

PARISH ACCOUNTS NOTES

A summary of the accounts for both parishes is being issued today to all parishioners. The accounts include all the money banked and the payments made during 2010. Solely for comparison with 2009 accounts, additional notes have been included to show amounts that we would normally have received during 2010 but were not received and banked until early 2011, which will be entered in that year's accounts. This will allow more meaningful comparison between 2009 and 2010 accounts.



PARISH EASTER FAYRE

The Social Committee is planning a Parish Easter Fayre on Friday 15th April in the hall at St. John Vianney's. Volunteers needed for home baking etc, etc. See Tina at St. Bernadette's and Katherine at St. John Vianney's.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH – Saturday 19th March

Poor old St. Joseph, so often forgotten about.

Fr. Mike's missionary society is known as **MILL HILL MISSIONARIES** all around the world, their official name is **ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY FOR THE MISSIONS**. The society was founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan in the late 19th century. Since then they have sent European missionaries all over the world although in recent year missionaries from Asia and Africa have also joined them.

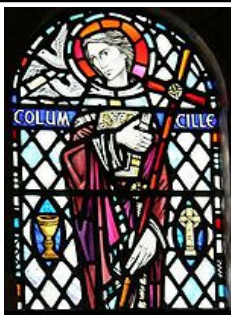
On St Joseph's feast day there is NO fasting and abstinence or Lenten duties **for them** but hopefully a nice juicy steak !!!

HOUSE MASSES

During Lent we are happy to say there are some house masses planned beginning this week in Alva. Most of the masses will be simple masses with anointing of the sick. People who have accepted them so far have proved very missionary by inviting one or two "lapsed" catholic neighbours to participate. Families interested please contact Fr. Mike and look at recent Newsletters for the simple criteria.



• KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA •
SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS



On Wednesday 16th March, the Knights of St. Columba will be inviting men from this Parish to become members of their Order.

Not only will your membership be a benefit to your Parish, but you will also be able to participate in many local and national fund raising projects.

Did you know that last year the Knights locally have donated over £2,600 to local and national Charities. This amount was raised by holding various social events throughout the year. Please consider seriously joining this organisation and come along to our presentation in the Church hall after 7:00pm Mass in St. Bernadette's on Wednesday, wives and family most welcome, or speak to one of our members outside Church today.



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. Bernadette's &
St. John Vianney's**
13 March 2011, 1st Sunday of Lent
Diocese of Dunkeld

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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. Bernadette's	
6th March 2011	£490.66

St. John Vianney's	
6th March 2011	£391.50

Special collection today for Sick and Retired Clergy



Please Remember in Your Prayers those who are sick.....

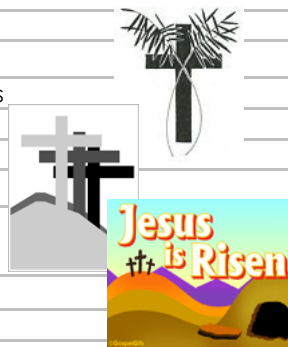
Fr. Michael Milton, Jean McCann, Josie Nicholl, Hugh Mangan, Lawrence Allan, Mary Wilkie, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary Dryland, Jackie Smith, Mary McGeehan, Dan Tierney, Brendan Connelly, Mary Elliot, Jackie Davies, Hilda Borkowski, Betty Whitton, Alec Paterson, Mrs. Roy, Sarah Lownie, Christie Scott, Sandy Taylor, Theresa Cook, Brendan Murphy, Alma White,, Violet Lindsey, Jean Quinn, Georgina Fraser, Veronica Day, Lidia Kochanek and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..

Peter Courtney, Sarah Delaney,, Kathleen Robertson, Peter Roach and Kevin Duffy
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... Tina Harvey, Beth Evans,, Peggy Brown and Lena Matuszek

LENTEN DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 13th March	Masses as normal. Special Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy First Sunday of Lent 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's
Mon. 14th March	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Lenten Meditation Service, St. John Vianney's (Sr. Nora) 7.00pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre: J-Glen (Gonzaga lecture) Youth ministry
Tues. 15th March	No Masses in Parish 7.00pm - St. Bernadette's School, Bingo Tea
Wed. 16th March	9.30 am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12noon - House Mass, Alva 10.00am - Scottish Youth Cross Activities in St Bernadette's School 7.00pm Mass. St. Bernadette's: Knights of St. Columba
Thurs 17th March	9.30 am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Feast of St. Patrick
Friday 18th March	9.30 am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney's
Sat 19th March	9.30 am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's. Feast of St. Joseph
Sunday 20th March	Masses as normal. Second Sunday of Lent 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's
Mon 21st March	7.00pm - Lenten Meditation Service, St. Bernadette's (Sisters)
22nd/23rd March	Priests Council
Wed 23rd March	7.00pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre: Oscar Romero Lecture
Friday 25th March	World Day of Prayer for Life
Sat 26th March	CLOCKS GO FORWARD TONIGHT
Mon 28th March	7.00pm - Lenten Peace Service, St. John Vianney's, Fr. Mike
Tues 29th March	7.00pm - Sierra Vocations Mass, Convent of Mercy, Dundee
Thurs 31st March	9.30am - St. Bernadette's, End of term mass
Sunday 3rd April	Special Collection: Papal + Episcopal Charities (SCIAF)
Mon 4th April	10.30 - Fabric & Maintenance special meeting 7.00pm - Lenten Peace Service, St. Bernadette's, Fr. Mike
Wed 6th April	10.30am - PFC
Thurs 7th April	7.00pm - PASSOVER MEAL Formation, Alva
Mon 11th April	7.00pm - First Confessions, Alva
Thurs 14th April	7.00pm - Parish Pastoral Council, Alva
Friday 15th April	Parishes Easter Fayre
Sunday 17th April	Palm Sunday
Mon 18th April	7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. Bernadette's
Tues 19th April	7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. John Vianney's
Wed 20th April	7.00pm - Cathedral, Dundee. Mass of Holy Oils
Thurs 21st April	Washing of the Feet, St. Bernadette's
Friday 22nd April	3.00pm - Passion, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 23rd April	8.00pm - Easter Vigil: St. John Vianney's 10.00pm - Easter Vigil: St. Bernadette's
Sunday 24th April	EASTER SUNDAY Masses as normal
8th May	Confirmations, St. Bernadette's
16th June	Education Mass, Cathedral, Dundee
19th June	First Communions, St. Bernadette's



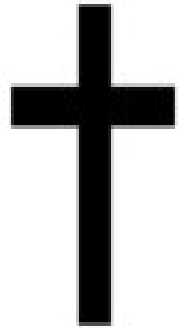
SCOTTISH YOUTH CROSS

On Tuesday 14th of September 2010 (feast of the Triumph of the Cross) Cardinal O'Brian blessed the Scottish Youth Cross at St. Patrick's church in the Cowgate, Edinburgh. It was carried in procession to St. Margaret's chapel inside Edinburgh Castle. There was held a small service with the Cardinal, the First Minister and representatives of the Scottish Youth. The Cross was carried by the youth at the papal mass at Bellahouston and later carried to other papal events throughout the visit of Pope Benedict.

Recently the Scottish Youth Cross has been travelling round Scotland visiting all the Dioceses and is now in our Diocese. Today it is in St. John's Perth. On Monday Fr. Mike will go to collect it and bring to our parish.

On Wednesday 16th March it will be next to the altar during mass.

At the end of mass pupils from the school will then carry the cross down to the school. Parishioners are all invited to come to the school. Here the cross will be presented to the pupils and all those present and there will be a brief prayer service in which the pupils will show their commitment to the cross. Afterwards Fr. Mike will take the cross to Dundee where in the evening students from the University have their liturgical celebration. Parents and parishioners are invited to come to the school



ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL AND LENT



Besides the Scottish Youth Cross there are a lot of other activities going on at our school. To mention some:

Each pupil is receiving special Lenten booklet to help prepare well for Easter.

Every Thursday mass a class will be at the morning mass.

The children are knitting for Malawi and collecting silver coins. Pupils are designing an Easter card for the Knights of St Columba and prizes will be given to the best designs.

Pupils will be invited to decorate a hard boiled egg at home as an entry to the competition being run by the Parish Social Committee. All eggs will be handed in before the end of term and judging will take place at the Easter Fayre on Friday 15th April. There will be a prize for the best P1-4 entry and a prize for the best P5-7 entry.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - sponsored walk for Malawi in the morning supported by Tullibody Healthy Living

Holy Thursday service - Dramatisation of the Gospel, (Washing of the Feet) by pupils.

CHURCH STATISTICS:

Statistics are always a few years behind but what is interesting is that the number of Catholics rose in 2008 from 1,166 million to 1,181 million in 2009. A growth of 1.3%. However, their distribution throughout the world is radically different from the general population. 50% of the catholic population lives in North, South and Central America. Asia only has 11% of the catholic population but has 61% of the world's population! Europe has only 24% of the catholic population.