

Big Freeze !!!

You may have noticed how St. Bernadette's church and hall are pleasantly warm when you arrive. The heating comes on automatically when the temperature reaches goes minus. This prevents the system freezing up causing tremendous damage and costs. In normal years it comes on once or twice in a winter. Over the past few weeks it has turned itself on frequently and sometimes stayed on 24hours a day for 3 or 4 days. Better that than the costs of burst pipes and a non functioning system. But, be prepared for a very high gas bill this year!! Meanwhile come in and enjoy the warmth as you pray in comfort.

St. John Vianney's; Fabric and Maintenance

During these freezing weeks we have had a series of problems in St. John Vianney's with floods in the kitchen caused by burst pipes (now repaired), no electricity for 38hrs, etc. We have a firm putting in an earth and bringing our switchboard up to standard to meet the legal requirements. Our electrical assessment is also in January to ensure our insurance is valid! The boiler for the hall continues to function, but we have been told that if it does break down it will mean a new one. There is no insulation in the attic/roof which we are in the process of trying to install. Hopefully we will discover nothing else is wrong.

Father Mike will see people when he comes back but many thanks to all who contributed with their coins throughout the year with the Brazilian Jars. Special thanks to the Knights of Saint Columba in Alloa and both groups of SVDP in Alva and Tullibody who all made special contributions.

AQUINAS (January 28th)

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.



St. Bernadette's Primary School

Primary School Enrolments for August 2011.

We are enrolling pupils for our P1 class during the week beginning January 17th. Please contact the school to make arrangements to meet the Head teacher, Mrs Tina O'Neill and complete the relevant paper work. You will need your birth and baptismal certificates (if applicable)

St. Bernadette's Primary School, Tullibody
62 The Orchard, Tullibody. Clacks FK10 2SD

Phone: 01259 723973

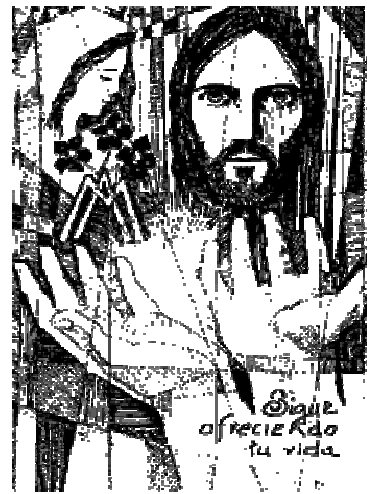
Email: stbernadette@edu.clacks.gov.uk

Website: st-bernadettes.clacks.sch.uk



Special Collection on Sunday 23rd January for African Missions

Next Newsletter Sunday 30th January



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

Joint Website 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 just new friends you just haven't yet met.

Parish Finance Collections

St. John Vianney's 25 + 26th Dec	£586.70 £293.37
2nd Jan 2011	£342.30
Justice & Peace	£168.30
9th Jan 2011	£311.21
St. Bernadette's 25 + 26th Dec	£770.10 £440.08
2nd Jan 2011	£361.52
Justice & Peace	£112.48
9th Jan 2011	£397.42



Please Remember in Your Prayers those who

are sick.... Rev. Deacon Michael Cafferty, Jean McCann, Josie Nicholl, Hugh Mangan, Mary Wilkie, Veronica Clarke, Lawrence Allan, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary Dryland, Jackie Smith, Margaret Hamilton, Robert McInnes, Mary Elliot, Mary McGeehan, Brendan Connelly, Hilda Berkowski, Alec Paterson, Dan Tierney, Paul Kochanek and Jackie Davies.

Remember those who have recently died...

Joe Gaigan, Robert McInnes,, and Mave Segrave,

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Maura Scott, Catherine Kelly, Theresa Morgan, John Coyne, Arthur Williams, Peter Witton, Bernard Hughes, Thomas McKaveney(JR), Hannah McKaveney and Andrew Petkevich.

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

16 January 2011, 2nd Sunday Year A

23 January 2011, 3rd Sunday Year A

Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No. SC001810

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mike Freyne MHM**

Tel: 01259 213 274

Email: mafreyne@hotmail.com

St. Bernadette's

Baingle Brae

Tullibody

FK10 2SG

Tel: 01259 213274



St. John Vianney's

16 East Stirling Street

Alva

FK12 5HR

Tel: 01259 213274

Sister Nora Carr U.J. & Sr. Margaret Maher U.J

Parish Sisters - Ursulines of Jesus

St. John Vianney's

Tel: 01259 760324

DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 16th January 2011	Masses as normal Second Sunday of Year A
Monday 17th January	9.30am - Morning Office and Communion, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 18th January	No Masses in Parish
Wednesday 19th January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's
Friday 21st January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 22nd January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 23rd January 2011	Masses as normal Third Sunday of Year A
Monday 24th January	9.30am - Morning Office and Communion, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 25th January	No Masses in Parish
Wednesday 26th January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 27th January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's
Friday 28th January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. John Vianney's Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday 29th January	9.30 am - Morning Office and Communion, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 30th January 2011	Masses as normal Fourth Sunday of Year A

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet weekly in Alva and Tullibody, at St. John Vianney's, Alva after the Sunday 9.30 morning mass and at St. Bernadette's, Tullibody at 10.30am before Sunday mass.
U.C.M.: Meets every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in St. John Vianney's, Alva.
KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: Meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's SVDP, Quarterly Meeting
St. John Vianney's Church Hall
Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm

Justice and Peace letter for January 2011

"Religious freedom – the path to peace."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 At each New Year, our hopes rise – for health, for happiness, and importantly, for peace. So the Church celebrates a World day of Peace, with a theme chosen by the Pope. This year's theme is "Religious freedom – the path to peace."
 Religious freedom means being free to search for the truth and free to live by it. Researchers have discovered truth in every specialist field, from petrochemicals to archaeology and from astronomy to laser surgery – and these discoveries, these truths, have freed humanity from many sufferings and limitations. The truth can indeed make you free. But reaching the truth about the human body or the physical world is not enough. There is an over-arching truth about who we are, whose world this is and what is our destiny here and hereafter – in other words, religious truth
 The freedom to seek religious truth, to make it our belief, and to live by it, is basic to the human dignity of each individual. Genuine religious belief cannot be imposed; it has to be chosen freely, because we believe it to be the truth.

- ***This freedom is in danger if religious truth is suppressed or constantly ridiculed – as does happen in some countries, including our own.***
- ***This freedom is also in danger if religious truth is distorted by extreme sectarianism or fundamentalism – and again, this does happen in this country and elsewhere.***
- ***But religious freedom is also in danger if religious truth is not well known, or is known but ignored in practice – and this is a challenge that can touch ourselves as Catholics very closely,***

We are all called to spread the Good News, never bullying or using force, but always respecting other people's religious freedom. This means knowing our own faith and continuing to improve our knowledge – maybe by reading, maybe in parish discussion groups, our faith by good example and loving persuasion in the hope of convincing others of "what they are missing".

Pope Benedict XVI, during his recent visit to our country, spoke of

- ***Those who want the voice of religion silenced, or treated as a purely private matter;***
- ***Those who want festivals such as Christmas celebrated privately, in case they offend others beliefs;***
- ***Those who want prominent Christians to put their beliefs aside when they speak publicly or vote.***

On the contrary – he said – faith and reason can and should each help the other to reach the full truth. "Religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to national conversation."

Discrimination which suppresses religious freedom is obviously wrong, but political correctness, which is over-sensitive about expressing our faith, is dangerous too. Both are a threat to justice, and therefore to genuine peace. There is much to think about as we celebrate today's WORLD DAY OF PEACE, and pray for "Religious Freedom – the path to peace"

With best wishes for a peaceful New Year in 2011

Peter A Moran

Bishop- President, Justice and Peace Commission