

Liturgy Committee
Meeting on Tuesday 1st February
At 7.00pm in St. John Vianney's Hall



The committee began very balanced with representatives from both parishes but now has only 3 from St. Bernadette's and the Sisters. Need to increase the representation. This meeting is to evaluate last Advent and Christmas (activities, liturgical celebrations, mass times etc) with a view on what needs to be possibly changed for 2011 to improve participation, creativity and increase numbers etc.etc. The group will also review the changes decided in 2010 for Lent + Easter this year. The meeting is open to all to participate and help the liturgy involve more people, It would be good if someone from the children's liturgy could participate.

Thanks

SVDP St. Bernadette's Conference, would like to thank all those who donated groceries or gave money to buy groceries during the Christmas appeal. We were able to help 40 families thanks to your kindness.

AFTER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: FOR KIDS AND PARENTS WELL EVERYBODY !!

Well.... It's all over... Christmas, it came and went just like that!
 Did you all have a good Christmas?
 Was it fun and exciting?

By now all the Christmas decorations and the tree are away until next year. Christmas is over... it's a new year and we need to get on with that. Did any of you have the manger with Jesus and Mary and Joseph? Wasn't it nice to look at that and think about the Christmas Story and Jesus being born? Most people have a special one that they get out every year and always children love to look at Jesus. I guess it will be time to put Jesus away too... hey wait, maybe we shouldn't put him away. What do you think? Do you know that sometimes we put Jesus away from our hearts too?

After Christmas it seems that we get busy with the New Year and we forget to think about Jesus and talk to him and pray... I guess we really do put him away.

What do you think about us making a deal right here this morning not to forget about Jesus. Let's agree that we won't forget about Jesus and we will talk to him and think about him and pray! Jesus is really good all year long... he is what makes every time of the year important and we should never put him away. . . . What do you think?

Let's pray.
Lord, forgive us for putting you away after Christmas for not thinking about you and not praying to you.
Thank you for being with us all through the year.
You are truly the reason for every season and we love you.

Amen.



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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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 just new friends you just haven't yet met.

Parish Finance Collections



St. John Vianney's	
16th Jan 2011	£460.70
23rd Jan 2011	£439.50
African Missions	£440.20
St. Bernadette's	
16th Jan 2011	£466.88
23rd Jan 2011	£426.44
African Missions	£235.33



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...

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Steven Marcinkiewicz, Josef Marcinkiewicz and Ronald Marcinkiewicz

DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 30th January	Masses as normal - Father Mike is back !!! Fourth Sunday of Year A
Monday 31st January	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Feast of St John Bosco 10.30am - Parish Financial Council, Parish House
Tuesday 1st February	No Masses in Parish 7.00pm - Liturgy Committee Meeting in St. John Vianney's Hall
Wednesday 2nd February	9.30 am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Presentation of The Lord
Thursday 3rd February	9.30 am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Feast of St. Blaise
Friday 4th February	9.30 am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 11.30 - Mass & lunch at St. Modan's RC Secondary School, Stirling with Cardinal Keith O'Brian
Saturday 5th February	9.30 am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 6th February	Masses as normal (Children's Liturgy) Fifth Sunday of Year A
Monday 7th Feb	7.00pm - Fabric & Maint. Meeting in parish house
Thursday 10th Feb	7.00pm - PPC in St. John Vianney's Hall
Friday 11th Feb	8.20am - Mass, St Modan's, RC Secondary School, Stirling

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy at St. Bernadette's will re-start on Sunday 6th February (next Sunday)



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.

Rules for Being Human

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works."
4. A lesson is repeated until it is learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. "There" is no better than "here." When your "there" has become a "here," you will simply obtain another "there" that will, again, look better than "here."
7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. Your answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.
10. You will forget all this.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the PPC will be on Thursday 10th February in St John Vianney's hall at 7.00pm.

This will be the meeting that was cancelled in December for parish groups to present an update on their activities to the PPC.



Baptisms & Marriages

A few people made contact with Fr. Mike before Christmas about baptisms and possible wedding dates. Please make contact with him at the beginning of February to confirm dates and initiate the necessary preparation.

Even if you have marked dates with Fr. Mike it is good to confirm everything with him for the year 2011.