

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

Sunday 15th Jan	Mass times as normal. 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time. Fr. Pat McGuire
Mon 16th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's. 4.00pm - St. John Vianney's, Reception of body of Margaret Skelton
Tues 17th Jan	10.00am - St. John Vianney's, Funeral Mass of Margaret Skelton
Wed 18th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's 5.00pm - St. John Vianney's, Reception of body of Roma Canning
Thurs 19th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's 11.00am - St. John Vianney's, Funeral Mass of Roma Canning
Friday 20th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's
Sat 21st Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 22nd Jan	Mass times as normal. Cannon Charles Hendry 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time. Special Collection for African Missions
Mon 23rd Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's.
Tues 24th Jan	No services in parish
Wed 25th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's
Thurs 26th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's
Friday 27th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's
Sat 28th Jan	9.30am - Morning Office and Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 29th Jan	Mass times as normal

Forthcoming Events

22nd January	African Missions Collection
Thurs 2nd Feb	PPC St. John Vianney's Hall
Mon 6th Feb	Fabric & Maint 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

St Bernadette's RC Primary School

All parents and carers wishing to enrol their child in our Primary One class (August 2012) are invited to the school on Friday 13th - Thursday 19th January between 9am and 3pm. If you would like to tour the school or meet with Mrs O'Neill please call in advance to make an appointment. Please bring your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificates (if applicable) with you. Thank you.



The next Children's Liturgy at St. Bernadette's will be on 22nd January.



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.

Justice & Peace Letter for Epiphany Sunday 2012

Letter read at all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany 2012 Sunday 8th January

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We bring the season of Christmas to a close at Epiphany by remembering the gifts the Wise Men brought to the infant Jesus. The values of the world were turned upside down as wealth and power fell down and worshipped a poor and vulnerable little child. The values of the powerful and selfish could only reassert themselves with the violence that would stalk the life of Jesus, from Herod's massacre to the crucifixion brought about by those who felt their self interest threatened.

True giving is a sign of a healthy balance of relationship, in ourselves and with others. We give because we want to, not because we have to. Yet that does not mean that there is no sacrifice: quite the opposite. While giving may well involve money or gifts – as we know too well - it also changes us and brings us into a better harmony with God's creation.

We become more aware of those who live without life's basic needs and whose dignity is impaired. We find ourselves unsettled by human inequality, at home and abroad. We are more sensitive to the abuse of wealth and power for personal gain at the expense of others.

The opposite of giving is selfishness, holding on to what we have, by force if necessary. And selfishness is at the root of poverty, war and ignorance, the great social evils. The Gospel calls us to give up this selfishness and practise true charity. True charity is the God-infused love that wants everyone to have life to the full. True charity is rooted in justice – giving people their due. Without that justice there is no true peace.

Charity then is the measure of our responsibility as mature Christians. It is at the heart of what Pope Benedict has called the New Evangelisation, of opening ourselves to bring what Pope Benedict called the New Evangelisation, of opening ourselves to bring others the gift of the Gospel, a gift truly worth giving.

Peter A Moran

Bishop - President J & P Commission Scotland

BRAZIL

Father Mike will let us know how monies will be spent when he comes back, many thanks to all who contributed with their coins throughout the year with the Brazil Jars. Special thanks to the Knights of St. Columba and to both groups of SVDP in Alva and Tullibody who all made special contributions.

Please remember in your prayers the people around the area where Fr. Mike visits who lost all of their belongings and homes in terrible floods and landslides at this time 2 years ago.

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

SALE ON E-BAY

We raised £130.05 from the sale on E-bay. The Celtic Ball (£19), Aberdeen Ball (£26.05), Tony Blair Memorabilia (£35) and the Tommy Burns Book (£50). Thanks to Mr John Smith for donating the Tommy Burns book. The costs were 10%, so totalled £13, meaning overall we have £117.05 going into the Lourdes Youth kitty.

AFTER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: - FOR KIDS AND PARENTS ... WELL EVERYBODY !

Well.... It's all over... Christmas, it came and went just like that!

Did you all have a good Christmas? Was it fun and exciting?

By now all the Christmas decorations and the tree are away until next year.

Christmas is over... it's a new year and we need to get on with that.

Did any of you have the manger with Jesus and Mary and Joseph? Wasn't it nice to look at that and think about the Christmas Story and Jesus being born? Most people have a special one that they get out every year and always children love to look at Jesus. I guess it will be time to put Jesus away too... hey wait, maybe we shouldn't put him away. What do you think? Do you know that sometimes we put Jesus away from our hearts too?

After Christmas it seems that we get busy with the New Year and we forget to think about Jesus and talk to him and pray... I guess we really do put him away. What do you think about us making a deal right here this morning not to forget about Jesus. Let's agree that we won't forget about Jesus and we will talk to him and think about him and pray! Jesus is really good all year long... he is what makes every time of the year important and we should never put him away. . . . What do you think?

Let's pray.

Lord, forgive us for putting you away after Christmas for not thinking about you and not praying to you.

Thank you for being with us all through the year.

You are truly the reason for every season and we love you. Amen.

AQUINAS (January 28th)

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:



Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

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15th & 22nd January 2012
2nd & 3rd 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.



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

Remember those who have recently died Margaret Skelton, Roma Canning, John Barrie and Margaret Blackwood and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.....

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.

There will be a special collection next Sunday 22nd January for African Missions

Parish Finance, Collections

St. Bernadette's 1st Jan 2012	£554.67
8th Jan	£479.21
Justice & Peace	£157.06
St. John Vianney's 1st Jan 2012	£361.70
8th Jan	£386.36
Justice & Peace	£217.50

There will be no newsletter next Sunday, next issue will be on 29th January