

"Educating Young People in Justice and Peace"

Extracts from Pope Benedict XVI's Message for World Day of Peace 2012

Today more than ever we need authentic witnesses, and not simply people who parcel out rules and facts. . . A witness is someone who first lives the life that he proposes to others.

It is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace.

Dear young people, you are a precious gift for society. Do not yield to discouragement in the face of difficulties and do not abandon yourselves to false solutions which often seem the easiest way to overcome problems. Do not be afraid to make a commitment, to face hard work and sacrifice, to choose the paths that demand fidelity and constancy, humility and dedication.

Dear young people, realise that you yourselves are an example and an inspiration to adults, even more so to the extent that you seek to overcome injustice and corruption and strive to build a better future. Be aware of your potential; never become self-centred but work for a brighter future for all. You are never alone. The Church has confidence in you, follows you, encourages you and wishes to offer you the most precious gift she has: the opportunity to raise your eyes to God, to encounter Jesus Christ, Who is Himself justice and peace.

Man is a being who bears within his heart a thirst for the infinite, a thirst for truth - a truth which is not partial but capable of explaining life's meaning - since he was created in the image and likeness of God.

... Hence the first step in education is learning to recognise the Creator's image in man, and consequently learning to have a profound respect for every human being.

As part of Catholic Education Week teachers and school children will be participating in a special way at our masses.



Bear joyful witness to the truth of the Gospel which liberates our minds and enlightens our efforts to live wisely and well, both as individuals and as members of society"
- Pope Benedict XVI



Dollar and District Churches Together – Coffee Morning

Crossroads Caring Scotland, Clackmannanshire, is an organisation active in our communities. Its purpose is to provide short respite breaks for carers who can be seriously challenged in their own health as they care for loved ones. Please support our Coffee Morning in whatever way you can.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 18 February 2012 in Burnside Hall Dollar from 10am till 12 noon. Bottle Stall Preserves and Baking, and other stalls. Admission: Adults £3/ School children £1.

Tickets from John McPartlin(01259 742905), to whom donations may also be given.

HELP – DUNKELD DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE : In order for the sick to go on the Lourdes Pilgrimage this year we need a set number of NURSES. The appeal worked well last year and the nurses benefited from the experience as well as the sick. Hence this appeal:
CAN OUR PARISH PROVIDE A NURSE ? CAN WE SPONSOR A NURSE ? CAN WE SUBSIDISE A NURSE'S FARE ?
* Nurses interested please contact Fr. Mike soon. *

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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12th February 2012
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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& 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, Hugh Mangan, Lawrence Allan, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary Dryland, Mary Wilkie, Jackie Smith, Jean Quinn, Mary McGeehan, Mary Elliot, Betty Whitton, Sandy Taylor, Sarah Lownie, Christie Scott, Alma White, Brendan Murphy, Hilda Borkowski, Violet Lindsey, Veronica Day, Catherine Miller, Michael Ferguson and all those in the various nursing homes.
Also baby Isaac McGuire(2) who is seriously ill.

Remember those who have recently diedBob Pickering and baby Owen McGuire
Josie Nicholl died last week. Many will remember her as a teacher and head teacher of the old St. Mungo's primary school.

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

Cathie Stolarek

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.

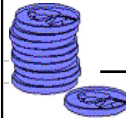
UCM:

Meet every Wed 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 2012

	St. Bernadette's 5th Feb	£403.03
	St. John Vianney's 5th Feb	£445.05

NEXT 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 12th Feb	Mass times as normal. Start of Catholic Education Week - Special Collection 12.45pm - Baptism St. John Vianney's
Mon 13th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tues 14th Feb	No Masses in parishes
Wed 15th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Lourdes Youth meeting
Thurs 16th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Friday 17th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Sat 18th Feb	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 19th Feb	Mass times as normal.

Forthcoming Events

21st Feb	Bingo Tea at school
22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday
13 +14th March	Council of priest, Pitlochry
26th March	6pm Confessions, catechetics, in Alva
29th March	Sponsored Walk for Malawi
16th April	St. Bernadette's feast day, school mass 11.45 am at school
29th April	Confirmations in St. John Vianney's and St. Bernadette's
1st May	2pm UCM mass, Alva
19th May	10-12 noon mini retreat for first communicants of catechetics, Alva
10th June	First communion St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's
29th June	End of term school mass.

SCOTTISH YOUTH CROSS RETREAT CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
Overnight retreat. Saturday 10th March 1.00pm TO Sunday 11th March 12.30pm
Place: Pastoral Centre, Dundee Cost of Retreat : £12
See Fr. Mike and Poster at back of Church.

SCOTTISH YOUTH CROSS will be in our Diocese from 7th – 26th March.
We are looking into possibilities of the cross coming to St. Bernadette's School.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2012

MY dear people,

This Education Sunday, as we celebrate the Church's mission to teach, I am delighted to be able to commend to you a recent publication of the Bishops' Conference.

You will be familiar with these words from the Rite of baptism: "This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord." These words are spoken as parents and godparents stand with the child who is being baptised holding a lit candle which symbolises the light of faith being offered to the child.

THIS IS OUR FAITH is a fitting title, therefore, for the new document which, with the endorsement of the Holy See, now governs the teaching of Catholic religious education in Scotland. It has been designed to offer children and young people a vision of life which proclaims the world to be God's creation, humans to be made in the image and likeness of God and Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and Lord.

It embraces a vision of religious education which provides opportunities to learn about Jesus, to understand His teaching, to develop the virtues and values which He promotes and to follow Him as "*the Way, the Truth and the Life.*"

THIS IS OUR FAITH will shape the planning of opportunities for faith learning which are provided in the classroom and are enriched by learning at home and in the parish. It will be a great source of support at home and in the parish. It will be a great source of support and inspiration for teachers, families and parishes as they accompany young people on their journeys of faith.

THIS IS OUR FAITH will help us all, in the words OF Pope Benedict XVI, to "**form new generations not only in knowledge of the faith but in every aspect of what it means to live as mature and responsible citizens in today's world.**"

On behalf of the Bishop's Conference, I wish to express deep gratitude to all those who have contributed to the development of this significant new document, which has been published by our own Scottish Catholic Education Service whose work you are asked to support with your prayers and your contribution to today's second collection.

With every good wish and blessing,

Yours in Christ,

Joseph Devine,

Bishop of Motherwell, President of the Catholic Education Commission.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY DAY

The Diocese is keen to provide opportunities for young people to become involved in liturgical music. We have great organists but we could do with more, many more, musicians. There will be a **YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY DAY on 25th February** led by Fr. Kevin Golden. This will be a practical day with opportunities to play music and/or to sing. See the poster at the back of the church but if anyone is interested make yourself known the Parish will try and provide transport – but do it NOW !!!!