

EXACTLY 100 YEARS AGO TODAY

On Sunday 13th October 1913, Fr John O'Neill of St. Mungo's Parish Alloa made history when he celebrated Mass in a small, wooden hut in Alva which held about 70 people - the first Mass in Alva since the Reformation.

St. John Vianney's parish formally celebrated this milestone at the beginning of August with a Special Centenary mass in the church followed by a Civic reception in the Cochran hall, which was a great success and well received by all.

Congratulations to all and thanks especially to all those who worked so hard to make this event the success that it undoubtedly was.

Happy 100th birthday

Mission Matters Scotland

Pray a little. Give a little.

Mission Matters is the Scottish branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies and is the official mission aid agency of the Catholic Church, continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. Mission Matters reaches out, gives life and calls all people in the world to faith, justice and love.

Do not be afraid.....

I will rescue you.

October is Mission Month

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Mission Matters Scotland Appeal. This year we are invited to act in partnership with missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of the Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care as they are rescuing children from horrific situations such as child trafficking, child labour and extreme poverty.

Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

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



**During this Year of Faith what should be constantly in our minds is:
What am I doing that is Special this year to strengthen my faith,
that helps me love others?**

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA.

Are holding a fund raiser **RACE NIGHT** on Friday 25th October, first race at 7.30pm in hall at St. Mungo's Alloa. Looking for race sponsors and selling horses for £2 each, sheets available after Sunday masses.



Green Fingers ???

We are in need of some amateur gardeners able to occasionally do a bit of the "heavy" work in the church gardens if you can help please speak to Fr. Mike.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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13th October 2013
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Websites: www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes
& 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 just haven't



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.... Jean McCann, Dan Tierney, Jean Quinn, Mary Dryland, Christie Scott, Michael 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 and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.....

Mark Grant, John McInnally and Jean McGregor.

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

Nan Grant, James Earons and Toni Stolarek.

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.

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday Special 2nd Collection

Parish Collections

Parish	Collection Date	Amount
St. Bernadette's	6th October	£433.88
St. John Vianney's	6th October	£336.80



NEXT 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 13th October	Masses times as Normal - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 14th October	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's
Tuesday 15th October	No services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wednesday 16th October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 17th October	9.30am - Mass, St Bernadette's.
Friday 18th October	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's - Feast of St. Luke
Saturday 19th October	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St Bernadette's
Sunday 20th October	Mass times as Normal - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mission Sunday. World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Special collection for Propagation of the Faith. (Mission Matters) 12.30pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's

Readers on Mission Sunday please check as readings may be different this day.



Bingo Tea @ St. Bernadette's RC Primary School
24th October - Eyes down 7.30pm.
Tickets: £1 adult / 50p Children.
Available from school or pay on the door.
Tea and cakes included.



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 when 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)

Saint Luke (Feast day 18th October)

St. Luke came from Antioch in Syria was a physician and one of the early converts to Christianity. He accompanied St. Paul (who converted him) on a considerable part of his missionary journey and was the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He was also Paul's companion while in prison at Rome on two different occasions. These events, contained in the Acts, are a firsthand history.

Each of the four gospel writers has his own way of presenting the good news of Jesus. That's why events and sayings from one gospel sometimes don't appear in the other gospels. Each writer is trying to cast the message of Jesus in a particular way. St. Luke has a very special agenda. Probably the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament and writing in a very high standard of Greek, Luke portrays the message of Jesus as it affects the "outsiders".

We see the loving personality of Jesus, his compassion for sinners and for those who suffer, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds and the poor. The role of women is more prevalent in Luke than in any of the other three Gospels. In the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke) we find the early Christian community living a simple life of working and sharing, relying on its faith in the promises of Jesus. We see how the early Christians at first preached only to Jews before realising that all people are called to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and to follow him. Because of its emphasis on compassion, on the poor and on the place of women, some people today call Luke the author of the "Social Gospel"

Royal Voluntary Service. (formerly WRVS)

Royal Voluntary Service is a volunteer organisation that enriches the lives of older people and their families across Britain.

We support older people by giving time and practical help to help them get the best from life. Our volunteers – ordinary men and women of all ages and ethnicities – love spending time with the older people. Through them, we want to help create a society where everyone feels valued and involved whatever their age. We believe old age should be celebrated, and so we should: we're 75 years old this year and still going strong. So, find out today what we can do for you or an older person in your family.

Why volunteer? We're committed to make sure you get the most of your volunteering experience with Royal Voluntary Service.

What you can expect? There are many different ways that you can help us to make Britain a great place to grow old.

Who can volunteer? Whether you are a younger volunteer, approaching retirement or fitting volunteering around your work, there is something for everyone.

Currently looking for volunteers for Community Transport & Good Neighbour Service. If you are interested please contact Helen Lear on 01259 726648 or 0771 4898625 or email Marie Brownhill at marie.brownhill@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

More information in posters on notice boards at back of church and online at <http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/>

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