

LOURDES/YOUTH PROJECT

100 CLUB

FIRST OF THE NEW DRAWS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY

FIRST PRIZE EVERY MONTH **£100**

SECOND PRIZE EVERY MONTH £25

ASK NOW FOR YOUR NUMBERS

MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER DURING MONTH OF JULY OR ASK !

ALL PROFITS TO THE LOURDES/YOUTH PROGRAM

TODAY AT MASS MEMBERS OF THE LOURDES YOUTH PROGRAM WILL BE GIVING OUT FLYERS ABOUT THE PROJECT AND NEW 100 CLUB THAT WILL BE FINANCING THE PROJECT. NEXT SUNDAY PEOPLE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENROL ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND ENTER THE MONTHLY DRAW.

ST. BENEDICT.....PATRON OF EUROPE (July 11th)

St Benedict is invoked as one of the patron saints of Europe. This is partly because his monastic foundations had a great influence over the centuries on what is now the continent of Europe. In the ashes of the Roman Empire his "Rule" led the way in integrating Christian values with the classical heritage of the West as well as with the Germanic and Slav cultures of the East. Pointing to him as a model for Europeans, Pope Benedict XVI recently said: "Benedict, unlike other great monastic missionaries of his time, did not found a monastic institution whose principal aim was the evangelization of the barbarian peoples; he pointed out to his followers the search for God as the fundamental and indeed, one and only aim of life".



BRAZIL CLOTHES: 4years + During months of July and August Fr. Mike will gratefully receive children's summer clothes for ages about 4 and 4+ yrs to be taken out to Brazil. He wishes he was going now (don't we all !!) but he has a carrier for this time. So all good clothes are welcome. These are handed on to child after child for many years, - we are into 4th generation now !

SCHOOL NEWS Knitting for Malawi

Thanks to the tremendous response from families and friends in our Parishes we receive a great deal of wool to knit a blanket to raise funds for Nankwali Primary School in Malawi.

Children and families knitted over 600 squares and we managed to create 5 blankets. One is up for raffle at £1 per strip and the others have been given to each classroom as a reminder of the joint effort the school community made to this project.

The blanket we are raffling is truly a labour of love as the art of knitting was tricky for many to learn and we are proud of the pupils' achievement.

We are able to send £1500 to Nankwali Primary School thanks to all the generous support we received for our fundraising events last session. The money raised from the Blanket Raffle will kick start next year's fundraising. Our thanks to Mrs Angela Hassel for helping the pupils learn to knit and for putting all the blankets together.

Due to holidays the printing of this newsletter has been earlier than normal. Major changes will be announced from the altar by Fr. Mike and be posted on the notice boards. The names of the sick and anniversaries of deaths and recently died will be updated, where applicable, in 2 weeks time



Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

10th July 2011, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome

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 3rd July 2011	£584.35
St. John Vianney's 3rd July 2011	£418.08



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, Annie Berry, Violet Lindsey, Alma White, Moira Roy, Veronica Day, Catherine Miller, Marie McLean, and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.....

Catherine Fallance, Edward Kelly and Brendan Connolly

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.. George Robertson, Eden Bonner, John Mann, Joseph McParland, Sandy Soave, and Felemena Stirling

On holiday? - - - You've found us!

Welcome, come and join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Websites: www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes

& 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**

Sunday 10th July	Mass times as normal
Monday 11th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 12th July	No Masses in parish.
Wed 13th July	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's 10.00am - Funeral Mass of Charles Walsh, St. Mungo's Alloa 7.00pm - Centenary Committee meeting, St. John Vianney's hall
Thursday 14th July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Kids summer mass. 7.00pm - Lourdes/ Youth Project meeting in parish house
Friday 15th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 16th July	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 11.00am - Baptism, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 17th July	Mass times as normal. 1.00pm - Baptism, St. John Vianney's

11th to 18th of July is the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. While Fr. Michael is away working in Lourdes Fr. Mike will attend all emergency sick calls and Fr. Michael's funerals. We work very closely with St. Mungo's parish so a little flexibility may be required of all of us during this time.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24th July	Baptism, St. Bernadette's
1st Aug	Fabric & Maint meeting
3rd Aug	Parish Financial Committee
11th Aug	Parish Pastoral Council
31st Aug	Parish Financial Committee
31st Aug	New revised English Mass course, St. Bernadette's
1st Sept	New revised English Mass course, St. John Vianney's

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet weekly in St. Bernadette's, at 10.30am before Sunday mass and at St. John Vianney's, on the last Sunday of each month after the Sunday 9.30 morning mass.

U.C.M.: Meets every Wednesday at 2.00pm in St. John Vianney's, Alva.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: Meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall at St. Mungo's Alloa.

SEA SUNDAY 10th July

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

Did you know that last year over 1,000 people were taken hostage by pirates? In the first quarter of this year the number of ships attacked was greater than ever before and with the killing of at least two seafarers by pirates, the international community's attention is once again being turned to the pirate-infested waters of the Indian Ocean.

"There's a feeling among seafarers that they are left on their own when transiting these waters," says the Revd Michael Sparrow, the Mission's chaplain in the Kenyan port of Mombasa. "Many crews have told me that they do not see the navy ships that are supposed to be protecting them when they're out at sea which is contributing to the loneliness and trepidation that they already feel."

For The Mission to Seafarers, dealing with victims of piracy is high on the list of the services it offers to mariners, not just those visiting nearby ports in the hotspot region, but in all its 230 presences around the world. From Mombasa to Melbourne, Halifax Nova Scotia to Hull – our chaplains provide a friendly welcome and access to a vital support network for seafarers who are worried about this menace which is threatening the world's shipping industry with greater intensity.

"I find that my main ministry regarding piracy is to the crews who have to sail through the danger zones," says Michael. "Seafarers do want to talk about their fears and I make myself available to them, both when visiting them on board their ships or when they come to the seafarers' centre."

In the piracy hotspots from the Arabian Gulf to South East Asia to the West Coast of Africa, our chaplains are trained in post-traumatic stress disorder and counselling skills, and are often one of the first people a released crew will see after they have completed the formalities required by the authorities.

Just recently, 24 Kenyan seafarers visited Michael at the seafarers' centre to get help and advice after a four-month detention by pirates after the ship they were working on was hijacked off the coast of Somalia. "Once the vessel had docked and the formalities were over," said Michael, "I immediately went to visit the crew to offer the services of The Mission to Seafarers. The crew were naturally pleased to be released and reunited with their loved ones, but from my conversations with them, it became clear that they had been forced to spend their captivity sailing across the Indian Ocean acting as a mother vessel which was used by the pirates to attack more ships further out to sea.

Sea Sunday is a day set aside in the Church's calendar to remember seafarers and to pray for them, their families and those that serve them. It began in 1975 when the three Christian maritime missionary societies – The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), the Apostleship of the Sea (Roman Catholic) and the Sailors' Society (Free Church) decided there should be a day in which the contributions of seafarers to the country were recognised. Sea Sunday has gone on to become an international day with services, parades and ship blessings.