

## Mr. Chris McGonagle Retiring from St. Bernadette's

Mr. Christ McGonagle came to St. Bernadette's as head teacher 20 years ago after having worked in schools in Grangemouth and Falkirk. Chris asked for early retirement and wanted to slip away quietly. When we insisted we should have at least a mass of thanksgiving he agreed. He has asked for the mass to be more a children's' mass and to remember the deceased teachers and fellow workers. ALL ARE INVITED !

**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 11 AM IN ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH**

Monsgr Kevin McCaffrey, vicar general, representing Bishop Logan, will preside at concelebrated mass for retirement mass of head teacher Chris McGonagle.

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THE MASS.

## THANK YOU

Nine out of ten people who use the word "Eucharist" think of an object. They think of the Eucharist as a thing, bread or wine that is transformed into the body and blood of Christ. But strictly speaking Eucharist is not a thing, it's an action. It's the action of giving thanks. In fact, the word for "thank you" that is heard thousands of times every day in modern Greece is "evaristo", the same word as Eucharist.

Each time Christians celebrate Eucharist they thank God for all that God has done in the past and continues to do for us today. The Eucharistic Prayer is one long prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the fact that God made us, redeemed us through Christ and continues to support us today in the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again at the end of time. In our worship we "Eucharist" God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi) is a reminder to us that Christ has left us a memorial of his Passion and death and that by our action of Eucharist we make really present the grace and power of God on our altars. At every Eucharist bread and wine is brought up in procession and laid on the altar. Our prayer to God is that the Holy Spirit may transform these humble elements so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

If we are really celebrating Eucharist then we need to offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice to God along with the bread and wine. We need to bring all our hopes and joys, our dreams and reservations, our plans and worries so that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the central act of our community, the source of all our strength and the summit to which all our activity as Church is directed.



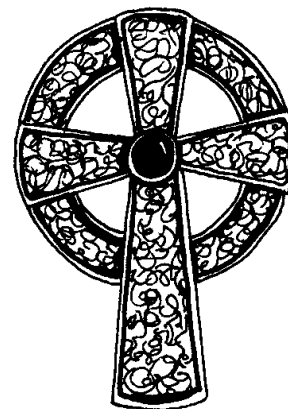
## Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction

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.**

## Congratulations Father Mike on your Anniversary of Priesthood.

**BISHOP VINCENT** is in recovery and house-bound after doing some sudden surgery. The reports are that he is well but has delegated his activities to our Vicar General Monsgr Ken McCaffrey for the next few weeks. We remember him very much in our prayers and wish him a quick recovery.



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

14 June 2009

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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 newcomers 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...Franchie, Bronia Schultza, 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, Lawrence Allan, William Stenhouse.

Those who have recently died... James David Anderson and Bridie Cairns (both lived here).

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

### Parish Finances 2009 Collections

St. John Vianney's, Alva	
7 June	£379.64
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
7 June	£456.37

# Weekly Diary and Forth Coming Events

Sunday, 14 June Corpus Christi	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva 11.30am - First Communion, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 3.00pm - Diocesan Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Dundee, for Eucharistic Ministers. 6.15pm—Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Monday, 15 June	9.30am - Mass + confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva 12.15pm - Religious celebration for James David Anderson at funeral parlour 6.00pm - Penitential service for First Communion Children, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 16 June	No Mass at 9.30am 11.00am - Mass, concelebrated by Vicar-General Monsg Ken McCaffrey in St. Bernadette's church. Chris McMonagle retirement from St. Bernadette's School
Wednesday, 17 June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody Father Mike - 32 years ordination
Thursday, 18 June	9.30am - Mass, First Communion Group + Refreshments, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 19 June Feast Sacred Heart	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva 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. Diocesan Youth team speaking at all masses 4.30pm - Meeting in parish hall, St. John Vianney's with Diocesan Youth Team.
Monday, 22 June	6.00pm - End of term Mass of Catechetics, St. John Vianney's

## FIRST COMMUNIONS NEXT YEAR !

We already have had enquires when are first communions next year as people were wanting to invite relatives from abroad and so need to plan holidays etc, Normally first communions are within the first 6 weeks after the sacrament of confirmation. However, the bishop's diary for confirmations is normally only published at the end of the year so for the time being the simple answer is we do not know. Sorry !

## SUNDAY WORD OF GOD YEAR B

EX 24:3-8 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-14,22-26

READINGS may be different for liturgical or pastoral reasons. Where there is first communion this weekend they have been adapted.

## Youth: Next Sunday 21 June

On this Sunday, Carol, the Diocesan youth coordinator, and James, the part-time youth diocesan worker for our Deanery (Clackmannan, Dunblane, Calander), will speak at all masses.

In the afternoon at 4.30 pm in the parish hall in St. John Vianney's there will be the opportunity to listen, suggest, reflect on what the Diocese is doing, proposing to do, what we can do, what needs to be done regarding the youth in our parish.

This meeting is open to all interested people. Its aim is to REFLECT. It is not asking for an immediate commitment, asking you to give up your time or do anything. Simply to face the reality of the problem. What GOOD NEWS are we offering to our youth? They are certainly not present in our "Church moments" of mass or institutionalised religion. If we have GOOD NEWS how can it reach them? If you would like to be part of a solution come along and listen and participate.

**This invite is especially for our youth: DO NOT ALLOW OTHERS MAKE YOUR HISTORY BUT MAKE YOUR OWN HISTORY !**



## White Saint? 20 June

St Alban was the first person recorded to have suffered martyrdom for his Christian faith in Britain. He lived at Verulamium in Hertfordshire (near the present St Albans) during the third century. The story is told that a priest (some call him Amphibalus) escaping persecution was given shelter in Alban's house. Alban was so impressed with him that he became a Christian. When they came looking for the cleric, Alban dressed up in his clothes and pretended to be him. He was executed by being beheaded at Holmhurst Hill near St Albans. Later the present

Abbey Church was built in his honour and he has been venerated on that spot since the fourth or fifth century. His name in Latin "Albanus" means "white" and is also behind the name of several places in France called St Auban, as well as the British/Irish surname "Tobin".

## A GARDNER

No one has probably noticed him but Mr. John Green has for years come all the way from Alloa to look after the garden in St. John Vianney's. He now believes age is catching up and someone should be taking his place. So we are looking for someone who is available (I realize I could probably manage between midnight and 1.00am but...)and could tenderly mow the lawn and do what gardeners do to make the entrance to the church look so welcoming and wonderful. Please form a queue and have a word with one of the sisters and later with Fr. Mike. All big thanks to John.

**THANK YOU...**To the Children who this Sunday and next Saturday make their First Communion and enrich Our Parish Communities. Thank You to their Parents, Teachers and Catechists who have prepared them for this momentous day. Thank you to the