

**TODAY... We welcome Fr. Martin Pletts to our parishes.**  
**Fr. Martin has taken up residence at the house at St. John Vianney's, Alva.**  
**Having studied at Stirling University and spent short time of his early**  
**priesthood here he is already well know to many and we are confident he**  
**will receive a warm welcome.**

**Fr. Martin will be available to assist both Canon John and**  
**Fr. Mike in all our parishes. Both Fr. Mike and Cannon John**  
**continue as the responsible parish priests for the area so**  
**please continue to refer to them for normal running of**  
**parish business.**

**Fr. Martin with his specific gifts will enrich our working**  
**capabilities and help us better serve our people.**



With the arrival of Fr. Martin we are looking for some furniture to accommodate him better. If you have a desk or large book cases stored away at the back of the garage and have no further need them, we could easily find a new home for them.  
 See Fr. Martin. Thanks.

"A renewed consciousness of the demands of the gospel makes it the Church's duty to put herself at the service of all... and to convince them that solidarity in action at this turning point in human history is a matter of urgency." - Octagesima Adveniens, 5.1

<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

## Vincentians in Partnership

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Carfin Mass**

**Saturday 27th September 2014**

**ROSARY PROSESSION: 1pm - MASS: 2pm**

**Celebrants:**

**Bishop Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld**

**Bishop John Mone, Bishop Emeritus of Paisley**

**Carfin Grotto**

**100 Newarthill Rd. Motherwell. ML1 5AL**

**Carfin cafeteria open from 11.30am**



**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA**  
**SOCIAL EVENING**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY STEPPING STONES**

**5th September 2014 at 7.30pm**

**St. Mungo's church hall Alloa**

**RAFFLES, BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES.**

**Tickets £7.00**



### PPC MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will have their next meeting on Tuesday 26th August at 7.15pm in St. John Vianney's hall

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

*Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)*



**24th August 2014**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Parish Websites**

[www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes) & [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys)



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

**Remember those who have recently died.....**

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.....** Jim Millar, Bernadette Forsyth, Catherine McLaren, Alexander McGowan, and Chrissie McDade.

### 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**  
**17th August 2014**



**St. Bernadette's £634.45**

**St. John Vianney's £366.30**

## 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 24th August	Mass times as Normal - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Monday 25th August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in parish house
Tuesday 26th August	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh. 7.15pm - PPC in St. John Vianney's hall.
Wednesday 27th August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.15am - Parish Financial Council meeting in parish house.
Thursday 28th August	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's - School Start of term Mass. 7.00pm - Ordination to the permanent Diaconate of Leonard Moir, Cathedral, Dundee
Friday 29th August	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 30th August	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 31st August	Mass times as Normal - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21st Sept	Special collection for Ecclesiastical Student Fund
27+28th Sept	Mary's Meals weekend
19th Oct	Mission Sunday collection for Propagation of the Faith

### LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB

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

### 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](mailto:denniscairns07@btinternet.com)

**Leaving Gift for Sister Nora:** £1315 was donated by parishioners as a leaving gift for Sister Nora. This was given in cash to Sister Nora. Sister Nora has sent a letter of appreciation to all parishioners, copies are available in the church vestibule. We have some terrific photographs of the celebration mass and the social and will arrange a coffee morning in September /October so these can be viewed by all.



**DONATE**

Owing to the continued generosity of our supporters around the world, Mary's Meals is now feeding **923,572** of the world's poorest children every day they attend school.

In the last four months, we have been able to add close to **30,000** new children to our global school feeding programme, thanks to the unrelenting efforts of our army of supporters who give as much as they can – time, money, skills and prayer – to help the communities in which we are working.

All of these acts of goodness bring us closer to realising our vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. Yet, in a world where **57 million** children are out of school and thousands are dying each day due to hunger-related causes, there is still so much for us to do.

## *Help us make it a million*

The Mary's Meals campaign began in Malawi in 2002 feeding just **200** children. Twelve years later, relying on kindnesses from across the world, we have now made it over the **900,000** mark and are incredibly close to reaching a major milestone:

**ONE MILLION CHILDREN being fed every school day.**

Across 12 countries - including in conflict-gripped South Sudan and Ebola-hit Liberia - Mary's Meals is bringing hope to poverty-stricken children in a number of challenging contexts.

Each of the children enrolled in our programme is receiving a nutritious daily meal and sitting in a classroom gaining an education, which is their best hope of escaping poverty in later life. And, as a no-frills charity, it costs us a global average of just **£12.20** to feed each of these children for a whole year. With your help, we can make it a million children!

***Thank you for all your support.***

On **Saturday 27th September** we will be collecting old clothes etc. for pick up on Sunday morning (28th). Mary's Meals volunteers will be at masses that day to appeal to us and sell raffle tickets for the annual prize draw.

You could start collecting old clothes etc. **at home** now. **PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to store clothes at the halls for any longer than the 1 night on 27th Sept.**

We will be looking for volunteers to man the halls at both churches on Saturday 27th September for the collections. More information will be in the newsletter leading up to the date. Lots more information on Mary's Meals at : <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>