

**NATIONAL  
YOUTH  
SUNDAY  
2009:**  
Witness to Hope



**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY** this year is inspired on World Youth's Day message:  
WE HAVE SET OUR HOPE ON THE LIVING GOD (Tim 4, 10).  
This theme of hope was addressed by pope Benedict saying that although "youth is a special time of hope" it can also be marked by a "crisis of hope." The world invites all kinds of unreal hopes and promises and on the Feast of Christ the King we are reminded of a Kingdom present but "not yet of this world"

Youths try out the site [xt3.com](http://www.xt3.com/). <http://www.xt3.com/>

From WIKIPEDIA:

**Xt3.com** is a Catholic social online network established for the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. The name stands for "**Christ in the Third Millennium**" and is operated by the Archdiocese of Sydney with the support of Archbishop Cardinal George Pell.

It is a content driven and features an expanding library of videos, audio interviews, podcasts, print articles and messages from the Vatican. This content is available to the public. Other features include a Prayer Wall, Ask a Priest and a special section called **iActiv8** which has all the information on World Youth Day Madrid 2011. Xt3.com also has nearly 50,000 members from all over the world.

*They say the Pope uses it. Give us some feed back if you think it is worth while.*

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY

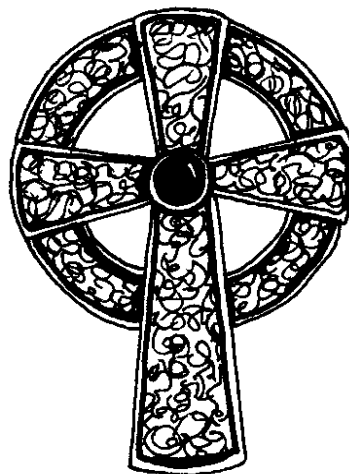
There is still a few spaces for those who wish to participate at World Youth Day in Madrid. If any youths are interested please contact me immediately and I will put you into contact with the Diocesan Youth Coordinator.

**F & M** We are glad to say that between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 the church and house of St. Bernadette's will be totally rewired, new switchboard installed, more lights in main people's sitting area installed, more plugs, and everything brought up to and beyond all the legal requirements for health and safety. We have asked the Diocese for a loan of £8,000 and hope to pay this back before March 2011. Hence the importance of the second collection on the first Sunday of each month.

**Trees:** We are waiting for the grass to dry a little because of the heavy equipment needed to cross this area. After two days of no rain they should be safely removed.

**St. John Vianney's** The proposed purposed built wardrobes for vestements and sacristy objects in the small sacristy and the reform of the storage room to organize more storage and function as a fire escape has been priced at £1,400. Just now the Committee will discuss if there are other possibilities – a little cheaper – that may be worthwhile considering. The reorganization and reform of the storage room (back of sacristies where candles and flower arrangements are stored) will now be coordinated by Mel.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Meeting with, Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael about disclosure on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the parish house. Commissioning of the new Eucharistic ministers will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December at the 11.30 Sunday mass. The New Eucharistic Ministers for the parish but will serve especially at Orchard House are: Peter and Elizabeth Watson, Leslie and John Lynch, Micki Cavanagh, and Patricia Smith,



#### 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](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes) or [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys) or

GOOGLE US !!

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#### St. John Vianney's

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**St. John Vianney's &  
St. Bernadette's**

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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

15 November

£398.18

#### St. Bernadette's, Tullibody

15 November

£420.45

#### 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.....  
and those whose anniversaries of their death  
occur at this time....**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** all our deceased remembered on our November lists are included in the intentions of all masses in both parishes.

# Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

<b>Sunday 22 November</b> 34th Sunday year B	<b>Masses as normal. Christ the King</b> <b>National Youth Sunday</b>
<b>Monday 23 November</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass. St. John Vianney's,</b> <b>7.00pm - Meeting of New Eucharistic Ministers, Parish House</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 November</b>	<b>No Masses.</b>
<b>Wed 25 November</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's</b> <b>1.30 pm Christmas Lunch, for Clackmannanshire Priests &amp; Ministers</b>
<b>Thursday 26 November</b>	<b>9. 30 - Mass. St Bernadette's</b> <b>7pm - Liturgy Committee, St.John Vianney's Parish Hall</b>
<b>Friday 27 November</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass. St. John Vianney's</b> <b><u>No Parish Financial Council</u></b> <b>7.00pm - Fabric&amp; Maintenance Committee, Parish House</b>
<b>Sat 28 November</b>	<b>9. 30 - Mass and Confessions. St Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 29 November</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>year C</b>	<b>Masses as normal.</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>7.30 pm - Dollar Episcopal Church,</b> <b>Candle-lit Ecumenical Advent service</b>
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' s School
3rd December	7pm St/Bernadette's Penitential service + First Confessions
7th December	Orchard House; St.Bernadette's school Christmas presentation 7 pm St.John Vianney's: Penitential service + first Confessions
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
13th December	1 pm - St.John Vianney's - baptism
16th December	7 pm - St.John Vianney's, Thanksgiving Mass for all parish Volunteers
19th December	11 am - St.John Vianney's - Baptism
20th December	12.30 - St Bernadette's, Baptism
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

**A Special Advent Diary will be published before Advent**

**LITURGICAL COLOUR NEXT WEEK IS PURPLE**  
**OBSERVE: THE COLOUR OF THE CANDLES, THE NEW BANNERS, THE ADVENT WREATH !**

**Remember next Sunday is Advent and the cycle of readings changes to year C**

## THOUGHTS FOR CHRIST THE KING

When I gave food to the poor, they called me a saint. When I asked why the poor were hungry, they called me a communist. (Helder Camara)

If it were not for Christianity it would be very easy to avoid criticism. All you would have to do would be to say nothing do nothing and be nothing. But unfortunately the Last Judgement paints a more demanding picture of what is actually required.(*Oliver Todd*)

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. (*John Wesley*)

## END OF CHURCH'S YEAR – A THOUGHT, SERIOUS THOUGHT ?

The feast of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year. We have no special ceremony. Our focus is all on next week. Advent begins !! Time to begin preparation for Christmas.

BUT the JEWISH RELIGION they have a lovely way to end their liturgical year. They follow the Torah (their scriptures) and read it from beginning to end. When they get to the end of the roll, in the temple they re-roll the Torah back to the beginning in a special ceremony and parade round the temple with the children waving banners or flags. A great feast. While doing this the empty ARK where the Torah is kept is filled with candles as a sign that God is the True Light. Sometimes they read a few biblical verses from Deuteronomy and Genesis. All this to signify they have reached and end of their scriptural reading, of the torah, for this year.

US Catholics? We take the Lectionary B back to the sacristy , put it in a drawer, and bring out Lectionary C for the new Advent. Makes you jealous ?

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## Parish Temporary Liturgy Committee

Will meet at 7PM Parish Hall, Alva on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>.

This should be a short meeting: It will be to finalise the liturgy program for **Advent** and make any final adjustments.

Although it seems far away **Easter** is early next year and with the absence of Fr.Mike during most of January it is necessary to begin gathering our thoughts regarding Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week. Last Year the Easter Vigil masses, which should be the highlight of the Christian liturgies, were not exactly well attended and a serious discussion has to be had about perhaps making necessary cuts.

## LITURGY

We are trying to find an organist to help us sing our praises at Christmas time. St. John Vianney's is fortunate with Maureen but St.Bernadette's suffers despite the good will of the choir. We **may** have arranged one for Christmas day but the Vigil mass is still in great need!!! Know anyone???????



**ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY TEAM** at Glenochil Prison wish to express their thanks for all those who participate din last Sunday's Ecumincial service opening Prisoner's Week. The turn out was excellent and the preparation and work beforehand was much appreciated. A special thanks to the children from St.Bernadette's School who proclaimed a reading and did the bidding prayers.