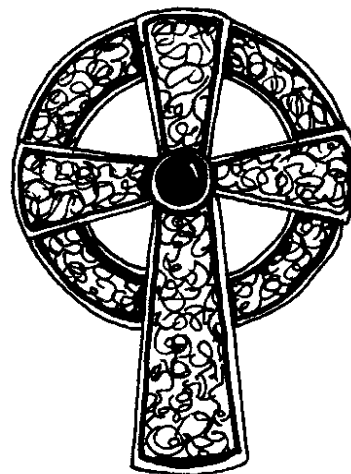


Why Fire Engines are Red

- ✦ Fire engines have four wheels and carry eight fire fighters
- ✦ Four plus eight equals twelve
- ✦ There are twelve inches in a foot
- ✦ A foot is a common size for a ruler
- ✦ Queen Elizabeth is a ruler
- ✦ The *Queen Elizabeth* is a large ocean-going liner
- ✦ Oceans have fish
- ✦ Fish have fins
- ✦ The Finns fought the Russians
- ✦ The Russians are red
- ✦ Fire engines are always rushin' around



That's why fire engines are red.
If you think this is weird, then listen to some kids' excuses for not attending mass !!



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
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 !!

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

8 November

£393.92

St. Bernadette's, Tullibody

8 November

£433.87

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, Winnie Lees, Jimmy McQueenie and Mary Elliot

Remember those who have recently died.....

Elizabeth McDonald
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.... Nellie Lynch, Scott Grant and Catherine Douglas, Patrick McParland and Mary Mangan



So many jobs in the church are left undone because people don't have one of these.

"I'll attend church when I get a **round tuit**", people say. "I'll definitely clean up the church garden when I get a **round tuit**". then "Of course I'll help. I'll get **round tuit** sometime." or "I feel bad about not visiting the sick. I must get **round tuit**." You hear it all the time. We are nearing Advent and Christmas – Lets make the effort to change !!"**GET ROUND TUIT**"

St. Bernadette's Parent Council Fundraising Group are holding a Bingo Tea on 24th November at 7pm in the school hall. Tickets cost £1 for adults and 50p for concessions: includes Tea and Home-baking. Please bring your own cup !

CARDS AND RELIGIOUS GIFTS These are available at the back of the church at St. Bernadette's and can be bought after every mass but especially after the Sunday mass. In St. John Vianney's we do not have the necessary space to provide this service. Obviously we cannot expect this service from the Sisters. In the past we did have some mass cards in the sacristy brought over from St. Bernadette's but many did not understand that these are for sale. Each time someone does not pay for a simple mass card we do not only lose the insignificant profit but have to pay for that card by selling over 10 mass cards to pay for that one! Please cooperate.

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-lit 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

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS, 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 today Sunday 15th November, immediately after the 9.30 mass. In the parish hall there will be the usual stalls and teas and coffees are now on sale (50ps). Please support

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

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
Monday 16 November	9.30am - Mass. St. John Vianney's, St. Margaret of Scotland
Tuesday 17 November	No Masses. Priests Council, Pitlochry
Wed 18 November	9.30 - Celebration of Word & Communion St. Bernadette's Priests Council, Pitlochry
Thursday 19 November	9.30 - Mass. St Bernadette's
Friday 20 November	9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee, Parish House
Sat 21 November	9.30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's
Sunday 22 November 34th Sunday year B	Masses as normal. Christ the King
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-lit Ecumenical Advent service
30th November	9.30 Mass + Anointing of Sick, St. John Vianney's
2nd December	7pm St. Mungo's: Presentation of choir of St. Modan's + St. Bernadette's School
3rd December	7pm St/Bernadette's Penitential service + First Confessions
7th December	Orchard House; St. Bernadette's school Christmas presentation
8th December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2.30pm St. John Vianney's Marian service conducted by the Sisters. 6.40pm - Rosary, followed by Mass at 7pm, St. Bernadette's
16th December	7 pm St. John Vianney's: Mass of Thanksgiving for all parish Volunteers
22nd December	7 pm St. Bernadette's: Christmas Blues Mass for widows, widowers, friends of our deceased, remembered in a special way at this time of Christmas

THIS WEEK IS PRISON AWARENESS WEEK
There will be an Ecumenical Service launching "Prisoners Week"

TODAY Sunday 15th November at St. John Vianney's, Alva at 7.30

St. Margaret of Scotland, 16th November:

A saint with connections with Hungary, England, and Scotland.

Margaret's father Edward was the Saxon heir to England when the Danes attacked. Hungary was very Christian and welcomed royal exiles so they fled to Hungary. In Scotland, as readers of Shakespeare's Macbeth will know there was Malcolm who, when a child, his father King Duncan of Scotland was assassinated by Macbeth. In 1054 Duncan became King of Scotland. Margaret's family arrived in Scotland in 1070. Margaret planned to become a nun but Malcolm courted her and she being aware of how much good she could do as queen agreed to marry Malcolm. She was 24 and Malcolm was 40. She immediately built the church of the Holy Trinity in Dunfermline where they were married.

They ruled for 23 years and Margaret had enormous influence over Malcolm. As a mother she had 8 children. As queen she had a great influence on the social and religious changes in Scotland. Perhaps her great loyalty to Rome changed many of the Celtic religious practises for she encouraged the Scottish clergy to follow more closely the practises of Rome insisting on councils, some of the more rigorous religious practises such as fasting and Easter Communion and the Roman Rites. However, she was well known supporter of Iona and the Celtic shrines. She was renowned for believing that although rich, she was just a steward of her riches and she and Malcolm became famous for their social justice practises. Because they facilitated the pilgrims from the south to visit St. Andrew's the point of crossing on their ships was called North and South Queens-ferry.

F & M (Fabric and Maintenance Committee)

Met with the firm Stirling Electrical Services Ltd who are to be contracted. As expected we did not pass our electrical test. The major problem is the electrics in the ceiling of the church are all inadequate which involves scaffolding etc. We are analysing what has to be done just to pass the test, what should be done to avoid practical problems in the near future and is really necessary for safety, and what ideally should be done. The difference in cost between **what has to be done** and **what ideally could be done** is not that great, **if done just now**. The difference, if left until much later, when we would have sufficient funds, would be considerable.

A decision should be made this week and the tendency is to take out a loan from the Diocese, that would not involve interest charges, and do everything at once and commit ourselves to paying the loan off within the year. In this case both church and house would be totally rewired, a new modern switch/fuse box installed, extra light fittings installed in the middle of the church to make reading easier; the electrical plugs in the house would be doubled and in the church increased from 5 to about 12. All the electrics, especially to the boiler, that are not up to the required legal standard would be replaced. This should avoid problems for many years. The work would not upset our Sunday masses and would take just over two weeks and would begin mid-January.

Prisoners' Sunday is observed annually by the Catholic Church and is dedicated to reflection and prayer for all those affected by crime, including prisoners and their families, the victims of crime, prison staff and former offenders. To celebrate this Deacon Rev. Stephen Armstrong, one of the Catholic chaplains, will preach at all masses this Sunday. **There will be an Ecumenical Service launching "Prisoners Week" on Sunday 15th November at St. John Vianney's, Alva at 7.30 pm.**

During the Service we will pray for prisoners, their families, prison staff and the victims of crime. We will also hear from an ex-prisoner on how faith "freed" him. Afterwards there will be refreshments and an opportunity to meet with the Governor and Chaplains of HMP Glenochil. All welcome