



New Bishop of Dunkeld

The Holy Father appointed Bishop Stephen Robson as bishop of Dunkeld Scotland. (area 8,495, population 408,300, Catholics 43,800, priests 46, religious 42). Bishop Robson, previously auxiliary of the archdiocese of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh, was born in Carlisle, England in 1951 and received episcopal ordination in 2012. - *Vatican City, 11 December 2013 (VIS)*

Bishop Stephen Robson

First Confessions

Congratulations to our candidates for First Holy Communion that made their First Confessions last week. To mark the occasion we are presenting them with certificates at today's masses.

SVDP/ School Poster Competition

The SVDP in conjunction with the school have sponsored a project for the schoolchildren with their families to produce posters representing the sacrament of reconciliation with prizes of Waterstones Book Vouchers for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. You can see their posters on walls of both churches. Congratulations to all families that took part.

DVD OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S CENTENARY DAY CELEBRATIONS

A DVD is now available with background music of the Centenary Day mass and the official part of the Civic Reception. We ask for a contribution of at least £3 towards the costs. Copies are being gifted to the concelebrants of the centenary mass as a sign of appreciation of their presence. Limited copies are available at the back of the church (about 15 copies). If you desire more – Christmas gift? – please inform us immediately and you may just have them for next Sunday. Thanks to the photographers, John Patton & John Barry and John Smith for the production of the DVD .

Shopping during Advent

Dear God,
as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life.

But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy.

And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centred on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.



Thanks to St. John Vianney's SVDP who had a special collection for Fr. Mike's Brazil projects that came to £346.75p. The SVDP thank all those who contributed for their generosity. Also thanks to St. Bernadette's SVDP who gave a £320 cheque to Fr. Mike for Brazil projects.



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

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15th December 2013
3rd Sunday of Advent

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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.... 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, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen Mc'Parland, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Mona Pyat, Peter Doyle and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... Patrick Docherty, Bernadette McKay, John Montgomery, Maria Quinn and Joe Cusker.

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

William Hutchinson, Michael Dunion and Peter Witton.

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 8th December	£527.96
St. John Vianney's 8th December	£407.40

St. Modan's High School Advent Mass

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in St. Modan's school chapel at 8.20am. All welcome. (Fr. Mike celebrates the mass each Wednesday)

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 15th December	Masses times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Advent Presentation of Sacrament of Reconciliation certificates. Immediately after mass meeting with Lourdes Youth 4.30pm - Adoration & Reflection for Christmas, St. Bernadette's
Monday 16th December	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's 10.30am - Orchard House – school mass/ Anointing of Sick
Tuesday 17th December	No services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 1.30pm - St. Mungo's RC Primary School Christmas concert
Wednesday 18th December	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's High School 9.30am - Funeral Mass of Bernadette McKay- St. Bernadette's 1.30pm - St. Bernadette's School Concert
Thursday 19th December	9.30am - Mass, St Bernadette's. (School Mass) 7.00pm - Penitential Service, St Bernadette's
Friday 20th December	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 21st December	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St Bernadette's.
Sunday 22nd December	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Advent

Confession times

Third Sunday of advent- GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today marks the halfway point through Advent. The theme of today's Mass is summed up in the traditional title given to the third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means: "Rejoice!" "Rejoice" was the first word of the antiphon sung at the beginning of today's Mass. The liturgical colour of the day is rose: today the rose coloured Advent candle is lit, today is one of two days of the year on which the priest may wear rose colour vestments if he wishes: The Church, through the prayers and readings of today's Mass, encourages us to rejoice: the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord quickly draws near. Advent looks back to the historical first coming of Christ, and looks forward to the Second Coming which will be the end of all history. Christ's first coming and His promised Second Coming both call for a personal response from each one of us. Advent is a time to be shaken awake: it is a time for us to reflect on His first coming, and to remember that He will come again.



LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Next draw on Sunday 22nd December after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.
In addition to the usual prizes there will be 2 extra prizes of
1. Navteq widescreen personal travel assistant. 2. Bottle of whisky.

Christmas Diary

Sunday 22nd December	4th Sunday of Advent
Mon 23rd Dec	7.00pm - Blues mass, St. Bernadette's
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	10.00am - Nazareth House, Edinburgh? 7.30pm - Vigil Mass, St. Bernadette's 9.30 pm – Vigil Mass, St John Vianney's
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	9.30 am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 11.30 am - Mass, St. Bernadette's No evening mass
Thurs 26th Dec	9.30am - St. Bernadette's, Mass
Friday 27th Dec	9.30am - St. John Vianney's, Mass
Sat 28th Dec	9.30am - St. Bernadette's, Mass.



EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT AND REFLECTION on 3rd Sunday of Advent will take the form of a simple EXPOSITION, Gospel readings and prayers with short reflections focusing very much on Mary.

This should last no longer than 30 minutes and the parish simply offers the opportunity for those who wish to have a few quiet moments with some modern prayers and short reflections to prepare for Christmas. If people turn up and are enriched – wonderful. If no one turns up – the parish gave people the opportunity.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Thursday 19th Dec - 7.00pm - Penitential Service, St Bernadette's
Friday 20th Dec - 7.00pm - Penitential Service, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 21st Dec - Confessions as usual after morning mass, St. Bernadette's.

Confession will also be held before weekday masses on 16th, 19th 20th December from 8.30am till 9.20am and on 18th Dec 9.00am till 9.20am as Fr. Mike says mass at St. Modan's school at 8.20am each Wednesday in Advent.

Remember, there will be no confessions during January in our parishes.

VISITING OF THE SICK FOR CHRISTMAS

During the first 3 weeks of Advent all the housebound sick will be visited by Fr. Mike and offered the possibility of anointing of sick, confession and holy communion. To make sure no one is left out because of the many Christmas engagements, if you know of any sick not yet visited by our Eucharistic Ministers or members of the parish and they would like a visit please inform Fr. Mike immediately with written name and address and if possible telephone number of the sick person.

ADVENT – CHRISTMAS TREE

Please encourage your children to think of others by writing a special intention, praying to God for someone and placing it on our tree.
You can place on the tree 10 mins before or after mass

