

**LOURDES/YOUTH PROJECT
100 CLUB
FIRST OF THE NEW DRAWS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY (31st)
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

LOURDES / YOUTH PROJECT

Last week people began registering to receive their numbers. The response was excellent. This weekend Andrew Watson who, like Catriona, was in Lourdes – and has just come back – will speak at all masses. After mass, people are available in the hall/meeting room to answer any questions regarding the project. People can enrol to participate in the draw with them. Please encourage friends and other colleagues to join in. There are plenty yellow flyers to hand around the office!



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 !



Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

24th July 2011, 17th 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 17th July 2011	£421.19
St. John Vianney's 17th July 2011	£414.80



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, Jean Clyde and Maggie McDaid

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 24th July	Mass times as normal 12.30pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's
Monday 25th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 26th July	No Mass in parish
Wed 27th July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 6.00pm - Lourdes Youth Project meeting in parish house
Thursday 28th July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Kids summer mass.
Friday 29th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 30th July	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 31st July	Mass times as normal.

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.

CENTENARY WORKING GROUP

In August 2013 we celebrate the centenary of the parish of St. John Vianney's. As has already been published one of the challenges for the working group is to decide on a place to celebrate the liturgy of the centenary. The logical and ideal place would be inside St. John Vianney's church but there are various logistical difficulties.

Because the church is small so many factors have to be taken into consideration: We do not know how many people really will turn up on a Sunday afternoon but we can probably expect a minimum of 200 plus.

We need to remember space is limited on the sanctuary for about 7 priests, but there are at least 5 living parish priests and another 4 or 5 who worked in the parish at some time.

The centenary is a local historical event and we need to involve local authorities and local ministers from the whole Hillfoots Region.

There could be 3 or 4 people that may turn up in wheel chairs and then there are many parishoners who have moved out of the parish but on a historic day may want to participate.

After much very serious discussion we are beginning to narrow possibilities down. We have not ruled out – but they seem to be at the lower end of our choices to use St. Mungo's or St. Bernadette's parish churches. We would prefer a place within the actual parish boundaries. The Cochrane Hall has been strongly proposed for many reasons (size, catering and parking facilities).

One of the possibilities being further researched (anyone with any expertise or contacts in this area is more than encouraged to make contact with the working committee is the possibility of using St. John Vianney's church with a video/audio link with large screens in the hall and a marquee for catering afterwards and having a civic reception on another separate day for the majority of local authorities. This possibility brings new challenges and costs and also some sacrifices. People would need to realize that sitting in the hall they are sharing in the Eucharist equally with those in the church.

The committee continues to meet regularly and each time makes small advances and eventually will come up with proposals for the Parish Pastoral Council.

SCIAF message on East of Africa

We are constantly seeing appeals on the media to support the relief campaign for the Horn and east of Africa via DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). Someone raised the question that SCIAF's name does not appear on the list of 12 major funding agencies. Fr. Mike asked SCIAF to clarify this. SCIAF quickly clarified and explained exceptionally well the situation:

SCIAF is not a member of the DEC as we do not meet all their criteria and in particular, expenditure on emergency work overseas of £10 million a year averaged over three years. There are obvious advantages and disadvantages to being part of the DEC. We believe that, as part of the Caritas Internationalis network of Catholic aid agencies, SCIAF is in a strong position to get emergency aid anywhere in the world immediately using trusted partners.

In relation to the Horn and East of Africa Appeal, as well as getting aid through to harder to reach countries such as Somalia through the Caritas network, we will also be providing additional emergency aid supplies through our long standing partners in Ethiopia and South Sudan.