

Welcome

It's summer time and although we are not Europe's hot spot for sun searching tourists, at this time of the year we often have "guests" who are visiting relatives or are simply on holiday in our wonderful historical and naturally beautiful part of the world. Welcoming people has always been important in the Church's mission. St. Paul preaches in the open air and the first one he baptises is Lydia who invites the travellers to her house (Acts 16;14). Quite a daring gesture since she was a Gentile and they were Jews. Jesus sends the 12 apostles out and tells them to rely on the hospitality of others and not to take an extra cloak nor money with them. Martha and Mary are famous for their hospitality to Jesus. It is important to be sensitive that part of our mission must be to welcome those who visit us. A smile as they enter church, offering a hymn sheet and a newsletter. A few welcoming words. Perhaps a simple explanation of how "things are done" here (Communion, sign of peace). It really does not feel like God's house and we his family, if strangers arrive and do not see a smile, offered a welcoming hand shake.

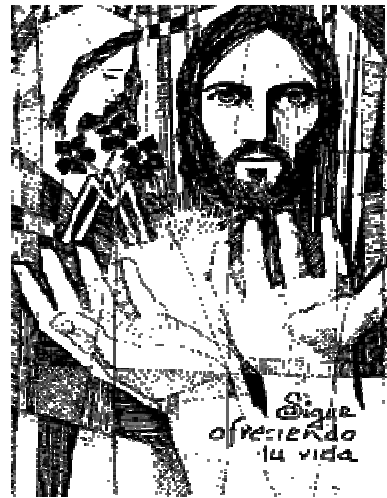
PATRON OF EUROPE (July 11th)

St Benedict is invoked as one of the patron saints of Europe. This is partly because his monastic foundations had a great influence over the centuries on what is now the continent of Europe. In the ashes of the Roman Empire his "Rule" led the way in integrating Christian values with the classical heritage of the West as well as with the Germanic and Slav cultures of the East. Pointing to him as a model for Europeans, Pope Benedict XVI recently said: "Benedict, unlike other great monastic missionaries of his time, did not found a monastic institution whose principal aim was the evangelization of the barbarian peoples; he pointed out to his followers the search for God as the fundamental and indeed, one and only aim of life". His feast day originally was kept on the date of his birth 21st of March but this would always fall during Lent and there could be no great festivities during this time. For this reason his feast day is celebrated on the 11th of July the day Benedictine monasteries celebrate the removal of his relics to their monastery in Northern France.



Holidays & Newsletter

Due to holidays this newsletter went to print on 25/06/2010 so please pay attention to the notices at the end of mass and the weekly notice sheet on the outside notice boards and at the back of the churches in case there are any changes to mass times etc.



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

4 July 2010 - 14th Sunday of Year C

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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 Finance 2010 Collections



St. John Vianney's
27 June

£

Peter's Pence

£

St. Bernadette's
27 June

£

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Please Remember in Your Prayers those who

are sick.... Rev. Deacon Michael Cafferty, Jean McCann, Josie Nicholl, Annie Fitzgerald, Hugh Mangan, Mary Wilkie, Veronica Clarke, Lawrence Allan, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary Dryland, Margaret Hamilton, Robert McInnes, Annie Russell, Mave Segrave and Mary McGeehan

Remember those who have recently died...

George Morgan Maureen Thomson

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... George Robertson

Special 2nd Collection for Fabric & Maintenance today

Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

Sunday 4th July 14th Sunday Yr. C	Masses as normal. (1st Sunday of month Fabric & Maintenance Collection)
Mon 5th July	9.30am - Morning office and Communion, St. John Vianney's (Fr. Mike at funeral) 7.00pm Fabric & Maint meeting in Parish House
Tues 6th July	No Masses in Parish
Wed 7th July	9.30 - Mass, St. Bernadette's 10.30am - Parish Financial Council in Parish House
Thurs 8th July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Children's Mass followed by refreshments in the hall
Friday 9th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Sat 10th July	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 11th July 15th Sunday Yr. C	Masses as normal

Longer Term Diary

Sat 17th July 2pm Wedding, St. Bernadette's

Sat 31st July 1pm Wedding, St. Bernadette's

Sun 1st Aug 12.30pm Baptism, St Bernadette's

Sun 15th August Appeal by Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle

Thurs 19th August 7pm, St. John Vianney's Paris Hall, members indicated for PPC

Thurs 23rd Sept 7pm, St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, PPC meeting.



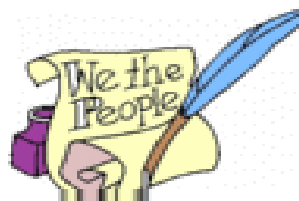
KID'S LITURGY.

We are not competing with Disney Land nor a visit to Burntisland beach nor a day's fishing but once a week we do offer a children's morning mass during the summer holidays. Last year it was a fairly good success. Not much too it really. Just we as a parish give the kids some space to celebrate one short, simplified mass where they can be a little bit more involved. It does involve some understanding and support of our "older more mature" brethren as there tends to be a little bit more noise and movement but that has never been a problem yet. Quite the contrary the kids have proved more than able to help lead us in prayer. All are welcome on Thursday morn-

MARIA GORETTI (July 6th)

In 1902, a 12 year-old Italian girl, Maria Goretti, was attacked by a 19 year-old farm hand, Alessandro Serenelli. When she prevented him from raping her he stabbed her fourteen times and she died in hospital two days later. In the meantime she had forgiven him for what he did. Serving his 30 year sentence in prison, Alessandro had a vision of Maria giving him some heavenly lilies which turned into white flames, a symbol of her forgiveness and sainthood. Upon his release from prison he was employed as a gardener in a monastery.

In 1950 Pope Pius XII canonised Maria Goretti. Present at the Mass in St Peter's Basilica was her murderer, who had testified in the process of her beatification, as well as her own mother, Assunta, who is probably the only woman ever to attend her own child's canonisation.



FOURTH OF JULY

Americans celebrate their independence today. As they feast with family and friends we wish them well. But maybe their celebration can give us cause to thank God for the life we live in our own countries:

Father of all nations, we lift up our hearts in celebration and gratitude for the gift of being your people. We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all. With feasting, family and friends, we salute those who have made sacrifices that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfilment the many gifts you have given us.

Son of justice, as we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth and come to know the promises of your heavenly kingdom.

Spirit of freedom and truth who led the children of Israel from slavery, keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage. Bless all our countries and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our source of liberty and the one in whom we place our trust.



The staff and pupils of St. Bernadette's Primary School would like to thank all members of the parish and community for their help and support during the past year.....

Happy Holidays !!!

Thanks to Bill Thomson for his lovely letter.

He and his wife Maureen were on holiday in their caravan in Alva and joined us at Sunday mass.

They then moved on to another caravan site near Aberdeen where she tragically died.

Bill remembers her last mass was with us and asks for our prayers.