

TEMPORARY FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

MET THIS WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME. This is the summer holiday period or not everyone could be present but we wanted to begin the process of reflection and make decision. This committee exists to work with the Parish Priest to look after our buildings and material goods.

The first observation that, beginning in Fr. Michael's time, over the past 18 months a tremendous amount has quietly been done: roof of the hall in Alva and reform of confessionals and notice boards in both parishes. Due to the jubilee and the situation more has necessarily been carried out at St. Bernadette's: replacement of rotten front window frames; reroofing the flat roofs; harling of back exterior wall, new back steel fence; dampness of the back bedroom's external wall; sacristies and toilet painted and reformed; new sound system; baptismal font and Holy Oils repository; major gas leak – not to mention the constant painting, gardening, cleaning and general repairs.

Immediate challenges now are fairly major: before the winter the repair of 2 leaks in the church roof and replacement of rotten timber which entails costly scaffolding. The list continues: rewiring of house and church; wheel chair access to church (in progress); front fence repairs; toilets in hall; lightening in church; updating of liturgical fabrics.

It is impossible to give all the details here but the reflection and honesty of the group was most fruitful. The Committee works in everyone name so will be reporting very regularly with proposals and looking for suggestions.

All this involves FINANCE: We are looking at various possible solutions which include a monthly special second collection; at least 2 social events before Christmas; an offertory box at the back of the churches and collection of left over foreign holiday coins.

We will try and communicate as much as possible and welcome volunteers, suggestions and any kind of contribution.

The Sabbath Principle

Even God took a rest when he'd finished creating the world and all that it contains. By the seventh day he was in need of a change of scene! The Sabbath is a day of rest. It doesn't of course mean that we end up doing nothing. The Sabbath is intended as a boundary between our active and contemplative modes. Sabbath time should be creative time. It should regenerate and set us off again for the work that we do on non-Sabbath days. Sabbath means re-charging our batteries.

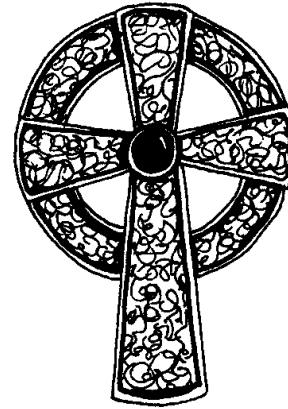
At this time of the year we sometimes take an extended Sabbath: holidays. We go for a change of scene, different activity, a bit of pampering. There's nothing wrong with this and even such eminent people as Pope Benedict XVI encourage us to do it. The pope spoke recently about the need for holidays:

"Holidays have become almost a necessity to recover in body and spirit, especially for those who live in the city where the often frenetic conditions of life leave little space for silence and reflection. In contact with nature, people can again find their true dimension. They rediscover themselves as creatures, small but at the same time unique."

The pope's idea of a great holiday is a secluded place in the Italian hills with a piano! But we all have our ideal holidays. Whether it is football or golf, sun and beach or snow and the Antarctic a fruitful and restful summer holiday



St. Serf's parish in High Valleyfield could have been without its parish church last week. Vandals ignited a wheely bin next to the boiler house at the back of the church. The roof almost went on fire.



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

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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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GOOGLE US !!

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.

**Parish Finances
21 June 2009 Collections**

St. John Vianney's	St. Bernadette's,
Collection £475.47	Collection £444.11
Peters Pence £189.90	Peters Pence £113.79



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

And those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... James Smith, Alister Corr, George Robertson, Eden Bonner and Peter Lamb

Weekly Diary and Forth Coming Events

Sunday 5 July 14th Sunday year B	Masses as normal
Monday 6 July	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday 7 July	No Masses
Wednesday 8 July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday 9 July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody Children's Mass followed by juice and biscuits (for the kids)** 7.00pm - Temporary Liturgy Committee, St. John Vianney's Alva
Friday 10 July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Saturday 11 July	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody,
Sunday 12 July	Masses as normal
Sunday 26 July	1.00pm - Baptism of baby, Thomas Allan, St. Bernadette's Tullibody
Wednesday 5 August	7.00pm - Meeting of Organising Team for Mass for sick, St. Bernadette's Tullibody
Saturday 5 September	3pm - Mass for the sick, Bishop Logan, St. Bernadette's Tullibody,

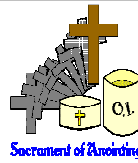


MASS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Mass and the sacrament of the sick has now been confirmed with Bishop Logan. It was decided to have this as near as possible to the feast of Our Lady's birthday (8th September) and so will be celebrated on the SATURDAY before, 5th September. 3 pm was the time chosen being the most suited for the sick. It is important to remember that everyone is invited but this day especially **we are invited to be of service to our sick and housebound parishioners. IT IS THEIR MASS.** We plan to make this as less stressful and prayerful for them.

This takes a little bit of organization especially with transport (will need volunteers with cars); coordination of transport for dropping the sick off in front of the church and parking then behind the church and looking after them going into the church and while they are with us. Bishop Vincent, well known for his support of the sick at Lourdes, readily agreed to celebrate with us.

People willing to help with transport, caring for the needs of the sick on the day or if you have someone who is ill and housebound and would like to participate in both sacraments please inform people involved: Fr. Mike, SVDP, welcomers at back of church.



PATRON OF EUROPE (July 11th)

St Benedict is invoked as one of the patron saints of Europe. This is partly because his monastic foundations had a great influence over the centuries on what is now the continent of Europe. In the ashes of the Roman Empire his "Rule" led the way in integrating Christian values with the classical heritage of the West as well as with the Germanic and Slav cultures of the East. Pointing to him as a model for Europeans, Pope Benedict XVI recently said: "Benedict, unlike other great monastic missionaries of his time, did not found a monastic institution whose principal aim was the evangelization of the barbarian peoples; he pointed out to his followers the search for God as the fundamental and indeed, one and only aim of life".



FR. MIKE'S BRAZILIAN JARS

Last year a few people in both parishes collected their spare coins and saved them up along the year in jars. Occasionally they handed these into Fr. Mike. Throughout the year, this all added up and with some donations from the SVDP and the Knights of St. Columba Fr. Mike took this money to Brazil. Here the money was spent on buying over 200 packets of nappies (12 OR 24 TO A PACKET) to help young mothers; plus bought 35 food parcels to keep 35 needy families in food for a full month. Over US\$1,200 was left with a group to help in permanent biblical and leadership formation for mothers and youths.

Fr. Mike will be returning to Brazil for the month of January and hopes to help some families have a better New Year but help more in a small way of financing some courses for mothers and youths. If you want to save up your spare coins Fr. Mike has plenty of jars (or use your own) and just hand them on to him regularly. What is good about this is that none of your spare coins is lost in administration and you know it is going directly to people who do not receive any help from elsewhere.

Acorn Christian Healing Trust

Christian Listeners is a nation-wide project of the Acorn Christian Foundation, whereby church members are trained in the skills of active listening. There are 500 Acorn trained tutors throughout the country who teach listening skills to local church members. The church members trained in turn offer these resources in their church, home, workplace and wider community - working alongside GPs, hospitals, hospices and cathedrals - anywhere people need time to talk. The patron of Acorn is the Most Revd Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, who writes: **'The ministry of Acorn is widely respected in the worlds both of church and of medicine. I am very pleased to commend its ministry as it seeks to bring the healing of Christ to our needy world.'**

Questionnaire ; Those who wish to help Acorn they have a questionnaire that may help in setting up a group here in Alloa. Please take one, fill it in and next week bring it back.

LITURGY MEETING

For those interested there will be a meeting of a Temporary Liturgy Committee to plan and discuss issues related to liturgy in both parishes, especially for planning up until Advent. Liturgy is fundamental to parish life. If it is vibrant, prayerful and well organised it leads to an excellent Christian community.

Place: St. John Vianney's Hall Day: Thursday 9th July, 7PM