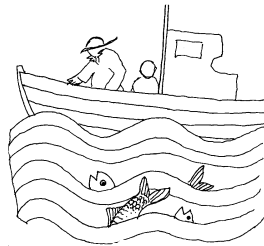
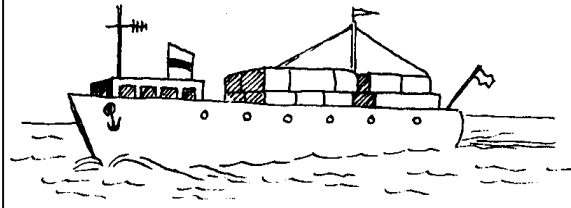


## SEA SUNDAY (July 11th)

On Sea Sunday we are asked to remember and pray for the seafarers who bring so many essentials for our daily lives to our shores. Over 90 per cent of our imports are brought to this country by sea, including much of our food, clothes, oil, toys and electrical goods.

Even though seafarers play such a vital role in our lives, they are easy to disregard as they are mostly out of sight. They spend little time ashore as ships can load and unload in a matter of hours, and many ports are situated far from towns and cities.

For seafarers, this means that they are not only isolated when they are at sea, but also when they are alongside in port. If you add to this the fact that they spend many months away from their homes and families and that ships can be dangerous places, it is clear that earning a living at sea can be lonely and hard.



**STELLA MARIS** – the mission to seafarers –  
**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS A WORLD WIDE ORGANIZATION FOR LOOKING AFTER SEAFARERS.**

Much of Jesus' teaching is centred around stories and examples of how we should care for those who fall outside our immediate circle of friends and family. Those marginalised by society with whom we may have little or no daily contact, or people, for whatever reason, to whom we would not normally think of offering a lending hand in time of need.

This is not a new way of thinking (Job 31v32; Isaiah 58v7; Ezekiel 18v16), but a reminder that in order to live out our faith we are sometimes called to live outside our comfort zone. The gift of the Holy Spirit, given to us at our baptism provides the means by which we can follow this calling to share God's love for others by allowing ourselves to become channels of his grace. In caring for seafarers the Church is living out the example of the Good Samaritan.

2010 has been designated by the United Nations International Maritime Organisation as the 'Year of the Seafarer' and the Church can play an important part in making sure the lives of those who bring the everyday goods to our door we take so much for granted are not forgotten.

# HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



### 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

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

11 July 2010 - 15th 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 just new friends you just haven't yet met.

Parish Finance  
 2010 Collections



St. John Vianney's  
 4 July £379.26

St. Bernadette's  
 4 July £367.48

Fabric &  
 Maintenance £451.24



**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, Mary McGeehan and Jackie Smith

**Remember those who have recently died...**  
 Elaine Bilagis

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

Eden Bonner, Marjory Murphy, Sandy Soave, Peter Lamb, Philomena Stirling and Joseph Mc Parlan

## Weekly Diary and Forthcoming Events

<b>Sunday 11th July</b> 15th Sunday Yr. C	<b>Masses as normal.</b>
<b>Mon 12th July</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Tues 13th July</b>	<b>No Masses in Parish</b>
<b>Wed 14th July</b>	<b>9.30 - Mass, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thurs 15th July</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.</b> <b>Children's Mass followed by refreshments in the hall</b>
<b>Friday 16th July</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Sat 17th July</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's.</b> <b>2.00pm - Wedding, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 18th July</b> 16th Sunday Yr. C	<b>Masses as normal</b>

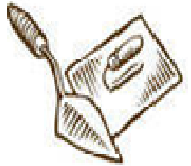
### Longer Term Diary

- Sun 25th July** 1pm Baptism St. Mungo's, Alloa
- 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
- Mon 16th August** 8.30am Mass for staff St. Modans Stirling  
9.30am Mass St John Vianney's  
12noon Mass for staff St. Bernadette's school
- Thurs 19th August** 7pm, St. John Vianney's Paris Hall, members indicated for PPC
- Friday 20th Aug** 8.20am Mass St. Modans Stirling
- Thurs 23rd Sept** 7pm, St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, PPC meeting.
- Sunday 17th Oct** Quarantore begins in both parishes
- Sunday 24th Oct** 2pm Kirkin' of the Council, St. Bernadette's

### FABRIC & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE met last week.

This Parish Committee is constantly working in both parishes often arranging for immediate repairs before the majority notice there was a serious problem.

The group is more and more conscious that we are working, and should not be, more like the fire brigade. When there is an emergency we organise ourselves quickly and fix it. All our buildings are old enough to require constant maintenance and upgrading. The tendency is for the group to try and anticipate, plan repairs long before accidents or disasters occur. We are trying to have the foresight and technical planning and draw up a long term timetable of parish works. In the near future we are aware that we have to look at Alva's roofs, fire doors, boiler for the hall, and electrical system. In Tullibody we still have concern for the disabled access and toilet doors. Things are progressing.



### Please note:

**the repair, patching up, removal of the ageing, worn out and need of a newer model of Parish Priest is not within their remit !**

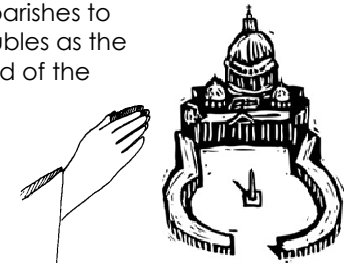
### PAPAL VISIT

Slowly we are picking up bits of news about the papal visit. So far we know very little as Fr. Mike has explained from the altar. Until tickets have been allocated to parishes and travel arrangements explained we can do NOTHING ! It is expected that within the next two weeks information will be available.

Some information we have that probably has been reported in the press(?) is that Primary Schools are being encouraged to bring pupils to Edinburgh probably to Princess Street. Also Senior pupils from every Diocese will be represented at the "Big Assembly" in Twickenham, London.

Tom McPherson Master of Ceremonies in the Cathedral and who generally accompanies the bishop and helps us in the parishes to organise confirmation and other pastoral visits, also doubles as the bishop's driver, has been awarded the Papal Knighthood of the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Special mass on Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the cathedral.  
As a sign of appreciation we will try and send a group.



### FIRST COMUNICANTS

Those who ordered photographs at St. Bernadette's School. Your photographs are waiting you in the sacristy after mass – please see Trisha.

