

## CHARITY COLLECTIONS AT FUNERALS

To retain our charity status and claim Gift Aid, it is essential that we fully comply with the financial guidelines of the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). Our two parishes have come out well from previous audits by both the diocese and independent firms of auditors.

There is a growing tendency for the relatives of a deceased parishioner to request floral tributes to be limited to immediate family only and to offer other mourners the chance to donate to a designated charity. It is essential that such collections are properly handled. To comply with financial guidelines, all money collected on church premises needs to be deposited in the parish bank account to set up a clear audit trail. It will therefore be necessary to bank money collected at funerals and subsequently issue a cheque from our bank account made payable to the designated charity. The cheque will be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased to enable them personally to contact the charity.

**IN PRACTISE** this means if you are organising a funeral and the family wish a retiral collection at the door the following should now happen.

- ◆ Check with the parish priest
- ◆ Advise the funeral director so he can arrange basket/box/notice at back of church
- ◆ Write a note and hand in to the parish priest a few days before the funeral the legal name of the charity who the cheque should be made out to
- ◆ Inform the church representative, normally the sacristan, who will make arrangements to collect money to be safely kept in the safe until the official money counters can count and bank the money. This is normally on a Monday or next working bank day.
- ◆ The parish priest will issue your cheque and hand it in to you so that you personally can forward/give to your chosen charity

## Any Old Laptops or Notebooks? ..... For Brazil

I was surprised last year when a friend moved job and told me the work/office laptop had been given to her niece. Her firm had not expected her to hand it back in. Or maybe you've replaced your machine and have a old Notebook that is no longer in use. Fr. Mike is looking for one or two for before Christmas to take to Brazil.

One is for a student and another for an Editor of a local newspaper.

They do not need the latest processor chip but something reasonable with about 2 to 4Gb of Ram, Windows installed, a Hard Disk of about 150 Gb+ with Wi-Fi and inbuilt camera for Internet communication (Skype etc.). The Editor is still using an ancient machine that Fr. Mike's gave him 8 years ago.



*If you can help please contact Fr. Mike.*

### KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

### SOCIAL EVENING

### ENTERTAINMENT BY STEPPING STONES

**5th September 2014 at 7.30pm in St. Mungo's church hall Alloa  
RAFFLES, BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES. Tickets £7.00**

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**31st August 2014**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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[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, Kathleen McNeil 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...** Chrissie McDade,, Frank Philliben, William Forsyth and Katrina Lafferty.

### 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.

### LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB

Next draw is today after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

### Parish Collections 24th August 2014

St. Bernadette's £437.45

St. John Vianney's £454.80

## 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 31st August	Mass times as Normal - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Monday 1st Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 2nd Sept	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wednesday 3rd Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 4th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 5th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 6th Sept	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 11.00am - 3.00pm - Altar servers outing Bowling. We meet at 11am at St. Bernadette's or as agreed.
Sunday 7th Sept	Mass times as Normal - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7th Sept	National pilgrimage to Carfin. Mass at 3.00pm
21st Sept	Special collection for Ecclesiastical Student Fund
27th Sept	SVDP Annual Mass at Carfin Grotto. Rosary procession 1pm. Mass 2pm
27/28th Sept	Mary's Meals weekend
19th Oct	Mission Sunday collection for Propagation of the Faith

### **Chewing Gum - St. Bernadette's**

There was a time when altar rails surrounded the altar to separate a part of the church reserved for our special respect and call attention to its sacredness. Today we wish to stress how close Jesus is to our lives but this should not reduce in any way our respect and awe of the sacred. Hopefully children will learn this is a special place and we treat it in a special way. We would ask parents not to allow children to be wandering and even running around the sanctuary. We would like to insist on this especially when they are chewing, eating or drinking. The new carpet so far has no stains on it but chewing-gum has proved most difficult to be removed!

**Thanks to those who offered furniture for Fr. Martin it was all very welcomed and now his books are no longer on the floor.**

## **RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INICIATION OF ADULTS**

This is a program originally intended for adults who are interested in becoming baptised Catholics. However, it is open to all those who are interested to learn about their faith in an organised way. You do not have to register just turn up and join the group.

Canon John leads the group (with breaks when he is not available) on a Thursday evening at 7pm in St. Mungo's Parish Hall, Alloa.

Those people who are members of our parish and wish to participate thinking of possible baptism please join the group but inform Fr. Mike as well so we can accompany you on this journey. **Thursdays 7.00pm in St. Mungo's Parish Hall, Alloa**

## **PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS *for children not at Catholic Schools.***

The Catholic Church offers two Primary Catholic schools in Clackmannanshire where it is the norm for young children to receive the principal preparation for Confession, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Those children who do not go to Catholic Schools, for whatever reason, it is the parents responsibility to prepare them for the sacraments.

They follow the same cycle or times as the schools. If you have children who are of the correct age and you are going to prepare them for the sacraments forms are available in the sacristies. The parish can inform you of what books to obtain to help you. There is a group of parents who come together voluntarily to offer support and help in the preparation if the parents wish. The Parish would encourage this as it is always better to learn as a group than individually.

Please note the sequence and time or ages for the sacraments enters this year a period of transformation. It is expected for the year 2015 major changes with probably First Holy Communion BEFORE Confirmation, and Confirmation taking place when the children are older and are about to go to Secondary School.

## **VOTIVE CANDLES**

We have managed to keep the contribution for the votive candles at the same price for many, many years. In the shops you may have noticed the 4hour ones are now 2hrs and packs of 100 are now of 50 or less but the price has doubled !! We suggest that the contribution for votive candles be increased to a round figure of **20p**. All profit helps pay for the candles used on the altar for mass and other liturgies.



## **CAN YOU HELP ?**

St. John Vianney's hall gas oven & stove is now disconnected due to gas leaking. We would appreciate it if anyone with the "know-how" and expertise can give us advice if this is repairable or we need to go and buy a new stove. We had heard a rumour the oven is not working either. Can anyone confirm this? It is a long time since Fr. Mike has done any baking there!

*"Undergoing death itself for all of us sinners, [Christ] taught us by example that we too must shoulder that cross which the world and the flesh inflict upon those who search after peace and justice."* - (Gaudium et Spes, 38 ) <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>