

POPE FRANCIS' NEW APPEAL FOR PEACE

(Vatican City, 27 July 2014)

IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IRAQ AND UKRAINE

After today's Angelus prayer, the Holy Father, remarking That tomorrow (28th July) marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, launched a new appeal for peace in the Middle East, Iraq and Ukraine, and called for a cessation of hostilities.

"Tomorrow is the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, which claimed millions of lives and caused immense destruction. This conflict, defined by Pope Benedict XV as a 'senseless slaughter', persisted for four long years and led to a more fragile peace. Tomorrow will be a day of mourning in remembrance of this tragedy. While we remember this tragic event, I hope that we will not repeat the errors of the past, but will instead pay heed to the lessons of history, ensuring that the reason of peace always prevails by means of patient and courageous dialogue".



A Catholic Social Teaching message from Pope Paul VI: If you want Peace, work for Justice."

"Today, my thoughts extend to three areas of crisis, in particular: the Middle East, Iraq and Ukraine. I ask you to continue to join with me in prayer that the Lord may grant the populations and authorities of these areas the wisdom and strength necessary to proceed with determination along the path of peace, facing every diatribe with the tenacity of dialogue and negotiation, and the strength of reconciliation. May the common good and respect for every person be at the centre of every decision, rather than particular interests. Let us remember that all is lost with war, but nothing is lost with peace".

"Brothers and sisters: no more war! No more war! I think especially of the children, who are deprived of the hope of a worthwhile life, of a future: children killed, children injured, children mutilated, children orphaned, children who have as toys the remnants of war, children who do not know how to smile. Stop, please! I ask you with all my heart. The time has come to stop. Stop, please!" - *Vatican City, 27 July 2014 (VIS)*

**LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT
100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS**

Drawn 27th July after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

1st Prize £100. No.381 Mr M Driver. + 2nd Prize £25. No.174 Stacy Campbell

Next draw Sunday 31st August after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

*Do you know of a shop or person interested in dealing in or could evaluate old furniture?
If so please speak to Fr. Mike.*

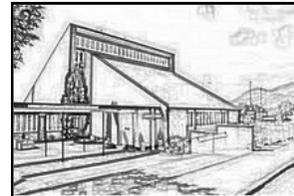
On holiday? You've found us.....

Welcome, come and join us in prayer and thanksgiving... We as a Christian community welcome people on holiday. Please feel at home and free to ask any questions about anything, services, mass times, events and even where are the toilets? Contact phone numbers and website details are on the front page of this newsletter.



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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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3rd August 2014

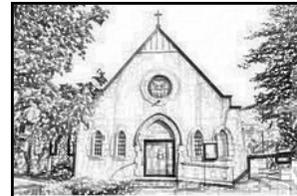
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.....

Dan Tierney, Jean Quinn, Mary Dryland, Christie Scott, Michael Ferguson, Mary McGeehan, Vera Kasciewicz, Brendan Murphy, Georgina Anderson, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Margaret McIntyre, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Alma White, Ellen McParland, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Peter Doyle, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Bill Dunsmore, Greg Anderson, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Anne McNiven, Theresa Flemming and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... James Quinn and Ina Lynch

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

Birthday thanksgiving: Jim Tobin 75yrs, Margaret McIntyre 80yrs and Paul Kochanek 90yrs

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
27th July 2014**

St. Bernadette's **£409.45**

St. John Vianney's **£490.56**

**Special collection TODAY
for the Mensal Fund**

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 3rd August	Mass times as Normal - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 12.30pm - Baptism, St Bernadette's 7.15pm - Reception of body of Ina Lynch, St. John Vianney's
Monday 4th August	9.30am - Funeral Mass of Ina Lynch, St. John Vianney's - Feast of St. John Vianney 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in parish house.
Tuesday 5th August	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House.
Wednesday 6th August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. - Feast of the Transfiguration
Thursday 7th August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 8th August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 9th August	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 10th August	Mass times as Normal + 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

28th August	7pm Cathedral, Dundee. Ordination to the permanent Diaconate of Leonard Moir.
9th Sept	7.15pm - Parish Pastoral Council meeting in St. John Vianney's hall.
27+28th Sept	Mary's Meals weekend

St. John Vianney's Hall.

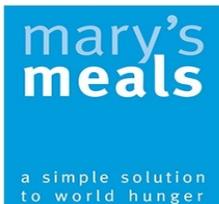
The hall at St. John Vianney's is available for hire at a reasonable price to all. The hall holds 80 comfortably or close to 100 for a Bingo Tea, it is suitable for small parties, christenings etc. or meetings, as a one off or on a regular basis. For prices and bookings etc. please contact **Dennis Cairns** on **01259 762830** or email him at denniscairns07@btinternet.com

Our idea is a simple one that works

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education.

We provide one daily meal in a place of learning to attract chronically poor children into a classroom where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002. Thanks to your help, today we are feeding over 890,000 children every school day.



Feast of St. John Vianney (Monday, 4th August)

For many, this saint is already known as the patron saint of parish priests. St. John Vianney was born in Dardilly, France in 1786. It was a very difficult time for the church in France during the French Revolution, there was strong antichurch feeling which led to churches being destroyed and priests and religious being murdered. He himself made his first holy communion in secret as public mass was at the time forbidden.

His father refused to let him become a priest and sent him to work on the farm. After the French Revolution he did go to the seminary but found the studies extremely difficult. It was only because of the intervention of others, and because of his good character, that he was ordained in 1815.

After 3 years at Ecully he was sent to the parish of Ars where his bishop warned him, the people had little time for God.

He spent the rest of his life (42 years) in Ars devoting himself to prayer, mortification and pastoral works. Due to his success in directing people he became well known throughout the Christian world and men of all ranks sought his guidance and advice.

He was beatified in 1905 by Pope Pius X and canonised by Pope Pius XI in 1925.



Statue of Jean-Marie Vianney in the church of a small village in France. - (Wikipedia)

It is a year since we celebrated the centenary of the parish of St. John Vianney's in Alva. There are still some of the commemorative booklets available, anyone interested please see Fr. Mike

FOOD FACTS

As we eat well during the holiday season our faith should make us reflect on some food facts:

On average, food at the local supermarket spends 7 to 14 days in transit and travel 1,500 miles before reaching our tables, making a significant contribution to our country's carbon emissions.

Most food is produced in Asia, not in the western world.

90% of produced food is not sold internationally but consumed in the country of production. There is no shortage of food, in fact we have too much food, if everyone had equal access to food.

Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year — approximately 1.3 billion tonnes — gets lost or wasted.

Every year, consumers in rich countries waste almost as much food (222 million tonnes) as the entire net food production of sub-Saharan Africa (230 million tonnes).

The amount of food lost or wasted every year is equivalent to more than half of the world's annual cereals crop (2.3 billion tonnes in 2009/2010).

Food loss and waste also amount to a major squandering of resources, including water, land, energy, labour and capital and needlessly produce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to global warming and climate change.

In developing countries food waste and losses occur mainly at early stages of the food value chain and can be traced back to financial, managerial and technical constraints in harvesting techniques as well as storage and cooling facilities. Thus, strengthening of the supply chain through the support farmers and investments in infrastructure, transportation, as well as in an expansion of the food and packaging industry could help to reduce the amount of food loss and waste.

..... more next week.