

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in both churches at following times.
 Monday and Tuesday (28th & 29th Oct) St. John Vianney's 10am to 1pm.
 Wednesday and Thurs (30th & 31st Oct) St. Bernadette's 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
 To be able to do this there must always be 2 people in the church.
 Lists are at the back of the church for people and groups to fill in when they are prepared to spend some time in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
 During these times the churches will be open to everyone.

Mass of Thanksgiving

We have many people who give up their precious time and offer their gifts and talents to serve the community throughout the year. Some are known, others work away quietly in the background to ensure that the parishes function. They are all much appreciated. For the last two or three years we have tried to show our appreciation as a parish with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a simple reception. To keep this away from the many Christmas commitments that many people have this year's Mass of Thanksgiving will be on Thursday 28th November at 7pm in St. John Vianney's. All those who do anything at all no matter how small to help in the parishes are invited and encouraged to come along. The mass is open to all parishioners and all are invited to attend the reception afterwards in the hall. Please inform Fr. Mike if you intend to be present so we can have an idea of numbers for catering.

Conforti Institute

Those who participated with the Conforti Institute about Sectarianism should have received an email from them. Those without email Fr. Mike has a letter for you. There is an opportunity to meet in Perth(30th Nov) or Edinburgh(16thNov) to discuss the results and give some feedback. They are offering a weekend course on Catholic Social Teaching and dealing with Sectarianism. This is paid for and we have been offered two places. Those interested see Fr. Mike, he has a copy of the proposed programme.

HALLOWEEN (31st October)

Holidays & festivals have been celebrated at the end of October for thousands of years. In the 9th Century the Christian church made 1st Nov "All Saints Day", the night before was then called "All Hallows Eve" as hallowes was another name for saints. Over the years this became Halloween. Many older parishioners will remember as children going out "Guising" (in disguise) with their turnip lanterns. In the USA the custom was carried on by European immigrants, they used pumpkin lanterns and went "trick or treating" which has now spread back here. We can choose to ignore modern trends, to condemn them as an attack on Christianity or to see them as a springboard for rediscovering our own sense of festivity surrounding All Saints.



SVDP FOOD BOXES

Traditionally the SVDP at St. Bernadette's collect foodstuffs for the needy in our parish at Christmas. This year parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable goods and deposit them in the box at the back of the church **each Sunday in November**, the SVDP will then make up parcels to be given as a help to the most needy in our parish over the Christmas period. - Please be as generous as you can and take time to explain this to the children, how we receive presents at Christmas but also give to share and help others, particularly those in need.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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27th October 2013
30th 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 haven't yet met.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.... Jean McCann, Dan Tierney, Jean Quinn, Mary Dryland, Christie Scott, Michae Ferguson, Mary McGeehan, Vera Kasciewicz, Brendan Murphy, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Georgina Anderson, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Alma White, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Owen Cattigan, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Ellen Mc'Parland, Thomas Benie, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Patrick Docherty, Janet Martin and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.....

Charlotte Currie, Bill Wilson and Thomas Ferguson.

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

Grace Brannigan, Charles Byrne and John Mongan.

REGULAR MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Meet in St. Bernadette's weekly, at 10.30am before Sunday mass and at St. John Vianney's, on the last Sunday of the month after 9.30 morning mass.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA:

Meet at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

Parish Collections 	
St. Bernadette's 20th October	£459.94
Missions Collection	£222.06
St. John Vianney's 20th October	£346.40
Missions Collection	£187.75

THIS WEEKS DIARY

**Sunday Morning Masses:
St. John Vianney's, 9.30am
& St. Bernadette's, 11.30am**

**Sunday Evening Mass:
St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm**

Sunday 27th October	Masses times as Normal - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 28th October	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's 10am - 1pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 29th October	No services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh. 10am - 1pm, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's
Wednesday 30th October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 3.30 - 6.30pm, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernadette's
Thursday 31st October	9.30am - Mass, St Bernadette's. 3.30 - 6.30pm, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Halloween Party St. Bernadette's School
Friday 1st November	All Saints Day Holiday of Obligation 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 11.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 2nd November	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St Bernadette's - All Souls Day 11.00am - War Memorial, Tullibody
Sunday 3rd November	Mass times as Normal - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10th Nov	Mary's Meals Day, Royal Concert Hall Glasgow. Go to http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/marys-meals-day/ for more information.
17th to 24th Nov	Prisoners week, more information at http://www.prisonersweekscotland.org.uk/
28th Nov	7pm - Thanksgiving mass and reception, St. John Vianney's.

~~Mission matters
Scotland~~

*Pray a little.
give a little.*

Do not be afraid..... I will rescue you.

Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding to the Mission Matters appeal. Together our parishes raised £409,81p. Your generosity has helped missionaries in India and across the world to reach out in the name of Christ, rescuing children from horrific situations such as child trafficking, child labour and extreme poverty – helping give them hope for the future.

More information at www.missionmattersscotland.org or Tel 01236 449744

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

In the calendar of the Catholic Church, every day has a saint and often more than one. The majority are not well known or acclaimed publicly as saints but for us are people who lived, preached, showed by their life and death what it means to be Christian and therefore help us in our daily lives. **1st November**, All Saints Day commemorates them all, a sort of catch-up for any failures to properly worship any saint on his or her given day. Established as a local Roman festival on 13th May to the Virgin Mary by Pope Boniface IV in 609, All Saints Day was moved to 1st November by Pope Gregory IV in 835 who extended its celebration to the entire western world.

2nd November, All Souls Day.

St. Odilo of Cluny established this festival around 998 to pray for those souls trapped in Purgatory (*which was itself invented around this time to give ordinary medieval Christians some hope of avoiding hell*). Medieval Christians believed that most of even the faithful would go to hell and that most of the saved would have to work out their sins in Purgatory before reaching Heaven. Therefore, a festival that encouraged prayer for their souls that might shorten their stays was as important as ones that honoured saints.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to list your intentions for the Holy Souls. These intentions will be included at all masses, both in St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's, except on days that a special intention has **already** been requested. Please try to leave your mass intentions in the baskets by Sunday 27th October. There is no stipulation regarding how much your contribution for a mass stipend should be, however the intention behind the stipend is not to "pay" but to involve some form of sacrifice on the donors part. ***(Fr. Mike contributes 50% of all mass stipends from our parishes in November to help support the poor in Brazil)***

CHILD'S CLOTHES FOR BRAZIL & MONEY JARS

Fr. Mike is still collecting children's clothes for Brazil. We are looking for good used clothes for children 5 and 6 years of age. In the past years we have sent a lot of clothes which are still being worn and handed on, one generation to the next. Please remember it is best to send our "summer" ware and not "woollies" as it is a tropical country.



Please take a Brazil Jar (plenty available) to collect your loose change to help various projects in Brazil supported by Fr. Mike.



All monies will go directly to families in need and to small projects that receive no other external funding. In the past our funds have helped support a Women's group in their formation, a youth group, a group fighting for ecology rights in the jungle, we've helped families who had lost their houses or goods in the avalanches and floods and supported a Jujitsu school program to get the children off the streets.

Jars available at the back of the church, when you fill yours just take another one. Please hand in jars by the 16th December to give Fr. Mike time to exchange the funds into dollars.