

# St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

**5th June 2011, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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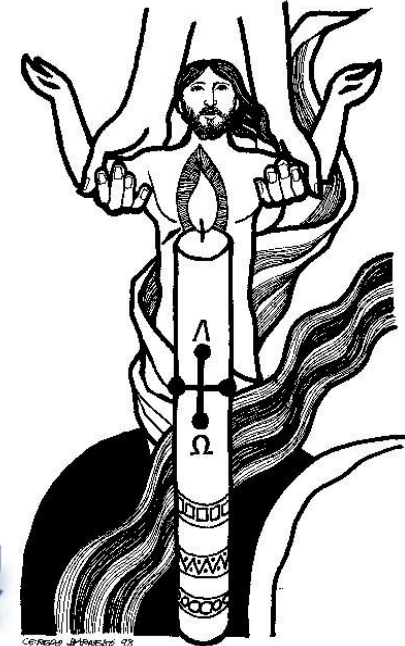
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# Welcome

## Parish Youth (for Lourdes) Project

The meeting began clarifying there are many ways to support and encourage our youth grow in our faith and Christian values and actions. What we proposed to the Parish Pastoral Council, and was approved by all, is just one possible way, but the one we wish to focus on, at least for the next few years, while being open to other initiatives that may follow.

This was only our first meeting as a group and we hope by the end of next month to have gathered all the information, concrete, practical facts and details that we can pass on more information for parishoners. Hopefully encouraging many to participate and actively support.

In brief: is to invite, form, and send youth out to care for the sick while on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. In action they will become involved with Christian values and concerns and hopefully want to continue some form of participation in the Church afterwards. Ideally we will work towards 5 or 6 youths for next year's pilgrimage. When they return and explain to our parishes and schools what they experienced they will help in the creation of another group and within a certain amount of time we will have a much larger core group.

**The project is basically for the youth to go to Lourdes to care for the sick on pilgrimage and thus begin a youth program in our parishes.**

Our immediate challenge is a constant fund raising effort that does not overburden people. For this reason what is known as the 100 club in St. Bernadette's is being revamped, will involve both parishes, all the profits will go to financially supporting this project: YOUTH & LOURDES. So far it has been decided that the launching of the new "100 club" – may have a new name and hopefully well over a 100 people will be the **last Sunday in July will the first draw.**

So far we have decided – but working out practical details: Each ticket/number will be £1 (**but you can buy as many as you want – PLEASE !**) The draw will be on the last Sunday of each month, the draw alternating between both parishes.

We will keep the same prize (but will increase if the numbers increase significantly) at: first prize £75 and second prize £25. With a difference. Every now and again to dynamize and encourage participation we will have an extra special prize. The winners must be fully paid up with their dues.

There will be a possibility of doing this by direct debit (it is much easier for us and we can easily receive GIFT AID) We are looking into gift aid but this involves a lot of complicated work, but is viable (This means if we receive £200 a month, via gift aid we receive over another £40 a month, that almost sends one more youth to Lourdes)

During June/July some of the youth who have been, may be speaking at one of the masses and we will have a fuller explanation.....

**Watch this space for more details .....**

**Are you visiting our Parish or have just moved into the area? Please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church. There are no strangers here just new friends you just haven't yet met.**

## Parish Finance Collections



St. Bernadette's 29th May 2011	£367.17
Holy Ghost Fathers Special Collection	£236.96
St. John Vianney's 29th May 2011	£451.63
Holy Ghost Fathers Special Collection	£704.59
<b>Today Special Collection for Communications</b>	



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

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

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

Belle McFee, Kathleen Gamberuci, Tommy Morgan and Nathaniel Vietch

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

Pat Parry and Elizabeth Lawlor

Websites: [www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes)

& [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys) or Google us !!!

## THIS WEEKS DIARY AND MASS TIMES

**Sunday Morning Masses :  
St. John Vianney's, 9.30am  
& St. Bernadette's, 11.30am**

**Sunday Evening Mass :  
St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm**

<b>Sunday 5th June</b>	<b>Mass times as normal. Seventh Sunday of Easter Communications Sunday, Special Collection 1.00pm - Baptism, St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Monday 6th June</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass , St. John Vianney's. 7.00pm - F &amp; M, Parish house</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th June</b>	<b>No Masses in parish 5-00pn - Reception of body of Nathaniel Veitch, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th June</b>	<b>9.30am - Funeral Mass of Nathaniel Veitch, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thursday 9th June</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office + Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's. Feast of St. Columba School Kids visit Scottish Parliament 7.00pm - PPC in St John Vianney's Hall</b>
<b>Friday 10th June</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. School Sports day 7.00pm - Knights of St. Columba, Dinner Alloa</b>
<b>Saturday 11th June</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 12th June</b>	<b>Pentecost Mass times as normal.</b>

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

13/14th June	Residential Liturgy Course for all priests, Pitlochry.
15th June	Youth project meeting in parish house
16th June	7.00pm - Education Mass, Cathedral, Dundee
18th June	9.30am - St. Bernadette's Confirmation of 2 youths.
19th June	First Communions, St. Bernadette's
20th June	St. Bernadette's. Staff meeting and Mass
26th June	3.00pm - Corpus Christi celebration and procession, St. Clements, Dundee
29th June	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, Holiday of Obligation.
16th July	Baptism, St. Bernadette's
17th July	Baptism

### **COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTION**

This Sunday is Communications Sunday and some may think just another second collection. However, Bishop Philip Tartaglia of Paisley who is President of the Communications Commission for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland has sent a Pastoral Letter which perhaps reflects the motive and the importance of communications in the church. We publish it in full:

"The visit of Pope Benedict's XVI to Scotland last September taught the Catholic Community a great deal about the media. We learned how the media is an amazingly influential opinion former in our culture, as every moment of the Pope's visit was reported, analysed and broadcast to the whole world in print and through radio, television and the internet. Before the visit, someone remarked that the Pope's visit would be a success if the media declared it to be a success. Thankfully the Pope's visit was a success and we are grateful to the media for playing its part so professionally and so well.

Catholics were also reminded that the media is not simply a news-gathering or truth-seeking organization. Newspapers, broadcasters and websites can have their own agendas and favourite narrative, even when such a narrative is shown to be exaggerated or mistaken. We learned this painful truth in the months leading up to the Pope's visit as some sections of the media perpetuated an agenda predicting the visit would be a failure, mired in controversy and blighted by indifference. Thankfully when the Pope arrived in our midst, his graciousness, gentleness and compassion quickly dispelled the pre-visit caricatures and the media rose to the occasion, offering us glorious coverage of the Pope's visit.

In the context of the papal visit, we also saw that some sections of the media in part reflected and in part generated quite deep anti-Catholic sentiment. Commentators expressed severe and intemperate judgements, and media organisations gave disproportionate space in newspapers, radio and television to people who have the most critical opinions about the catholic Church. At times it seemed we were being overwhelmed in a sea of opprobrium.

Yet the media chastisement of the Catholic Church may have still served a good purpose. As St. Paul reminds us "All turns out for the good for those who love God." (Rm 8,28). It created a climate of sorrow and penance within the Church for the sin of sexual abuse and for its mishandling by church authorities; it highlighted the significant voice the Church continues to exert in public life and galvanised Catholics to show their loyalty and affection for the successor of Peter.

This year the Holy Father once more focuses on the enormous potential of the internet and social networks in his World Communications Day Message, affirming boldly that, "there exists a Christian way of being present in the digital world."

I warmly welcome the Holy Father's words and encourage all our parishes and organizations to make use of the new opportunities the digital world offers us. At the same time the Church affirms the mass media in its work, encouraging it to carry out its essential role in our society truthfully, fairly and impartially. The Catholic Church esteems media professionals and underlines their right to work in freedom and safety. The Catholic Church unequivocally affirms the media as a force for good in the modern world.

The Media Office and communication professionals working for the Church in Scotland were at the forefront of the success of the Pope's visit to Scotland, briefing and assisting the world's media in myriad ways, instigating the St. Ninian's Pageant in Edinburgh, defending the Pope and the Church against some outrageous accusations, and attempting to bring truth and perspective to the negative narrative which persisted in the pre-visit period. The special collection at today's mass traditionally goes to our Communications and Media Office. The papal visit showed that this is a good and necessary cause, and I ask you to be generous today in supporting it. ***Yours devotedly Philip Tartaglia***