

St. Columba (Tuesday, 9 June)

St. Columba or Colum or Columba is the most famous of saints connected with Scotland even though he was an Irishman of royal family born about 521. His first 15 years as a priest was spent in founding monasteries around Ireland. Some say because of missionary zeal he left for Scotland. Others because Columba felt morally responsible for a war between Clans at the end of which he was censured and almost excommunicated but for the intervention of St. Brendan. No matter the real reason, in 563 Columba and 12 companions left for Scotland to found the famous monastery at Iona which became his missionary base for travelling all round Scotland. When not travelling he lived the simple, monastic life of a monk making Iona a famous centre of Christian learning and spirituality.

Mass will be said in St. Bernadette's on the Wednesday, 10 June

Morning Prayer

New booklet of the Divine Office's Morning Prayer, based on Week II, is ready and we will now use it as the first part of Daily mass during the week until the Offertory.

Funeral Prayers

Another booklet is being prepared containing evening prayer that could be said after the reception of the coffin into the church. It will also have the Morning Office for the Dead which could be said 20 minutes before the funeral mass.

**"Let me bless almighty God,
whose power extends o'er sea and land, whose
angels watch o'er all.
Let me study sacred books to calm my soul.
I pray for peace,
kneeling at heaven's gates.
Let me do my daily work,
gathering seaweed, catching fish,
giving food to the poor.
Let me say my daily prayers,
sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,
always thanking God.
Delightful it is to live on a peaceful isle,
in a quiet cell,
serving the King of kings."**

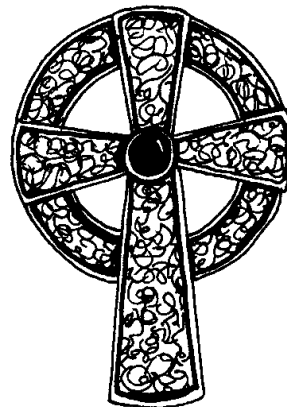
Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction

Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction will take place at 7.00pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on Friday 19 June 2009 – to inaugurate the YEAR OF THE PRIEST called for by Pope Benedict. The preacher will be the Very Rev. Ronald McAish, C.Ss.R. Provincial of the Redemptorists.

Fr. Michael is organising **a bus that will leave Alloa at 5pm. Lists for those interest at the back of St. Mungo's church. If there are sufficient form Tullibody/Alva the bus could stop here.**

Diocesan Celebration for Eucharistic Ministers

Every year there is Benediction, procession and a guest preacher at St. Clement's Parish in Dundee (3.00pm). Bishop Logan always invites personally all the Eucharistic Ministers. As explained because of some administrative difficulties with "disclosure" all the names and addresses of our ministers have not yet been forwarded but all have been invited. As announced at last Sunday's masses there is a letter in the sacristy for each minister. Please make the effort to participate!



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

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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

Those who are sick...Pat Franchie, Bronia Schultz, Chris Conway, Vera Mary Veronica Clarke, Mary Dryland, Mrs Goldie, Veronica Clarke, Mrs. Jean McCann, Annie Fitzgerald, Patrick Meehan, Annie Russell, Josie Nichols, Harry Burns, Robert McInnes, William Norwood, William Stenhouse and Laurence Allen

Those who have recently died... Catherine Kelly

And those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... Tony and Patrick Mangan, Pat Parry, Jack Davies

Parish Finances 2009 Collections

St. John Vianney's, Alva	
31 May	£407.46
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
31 May	£467.70

Weekly Diary and Forth Coming Events

Sunday, 7 June Trinity Sunday	Masses as normal.
Monday, 8 June	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Communications Team Meeting
Wednesday, 10 June	9.30am - Mass - St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 11 June	9.30am - School Mass followed by Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 4.00pm - Parish Financial Council
Friday, 12 June	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday, 13 June	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 1.00pm - 50th Jubilee Mass - Dundee
Sunday, 14 June Corpus Christi	11.30am - First Communion, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 3.00pm - Diocesan Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Dundee, for Eucharistic Ministers.
Monday, 15 June	6.00pm - Penitential service for First Communion Children, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 16 June	11.00am - Mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Logan in church. Chris McMonagle retirement from St. Bernadette's School
Thursday, 18 June	9.30am - Mass, First Communion Group + Refreshments, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 19 June	7.00pm - Feast Sacred Heart, Cathedral Dundee
Saturday, 20 June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody, No Confessions 11.00am - First Communion, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Sunday, 21 June	Masses as normal.
Monday, 22 June	6.00pm - End of term Mass of Catechetics, St. John Vianney's

**Next Week Corpus Christi In Scotland Is Not Celebrated On The Thursday
But On Sunday 14th June**

Youth

On Sunday 21 June, Carol Gillespie the Youth Coordinator of the diocese and James the part-time youth worker for our Deanery area will speak at all masses. In the afternoon at 4.30 pm at the Parish Hall in St. John Vianney's there will be a meeting to listen some more to them but also to talk about, reflect on the situation of the youth in our Parish and how we as a Parish community can work with them. Anyone who has had experience working with youth, has suggestions, or just wants to listen is more than welcome. We ask the youth (between 14 and 30 years old) especially to participate as they should be making their own history instead of us trying to make it for them.

First Communions

We are approaching the time of the year when some of our young people are making their First Holy Communion. We have two basic large groups: one in St. Bernadette's Primary school and the other the group of Catequese in St. John Vianney's, For various reasons we do not see many of these children participating at the Sunday mass. There are only four or five from other parishes so we hope the others are being taken to mass in other parishes and not just going through the "motions" of making their first communion because it has always been like this in the family.

Now that the children will be joining us at the table of the Lord to eat his body and drink his blood. We all have a responsibility towards these children. There have been a variety of meetings organised in both parishes. We would like to remind the parents what was agreed upon regarding the dates, times, final preparations, dress and taking of photographs etc. If in doubt, or forgotten, please check with one of the other parents or those who are responsible.

Thursday, 11 June 9.30am - First Communion class at daily mass followed by confessions., St. Bernadette's church

Sunday, 14 June 11.30am First Communion Mass, St. Bernadette's

Monday, 15 June 6.00pm at St. John Vianney's, First Communion class Penitential service

Thursday, 18 June St. Bernadette's Group in First Communion clothes at 9.30am mass.

Saturday, 20 June 11.00am First Communion Mass, St. John Vianney's.

Let's remember the children in our prayers so that through our example, and that of those who have been involved in their preparation, they may come to know the joy of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us pray that their First Communion may be the first of many and that they may grow in faith until that day when they play their full part in the Body of Christ that is the Church.

Trinity Sunday

***The feasts of the church we normally celebrate are connected to "Events".
Trinity Sunday is one of the few that celebrates a Christian doctrine.***

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate our God, one God but three persons. Once we've said this we've said it all. It's possible to delve into theological arguments about the precise role of each of the three persons, whether their activity overlaps and how it is exercised in salvation history. But this is to miss the point. Today's feast is ultimately about the grandeur of God, about his (or her) otherness. Anything we want to say about God we have to multiply by infinity and even then we are no closer to describing God. Our liturgy invites us simply to stand in awe. We worship God simply because he has shown that he loves us. Let us rejoice and be glad!