

LOURDES/YOUTH PROJECT

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FIRST OF THE NEW DRAWS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY (31st)

FIRST PRIZE EVERY MONTH

£100

SECOND PRIZE EVERY MONTH £25

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

ALL PROFITS TO THE LOURDES/YOUTH PROGRAM

Madrid Youth Gathering / Lourdes

This August after my pilgrimage to Lourdes I will be taking part in the 2011 World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid which is being organised by the Dunkeld Youth Service. This involves young Catholics from all over the world gathering to learn more about the teachings of their faith and celebrate other festivities such as Mass with the Pope. Along with my trip to Lourdes I know this will be another rewarding experience that will reaffirm my faith and allow me to share this with other young Catholics. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish who has supported these pilgrimages and made them possible through organisation and fundraising. **Andrew Watson**

Those that received a CD of first communions and confirmation this year – and perhaps last year – please do not forget to hand in a donation to Fr. Mike. This will be used to benefit the parish in some way; could be more DVDs, etc



HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



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 one child after another for many years – we are into 4th generation now !



Due to holidays the printing of this newsletter has been earlier than normal. Any major changes will be announced from the altar by Fr. Mike and be on the notice boards. The names of the sick and anniversaries of deaths and recently died will be updated, where applicable next week.

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

17th July 2011, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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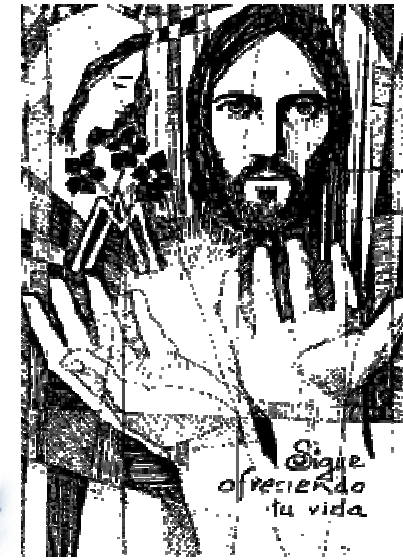
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Welcome

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 10th July 2011	£311.00
SCIAF Africa Special Collection	£345.45
St. John Vianney's 10th July 2011	£403.12
Sciaf Africal Special Collection	£635.35



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, Veronica Day, Catherine Miller, Michael Ferguson and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died

Annie Berry, Marie McLean, Charlie Walsh, Patrick Mournian and Jean Clyde

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

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 17th July	Mass times as normal 1pm Baptism , St. John Vianney's
Monday 18th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 19th July	5pm Reception of body of Patrick Mournian, Highvalleyfield
Wed 20th July	9.30am - Morning Office + Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's 10 am Funeral Mass - Highvalleyfield
Thursday 21st July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Kids summer mass.
Friday 22nd July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.
Saturday 23rd July	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 24h July	Mass times as normal. 1.00pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's

Until 18th of July, while Fr. Michael is away on the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 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

1st Aug	Fabric & Maint meeting
3rd Aug	Parish Financial Committee 7pm Centenary Working Group
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.

Saint Mary Magdalene 22nd July

Because of a lot of recent films and books Mary Magdalene has become well known despite the fact that much of what is said about her is wrong and invented. The fact is she is a powerful figure in the Gospel stories. Her story is extremely attached to Jesus'. Cured of an infirmity she travelled with the Apostles. She was present at the two most important events in Jesus' life – crucifixion and resurrection.

When everyone abandoned Jesus she was there at the foot of the cross. She was with Joseph of Arimethea who took Jesus from the cross and placed in a tomb. She was a living witness of the resurrection and was given the mission by Jesus to announce his resurrection to the Apostles. She was present in the early church. This is what we definitely know about her.

Mary Magdalene is also mentioned in each of the four gospels in the New Testament, but not once does it mention that she was a prostitute or a sinner. At some point Mary Magdalene became confused with two other women in the Bible: Mary, the sister of Martha, and the unnamed sinner from Luke's gospel (7:36-50) both of whom wash Jesus' feet with their hair. In the 6th Century,

Pope Gregory the Great made this assumption official by declaring in a sermon that these three characters were actually the same person: Mary Magdalene, repentant saint. The Catholic Church did later declare that Mary Magdalene was not the penitent sinner, but this was not until 1969.

After several centuries, the reputation still lingers.



The Sabbath Principle

Even God took a rest when he'd finished creating the world and all that it contains. By the seventh day he was in need of a change of scene! The Sabbath is a day of rest. It doesn't of course mean that we end up doing nothing. The Sabbath is intended as a boundary between our active and contemplative modes. Sabbath time should be creative time. It should regenerate and set us off again for the work that we do on non-Sabbath days. Sabbath means re-charging our batteries.

At this time of the year we sometimes take an extended Sabbath: holidays. We go for a change of scene, different activity, a bit of pampering. There's nothing wrong with this and even such eminent people as Pope Benedict XVI encourage us to do it. The pope spoke recently about the need for holidays:

"Holidays have become almost a necessity to recover in body and spirit, especially for those who live in the city where the often frenetic conditions of life leave little space for silence and reflection. In contact with nature, people can again find their true dimension. They rediscover themselves as creatures, small but at the same time unique."

The pope's idea of a great holiday is a secluded place in the Italian hills with a piano! But we all have our ideal holidays. Whether it be football or golf, sun and beach or snow and the Antarctic a fruitful and restful summer holiday to all.