

43rd World Communications Day – 24 May 2009

A continuation of Bishop Tartaglia's letter from last week....

On the matter of respect the Pope rightly warns against the misuse of language and images. We should always avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, debase human sexuality and exploit the vulnerable.

In Dialogue with others we need to be wary of the inane chatter that can go on in the digital world which does nothing to promote growth in understanding and tolerance.

When it comes to friendship it would be profoundly sad, if, in the Pope's words: "our desire to sustain and develop on-line friendships were to be at the cost of our availability to engage with our families, our neighbours and those we meet in the daily reality of our places of work, education and recreation." The fact that we can instantly communicate doesn't mean that we must. We should avoid an obsessive need for virtual connectedness and develop primary human relationships, pursuing true friendship with real people.

In particular the Pope asks young people, the digital generation, to take on responsibility for the evangelization of the "digital continent", sharing with other young people the Good News of Jesus Christ, the saviour of all people. The Pope invites young people to be the heralds of the good use of digital technology!

Here in Scotland the Church has been quick to embrace new technology to transmit its message to the new generation. The website of our National Media Office www.scmo.org contains news releases and briefings on the work of the Church as well as audio and video content. What's more, each diocese and many parishes have their own website offering information and detail never before available, free of charge, to anyone with an internet connection.

From today, I am delighted to announce that our Media Office website will also include video content from the Vatican's new "You Tube" video channel for viewing and download. Lastly, I appeal to you to remember the great work which our small but dedicated team of Catholic communicators do in Scotland and ask you to be generous in supporting this Communications Sunday collection in order to help the Church strive to uphold the truths we hold dear in the ever-more challenging world of digital communications.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

**Bishop Philip Tartaglia +,
Bishop of Paisley
President of National Communications Commission**

Altar Servers - Again

We are still looking for some smart, intelligent kids that want to serve the community as altar servers. No earlier experience needed! We will offer training. So if you are interested or know of someone who might be, we will be having practices at 10.30 every Saturday morning at St. Bernadette's, Tullibody. Each session should last a half hour.

Diocesan Education Mass

Every year the Diocese promotes a special mass for all those involved in education in the Diocese. Normally one or two people manage to go to this mass but some parishes manage to hire buses for parishioners. Perhaps a few teachers and youths would be interested to organise a few cars to go together to participate in this special mass of our diocesan family. Fr. Mike has 4 places, first come, first served basis!

**4th June, Time 7.00pm, Cathedral Dundee
See Fr. Mike for more details.**



Sunday Mass Times

9.30 am, St. John Vianney's
Alva

11.30 am, St. Bernadette's
Tullibody

6.15 pm, St. John Vianney's
Alva

Newsletter for the Parishes of St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's

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Welcome - If you are a visitor to our Parish or have just moved into the area, then please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church and remember - there are no strangers here only new friends you just haven't yet met.



**Please
Remember in
Your Prayers**

The twins who were baptised this week. Those who are sick...Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultza, Chris Conway, Mary Dryland, Mrs Goldie, Veronica Clarke, Helen Kennedy, Mrs. Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Josie Nichols, Harry Burns, Robert McInnes, and William Norwood

Recently died...Helen Kennedy

And those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... Carlo Marchini, Bernard McKeon, Sarah Masterson, Mary J. Smith, James Dunnion, and Agnes Smith

Parish Finances 2009 Collections

St. John Vianney's, Alva	
17 May	£457.17
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
17 May	£403.56

SCIAF Has sent letters to thank and congratulate both parishes for their collections OF THE "WEE BOXES" during Lent. On the notice boards.



*Second Collection for
Communications This Sunday 24th*

Weekly Diary and Forth Coming Events

Sunday, 24 May	Masses as normal. 1.00pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Monday, 25 May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Prayer & Meeting, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, Alva
Wednesday, 27 May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 28 May	9.30am - School Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 10.30am St. Modan's Welcoming Mass for new intake
Friday, 29 May	7.00pm - Mass of Our Lady, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Saturday, 30 May	No confessions or 9.30 Mass 11.00am - Mass celebrating Wedding Anniversary of George & Karen McGlaughlin. Fr. Michael Milton, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 11.30am - Mass, Dundee 150 th anniversary Sisters of Mercy

Sunday, 31 May	Pentecost
Thursday, 4 June	European Polling Day 7.00pm - Education Mass, Dundee Cathedral
Monday, 8 June	Communications Team Meeting
Saturday, 13 June	1.00pm - 50th Jubilee Mass - Dundee
Sunday, 14 June	Corpus Christi 10.30am - First Communion, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 3.00pm - Diocesan Mass of Blessed Sacrament, Dundee
Monday, 15 June	6.00pm - Penitential service for First Communion Children, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 16 June	11.00am - Chris McMonagle is retiring from St. Bernadette's School, Mass of Thanksgiving, Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Logan, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 18 June	9.30am - Mass, First Communion Group + Refreshments, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 19 June	Feast Sacred Heart, 7.00pm Cathedral Dundee
Saturday, 20 June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody, no confessions 11.00am - First Communion, St. John Vianney's, Alva



On Friday, 29th May, we will close the **Month of May, Month of Mary** with a mass in honour of Our Lady on Friday evening at 7pm in St. Bernadette's.

Blessed Sacrament on Feast Of Corpus Christi, 14 June at St. Clement's Church Dundee, 3.00pm

Normally all Eucharistic Ministers are invited to this celebration. Fr. Mike thinks it will be extremely difficult for him to go as one of the morning masses that day is First Communion in Alva and he has to be back for the evening mass. (If Fr. Mike can manage he can take 4 people but will leave immediately after mass – rushing!!)

Normally each Eucharistic Minister would have received a personal invite from Bishop Logan but all the names and addresses have not been sent yet because the disclosure forms have not been returned. This is due to a much larger problem that the Diocese is resolving. It would be extremely important if some of our Eucharistic Ministers could organise themselves to participate at this mass set aside by the Diocese especially for them.

Caring for our Sick

Jesus showed the sick were a priority in his ministry and they are very important people in our parish community. We try and do the best we can caring for our sick within the parish. At times we do have relatives, friends and family who have to stay in hospital and we, as a Church Community, wish to continue our support and care. However, we do depend on the total collaboration of immediate family.



Because of the very strict laws on data protection the hospital staff will NOT inform us if someone is a catholic. So please: If someone is in the Clackmannan County Hospital inform Fr. Michael Milton. He is the official chaplain there.

In any other hospital it is important to inform Fr. Mike to make a mention in the parish newsletter. He will also try and inform the chaplain of that particular hospital. However, family it is of fundamental importance that you insist on the Ward that your sick relative is catholic and would like a visit from a catholic priest. You have to explicitly inform the staff that they have to communicate with the chaplain. If you do not insist, even though you fill in a form, nothing will probably happen.

The Year of The Priest

The Year of The Priest, Pope Benedict has declared will begin on the **Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 19 June**, and will continue until the same date 2010. It is also the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney who the Pope will declare patron saint of all priests. On the same day as the Pope inaugurates this year Bishop Logan invites parishioners for **Vespers and Benediction in the cathedral at 7.00pm**. Fr. Michael has invited our parishes to join with his to go by bus. Please inform Fr. Michael IMMEDIATELY if you wish to go.

Volunteers, Co-Workers, Do-Ers and Thinkers

There have been a lot of small improvements over the past few months. To mention a few:

- New notice boards, inside and outside in Alva
- "Reform" of the St. Bernadette shrine
- Repository for the Holy Oils
- Painting, soundproofing of confessionals in both parishes
- Laying of carpets and wallpaper and painting in 4 rooms in parish house
- Setting up of parish office with computer and photocopying machine
- Repair of slates on parish house roof
- Reorganising of repository
- New baptismal font
- Reform of servers' sacristy
- Painting of sacristy in St. Bernadette's

In the plans for the next few weeks is the reform and painting of the sacristies in Alva. What is of immediate concern is to evaluate the damage of the two major roof leaks we have on the church roof in St. Bernadette's. Despite the height, we need to see if they are easily repaired and perhaps take the opportunity to paint the window frames. However, examination may show the wood is already rotten and major repairs may be involved.

Every parish is obliged to have a Fabric and Maintenance Committee who looks after the buildings of the church. So far, this has been left to individuals but hopefully, in the next few weeks we will formalize this by inviting people to form this group. It does NOT mean they will be doing the repairs but are a consultation group who understand the practical issues involved and can help lead to practical solutions. If you know of people with such capabilities

