

## LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT

It has not been really necessary to announce that our parish Lourdes/ Youth 100 Draw has been going very well. The number who are participating and the surprise prizes have been enough. But behind the scenes other things have been happening. Quite a few contacts have been made with St. Modan's school and we have 4 youths who have come forward and been accepted to go to Lourdes. There is one from Alva, one from Tullibody, one from Fishcross and one resident in Alloa, all are practising Catholics and have met for some informal contacts with our parish team. Soon, we expect in February they will meet others in the Diocesan team.

The Knights of St. Columba have committed themselves to a fund raising event for us. Soon we will have more news to offer.

### **LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB**

The next draw will be on Sunday 29th January after 11.30 morning Mass at St. Bernadette's

If you are not a member and would like to join there are still numbers available for the 100 club draw, you can pay either £1 per month or £12 per annum.

All proceeds go to the Lourdes Youth Fund

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVALUATION

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet at the beginning of February to reflect on Advent and Christmas 2011 and observe what can help us grow and have a better liturgy next Advent. Your views would be good feedback for us. So if you have the time note any ideas you have that may help us. If you went to any of the liturgical celebrations it would be good to hear: what was helpful and prayerful; was a good preparation for Christmas; helped you personally; the time or place was not good. Celebrations that would be helpful to have feedback on: Penitential Service, the Blues Mass, School Advent masses and end of term mass, times for individual confessions, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and House masses. It is worth noting that our numbers at all liturgical celebrations were considerably up (more than doubled) except for Stations for Christmas at Alva where only 1 person from Tullibody turned up. New ideas and alternatives are always welcome and considered.

## Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy at St. Bernadette's will be on Sunday 8th January.



Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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**1st & 8th January 2012**  
**Mary Mother of God & The Epiphany**

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& [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys) or Google us !!!

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

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

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

Frank Simpson and James Clancy

## 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. **January meeting on 11th.**

**Parish Finance**  
**Collections**  
**25th Dec 2011**



**St. Bernadette's**    **£1171.71**

**St. John Vianney's**    **£804.88**

**There will be no newsletter next Sunday, next issue will be on 15th January**

## NEXT 2 WEEKS DIARY & 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 1st Jan</b> 2012 New Year	<b>Morning Mass times as normal. NO EVENING MASS</b> <b>Feast of Mary, Mother of God</b>
<b>Mon 2nd Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's.</b>
<b>Tues 3rd Jan</b>	<b>No services in parish</b>
<b>Wed 4th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thurs 5th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Friday 6th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Sat 7th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 8th Jan</b>	<b>Mass times as normal. Fr. Willie Brandon SMA</b> <b>Special Collection for Justice &amp; Peace</b>
<b>Mon 9th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's.</b>
<b>Tues 10th Jan</b>	<b>No services in parish</b>
<b>Wed 11th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thurs 12th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Friday 13th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's</b> <b>Feast of St Kentigern (Mungo)</b>
<b>Sat 14th Jan</b>	<b>9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 15th Jan</b>	<b>Mass times as normal. Fr. Willie Brandon SMA</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Ordinary time</b>

### **Forthcoming Events**

Sun 8th Jan	Justice & Peace - Special Collection
Mon 9th Jan	the weekday liturgy begins the Ordinary Time.
22nd January	African Missions - Special Collection
Thurs 2nd Feb	PPC 7.00pm St. John Vianney's hall
Mon 6th Feb	Fabric & maintenance meeting
Wed 8th Feb	Parish Financial Council
Sun 12th Feb	Baptism St. John Vianney's
Sun 12th Feb	Education Sunday
Wed 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday

**At the end of every year the Pope meets with his closest advisors and gives his personal review of the year.**

**His opening words may serve as a reflection for us as we begin a new year:**

".....As this year draws to a close, Europe is undergoing an economic and financial crisis, which is ultimately based on the ethical crisis looming over the Old Continent. Even if such values as solidarity, commitment to one's neighbour and responsibility towards the poor and suffering are largely uncontroversial, still the motivation is often lacking for individuals and large sectors of society to practise renunciation and make sacrifices. Perception and will do not necessarily go hand in hand. In defending personal interests, the will obscures perception, and perception thus weakened is unable to stiffen the will. In this sense, some quite fundamental questions emerge from this crisis: where is the light that is capable of illuminating our perception not merely with general ideas, but with concrete imperatives? Where is the force that draws the will upwards? These are questions that must be answered by our proclamation of the Gospel, by the new evangelization, so that message may become event, so that proclamation may lead to life. The key theme of this year, and of the years ahead, is this: how do we proclaim the Gospel today? How can faith as a living force become a reality today?"

### **URSULINE VISIT**

Just before Christmas we had a very quick visit from Sr. Hazel. She is a Canadian nun of the General Council of the Ursulines and was on a pastoral visit of all the Ursuline nuns in Scotland and spent a few days with Sr. Nora.

### **Mary Mother of God**

Today's feast of Mary, the Mother of God is always 1st of January. Holy Family falls on first Sunday IF IT IS NOT the first of January, when it is the Holy Family is on 30th December which we celebrated on Friday.

### **Christmas Offering**

Those who have the envelopes will have noticed that there were two envelopes – one for the Sunday and one for the Christmas Offering collection. Since they coincided we did not want to have a second collection on Christmas day. We would appreciate it if those who still have their Christmas Offering envelopes place them in any collection or basket over the next few Sundays. Many thanks.

**In emergencies for funerals etc. please contact Canon John at St. Mungo's Alloa, who will be covering for Fr. Mike during the next couple of weeks**