

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 22nd December	Masses times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Advent	
Monday 23rd December	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.	
Thursday 26th December	9.30am - Mass, St Bernadette's. Feast of St. Stephen	
Friday 27th December	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. Feast of St. John	
Saturday 28th December	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St Bernadette's. Feast of the Holy Innocents	
Sunday 29th December	Mass times as Normal Feast of The Holy Family	

EXTRACTS FROM LAST AUDIENCE OF 2013:

THE BIRTH OF JESUS DEMONSTRATES THAT GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF HUMANITY

Pope Francis dedicated the final general audience of 2013 to the birth of Jesus, ...“celebration of trust and hope, which overcome uncertainty and pessimism”. “And the reason for our hope is this: God is with us, and still trusts in us! ... He comes to live with mankind, he chooses to dwell on earth in order to stay with man, and to be found there where man passes his days in joy or in pain. Therefore, earth is no longer merely a 'vale of tears' but rather the place where God Himself has pitched His tent, it is the meeting place of God and mankind, of God's solidarity with humanity”....

The great “gift” of Bethlehem is, therefore, “the spiritual energy that helps us not to collapse under the weight of our labours, our desperation, our sorrows. ... The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that God loves us immensely and individually”. Two considerations may be drawn from the joyful contemplation of the mystery of the Son of God, born for us....

As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, now approaching, the Pope encouraged us to pray to Mary “to help us... recognise in the face of our neighbour, especially in the weakest and most marginalised, the image of the Son of God made man”.

Vatican City, 18 December 2013 (VIS)

Christmas Tree OF LIFE

Lord our God,
 We praise you for the light of creation:
 the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
 We praise you for the light of Israel:
 the Law, and the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
 We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
 he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
 who fills us with the wonder of your love.
 Lord God,
 let your blessing come upon us as we light this tree.
 May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
 May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
 send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
 We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
 We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
 We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
 We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
 We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
 To you we say, Come Lord Jesus!"



BLUES MASS

Merry Christmas, the joys of Christmas, parties, greetings from the more than welcoming and noisy shops, smiles and greetings from unknown passer byes, are all part of this intense period of merriment. However, although celebrating Christmas with joy, for some Christmas also brings the “blues”; memories and a sense of loss of a dear loved one now deceased; a husband or wife, mum or dad, brother or sister, child, old friend, a tragic accident. Such feelings should not be brushed aside and forgotten. They are important and are a part of who we are. At this time we concentrate our energies around the happiness of others, especially children, and perhaps do not permit ourselves to celebrate what has affected our own lives so deeply.

The parishes of St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's invite you and your family to celebrate a special Christmas mass – the “blues mass”. A special Christmas mass especially for you to remember, during this Christmas season, someone loved, special, important for you who has died. The death need not be recent but is not forgotten.

Come and join us, to celebrate this special mass where we can allow ourselves to be “low” but be lifted up with hope and joy as we celebrate our belief in the Resurrection which begins with the birth of the God-child Jesus at Christmas.

All welcome at St. Bernadette's Church, Tullibody, on Monday 23rd Dec at 7.00pm.





Bishop Stephen Robson

New Bishop of Dunkeld The Holy Father appointed Bishop Stephen Robson as bishop of Dunkeld Scotland. 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 Dec 2013 (VIS)* Installation as our bishop will be in St. Andrews Cathedral Dundee at 7pm, 9th Jan 2014, attendance by invitation only .

SVDP/ School Poster Competition Prize Winners

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. The response and the standard of work was so good that 2 additional prizes were added. You can see their posters on walls of both churches.

1st: Falcone family 2nd: Graham family
Joint 3rd: Milne, McNeil & Jesionek families.

Congratulations to prize winners and thanks to all families that took part.

St. Bernadette's Primary School Enrolments for August 2014.

We are enrolling pupils for our P1 class during the week beginning **Monday January 13th 2014**

Please contact the school to make arrangements to meet the Head teacher, Mrs Tina O'Neill and complete the relevant paper work. You will need your birth and baptismal certificates (if applicable)



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Enrolments for P1 will also take place at St Mungo's school Alloa in the week beginning 13th January 2014. To make an appointment phone Nicola Wood, Head-teacher, on 01259 724061 or e-mail stmungos@edu.clacks.gov.uk

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Will be drawn today 22nd December after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's. In addition to the usual prizes there will be 2 extra prizes of
1. Garmin NUVI 610T wide screen sat nav. 2. Bottle of Balvenie Malt Whisky.

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 10mins before or after mass.



"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him."
Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ?

Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Call your Diocesan Director of Priestly Vocations, or email Fr. Andrew McKenzie at [Priests for Scotland : amckenzie@pfs.org.uk](mailto:amckenzie@pfs.org.uk) or see www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

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

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22nd December 2013
4th 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 McIntyre, Alma White, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen McParland, 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.... Frank Simpson, William Hutchinson, Michael Dunion, Frank Gallacher, PeterWitton, Bernard Hughes, Thomas McKavenny (Jr), James & Ann Patton

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 15th December	 £533.32
St. John Vianney's 15th December	£452.93