

SVDP and CHRISTMAS

When we refer to the symbol of a 3 or 4 legged stool being a symbol for the parish one of its legs to support it is SERVICE and the SVDP is one of our main ways of offering a Christian service to the wider community. Traditionally the SVDP provide food parcels to help some families have a slightly better Christmas.



STARTING FROM THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT at St. Bernadette's and for the next few Sundays, we will have 2 boxes in the church, one at the back for the grown-ups and one in front of the altar for the children. Please bring non perishable food products (tins). We ask adults to leave them at the back of the church as they come in. However, we invite adults to explain to children the importance of sharing with others and that, even in our parish there exist needy people. During the offertory collection please encourage the children to leave their places and bring their cans and put them in the box in front of the altar, it may be a little noisy but I am sure most will agree it is a good way to help the children prepare for a Christian Christmas.

SVDP and BRAZIL

The SVDP in Alva will give their "box" at the door, after mass, collection on **2 Sundays (4th + 11th December)** to Fr. Mike to help in a project in Brazil. The money will join the money collected with the "Brazilian jars". Depending on Fr. Mike's personal evaluation when he arrives in Brazil our money will go to a kids program. There is a Brazilian Taekwondo expert who has given lessons in Saudi Arabia and has set up a program in Fr. Mike's area. We will receive a clearer report when Fr. Mike returns. Basically it's a non-profit organization, there are no salaries, all the teachers are ex-students of the master (they were taught on the condition they gave back what they learnt to others) there are no government grants. He has 3 places throughout the area he takes in all kids from 5 to 12 years. The aim is to get them off the streets and involved with sport and not with drugs. Taekwondo is a defensive martial arts sport which teaches a lot about discipline and hard work. Our money, at first glance, would go to help buy the small kimonos that the kids are meant to use but do not have. As they out grow them they are handed on to the next group. Seems a great way to take kids off the streets and give them a good formation. None of our money goes on wages, buildings or administration costs but straight to where it is destined. **Please take a Brazil jar and especially support the SVDP collections in Alva on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please give generously.**



Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

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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.

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

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



Remember those who have recently died Billy Thomson

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

All those remembered in our November lists placed on our altar.

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& www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys or Google us !!!**

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 9.30 morning mass.

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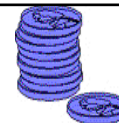
Meets every Wednesday at 2pm in St. John Vianney's, Alva.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:

Meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Parish Hall, St. Mungo's Alloa.

Mass for deceased Knights, will be held in St. Mungo's, Alloa at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th November

Parish Finance Collections
30th Oct 2011



St. Bernadette's	£487.41
St. John Vianney's	£323.70

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 13th Nov	Mass times as normal. 12.45pm - Baptism, St John Vianney's	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 14th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - F & M meeting in parish house	
Tuesday 15th Nov	No Masses in parish. 7.00pm - Mass for the deseased at St. Modans High School	
Wed 16th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's - Feast of St Margaret of Scotland 7.00pm - Lourdes youth team & candidates for work in Lourdes meeting in parish house.	
Thursday 17th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. Centenary meeting, St. John Vianney's	
Friday 18th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.	
Saturday 19th Nov	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.	
Sunday 20th Nov	Mass times as normal. Christ the King	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20th Nov	A group from the Dollar Churches Together will be present at the St. John Vianney's mass.
24th Nov	7.00pm - PPC in St. John Vianney's hall
27th Nov	Special Collection, Day for Life/SPUC . First Sunday of Advent.

HEW LORIMER TRUST AUTUMN LECTURE

Professor Peter Davidson will speak on "Hew Lorimer and his place in 20th century art" in the University Chaplaincy, Dundee on Wednesday 30th November at 7.00pm. Tickets priced £15 (£7.50 students), which will include wine and nibbles after the lecture, are available from Jill Webster at the University Chaplaincy (tel: 01382 384157) or the Diocesan Centre (tel: 01382 225453) or at the door before the lecture.

Music at mass:

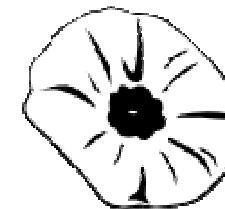
Representatives from both parishes went up to Dundee on a very foggy night to learn about music in the new mass which begins on the First Sunday of Advent. The aim is to be singing the Gloria (we cannot sing it during Advent), Acclamation after the consecration, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God for Christmas. It would be really appreciated if people could turn up at 15 minutes before mass just to have a short practise.



TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is a day set apart to remember originally all those who were killed in the first two World Wars but on this day we remember all those who have died in all conflicts of war. Originally this day remembers that at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 World War One ended.

In St. Bernadette's a wreath has been placed at the outdoor cross and in both churches as Sunday mass begins, a wreath will be placed before the altar.



Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Loving God

We remember in your presence all those who have died in war
And those who still live with the pain of losing someone they love.

We remember people who, today, live in fear of their lives

And those who fear the knock on the door or the telephone call that heralds bad news.

We remember politicians and others who hold positions of power and influence

And whose decisions can lead to other people's life or death.

And we commit ourselves not only to pray, but to seek and make peace

In our relationships, in our communities, and in our world.

Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us. **AMEN**

St. Margaret of Scotland, 16th November

Margaret is a saint, with connections to Hungary, England, and Scotland. Margaret's father Edward was the Saxon heir to England when the Danes attacked. Hungary was very



Christian and welcomed royal exiles so they fled to Hungary. In Scotland, as readers of Shakespeare's Macbeth will know there was Malcolm who, when he was a child, his father King Duncan of Scotland was assassinated by Macbeth. In 1054 Duncan became King of Scotland. Margaret's family arrived in Scotland in 1070. Margaret planned to become a nun but Malcolm courted her and she being aware of how much good she could do as queen agreed to marry Malcolm, she was 24 and Malcolm was 40. She immediately built the church of the Holy Trinity in Dunfermline where they were married.

They ruled for 23 years and Margaret had enormous influence over Malcolm. As a mother she had 8 children. As queen she had a great influence on the social and religious changes in Scotland. Perhaps her great loyalty to Rome changed many of the Celtic religious practises, she encouraged the Scottish clergy to follow more closely the practises of Rome insisting on councils, some of the more rigorous religious practises such as fasting and Easter Communion and the Roman Rites. However, she was a well known supporter of Iona and the Celtic shrines. She was renowned for believing that although rich, she was just a steward of her riches and she and Malcolm became famous for their social justice practises. Because they facilitated the pilgrims from the south to visit St. Andrews the point of crossing the river Forth on their ships was called North and South Queensferry.