



### CHILD'S CLOTHES FOR BRAZIL

Fr. Mike still has room for some child's clothes for Brazil. He is looking for some for children about the age of 3 ½ yrs to 4 yrs.

Also the Brazilian Jars (plenty of jars available) change is more than welcome but please hand in jars by the 18th December to give him time to exchange the funds into dollars. All this will go directly to families in need and to small projects that receive no other external funding. In the past our funds have helped support a Women's group in their formation, a youth group, a group fighting for ecology rights in the jungle and helped families who had lost their houses or goods in the avalanches and floods.

As was detailed in last weeks newsletter with the money collected this year from the Brazil Jars and SVDP collection at St. John Vianney's during Advent we hope to support a **Jujitsu** school program to get the children off the streets, subject to Fr. Mike's approval when he visits Brazil in January.

**(Note - due to mix-up with translation the school is JUIJITSU not Taekwondo)**



### SVDP FOOD BOXES

Parishoners are invited to bring non-perishable goods and deposit them in the box at the back of the church (for adults) and children will bring their gifts up at the offertory to place in the box in front of the altar. The SVDP will make up parcels to be given as a help to the most needy over the Christmas period. Please take time to explain this to children how we receive presents at Christmas but also give to share and help with others.

#### LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT - 100 CLUB

**DRAW IS NEXT SUNDAY AT St. BERNADETTE'S AFTER 11.30am MASS**

**FIRST PRIZE EVERY MONTH £100 SECOND PRIZE EVERY MONTH £25**

**ASK NOW FOR YOUR NUMBERS ALL PROFITS TO THE LOURDES YOUTH PROGRAM.**

**\* Next months draw will be on Sunday 18th Dec at St. John Vianney's after morning mass \***

### CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING MASS

With Advent we have ended the Church's year of 2011 and begin a new liturgical year preparing for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is so easy to look over the past year and see sad moments, weaknesses and even failures where as a parish we have not corresponded to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. On the other hand it is wonderful to recognise that much has been achieved and many people have contributed to creating signs of God's Kingdom a reality in our midst. There are so many people we all need to thank. Some may feel they are important key players while others may feel they are not so important. But all have contributed significantly in some way. Many parishoners do not see Joe up on the roof fixing the slates, Bobby painting, Margaret cleaning up after the kids liturgy, Peter chasing up better prices for the parish, Henry looking after the garden and rubbish, Liz baking, George, Isabel and Vera at the choir practise. Albert, no one sees, in the attic using sticky tape on the electrical wires – just joking! There are many, quietly working away, giving their all for our parishes to carry out their mission.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we will have a Parish Thanksgiving Mass. Remember, last year's was cancelled because of the snow! We all wish to thank those who contribute by working in some way in the parish. Feel invited to come along to our mass **for all parish volunteers** and after mass join together with refreshments on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.00pm Thanksgiving Mass in St. John Vianney's, Alva followed by refreshments in the hall.**

We will be really happy if you are able to come. If you are able, confirm with Tina, Kathryn or myself so we have a rough idea of the numbers we will be catering for.

*Fr. Mike*

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

**20th November 2011, Christ the King.**

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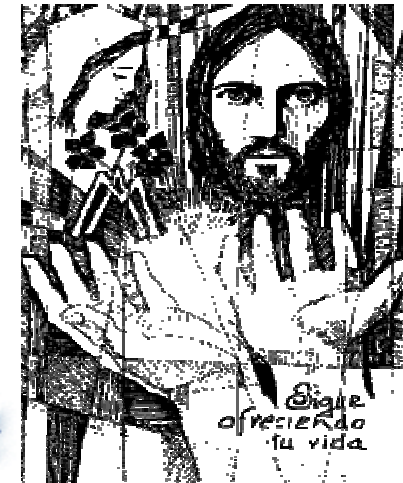


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# Welcome

**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 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 !!!



**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, Mary Elliot, Betty Whitton, Sandy Taylor, Sarah Lownie, Jean Quinn, Christie Scott, Hilda Borkowski, Brendan Murphy, Alec Paterson, Violet Lindsey, Alma White, Veronica Day, Catherine Miller, Michael Ferguson and all those in the various nursing homes.

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

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

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

### 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.

#### UCM:

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.

### Parish Finance Collections 13th Oct 2011



St. Bernadette's £502.86

St. John Vianney's £427.92

**Special Collection,  
next Sunday for  
SPUC and Day for Life**

## 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 20th Nov</b>	<b>Mass times as normal. 12.30pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's 5.00pm - Reception of body of Jackie Davies St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Monday 21st Nov</b>	<b>9.30am - Funeral mass of Jackie Davies, St. Bernadette's 9.30am - Morning office &amp; Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - St. Bernadette's Parents School Council</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd Nov</b>	<b>No Masses in parish.</b>
<b>Wed 23rd Nov</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thursday 24th Nov</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - PPC meet in St. John Vianney's hall</b>
<b>Friday 25th Nov</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 11.30am - Meeting in Edinburgh</b>
<b>Saturday 26th Nov</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass &amp; Confessions, St. Bernadette's.</b>
<b>Sunday 27th Nov</b>	<b>Mass times as normal. First Sunday of Advent. Special Collection, Joint special collection for Day for Life and SPUC.</b>

### **Welcome Dollar Churches**

Today we have a group of representatives from the Dollar churches visiting us for our Sunday mass in St. John Vianney's. We have a small group of Catholics who represent us and participate with the very active Dollar Churches group. Besides coming together to pray and reflect they always do a lot of fund raising for the Third World. Your presence today enriches our community and we give great thanks for you all being with us.

### **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 (01382 384157) or the Diocesan Centre (01382 225453) or at the door before the lecture

**Next Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent is the official date we can no longer use the old translation of the mass. We will have the solemn entrance of the Missal for the altar and Missal for the priest's lectern at the beginning of mass followed by blessing and incensing of both.**

### **END OF CHURCH'S YEAR – A THOUGHT, SERIOUS THOUGHT ?**

The feast of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year. We have no special ceremony. Our focus is all on next week. Advent begins !! Time to begin preparation for Christmas.



In the JEWISH RELIGION they have a lovely way to end their liturgical year. They follow the Torah (their scriptures) and read it from beginning to end. When they get to the end of the roll, in the temple they re-roll the Torah back to the beginning in a special ceremony and parade round the temple with the children waving banners or flags. A great feast.

While doing this the empty ARK where the Torah is kept is filled with candles as a sign that God is the True Light. Sometimes they read a few biblical verses from Deuteronomy and Genesis. All this to signify they have reached and end of their scriptural reading, of the torah, for this year.



Us **CATHOLICS ?** ..... We take the Lectionary "A" back to the sacristy, put it in a drawer, and bring out Lectionary "B" for the new Advent..... Makes you jealous?

#### **THOUGHTS FOR CHRIST THE KING**

When I gave food to the poor, they called me a saint. When I asked why the poor were hungry, they called me a communist. **(Helder Camara)**

If it were not for Christianity it would be very easy to avoid criticism. All you would have to do would be to say nothing do nothing and be nothing. But unfortunately the Last Judgment paints a more demanding picture of what is actually required. **(Oliver Todd)**

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. **(John Wesley)**

### **PRISONERS WEEK 20th - 27th NOVEMBER**

What is it like preparing to return to a community left possibly some considerable time ago? Will it be the same, or how, realistically will things have changed?

Starting over can be hard, but with the right support it can be done. So what kind of support might that be? How can communities prepare for the return of those who have been away in prison ? are there things that help, and if so what are they ?

**"WELCOME HOME? STARTING OVER AFTER PRISON"** is the theme to this Prisoners Week.

The day of liberation from prison is a moment of mixed feelings for all concerned- a time of hope but also one of anxiety and uncertainty. The potential for new beginnings is certainly there, but they are unlikely to be achieved without support from family, community and statutory agencies. Old temptations easily arise – one's best and most loyal friends may be bad influences. Continuing sentence restrictions may seem irksome rather than helpful, and the released person may still feel like a "prisoner", "on trial" in the community. We can pray – that is no doubt a help – but with Glenochil on our neighbourhood more important questions should be bothering us: Can we do anything to help ? What can we do ? What goes on in the prison? How does Fr. Andrew function as a chaplain? Does he need help ?

**Many thanks to all who contributed, helped and attended the Christmas Fayre last week. The sum of £484.30 was raised which will be divided between the two parishes.**