Armistice Day and in the USA it is known as Veterans Day.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

"I have always felt that marking Remembrance in the original way - at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month - was a full tribute to those who have died serving their country, fighting to preserve freedom and sustain justice. It is good to see this coming back into use once more, but however it's done, whether on weekday or Sunday, putting ourselves out in a small way - by making time to be still and to 'remember' - not only honours the fallen; it gives us an opportunity to commit ourselves to work for peace and justice in our own lives. The solidarity of mourning can turn into the solidarity for peace and the determination to find a better solution than war for the ills of the world."



(Idris Jones, Primus of Scottish Episcopal Church)

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE

Will be held at the Episcopal Church in Dollar on Sunday evening, 29th November, First Sunday of Advent, at 7.30 pm.

This is a candle lite service of Biblical readings, poems and music. It would be good to have a good crowd present. Their present priest Jeremy Auld is married to a catholic, and is well known in the area, is being transferred to the Anglican cathedral in Dundee

