

MARY'S MEALS - 27th & 28th September

BRING YOUR CLOTHES, TEXTILES, SHOES & BAGS ONLY TO THE HALLS AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S & ST. BERNADETTE'S. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BAGS IN THE HALLS. BOTH HALLS WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

FROM 9.00am TO 5.00pm

AND SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER FROM 8.30am to 10.30am at St. John Vianney's AND 8.30am to 11.30am St. Bernadette's

In addition we need volunteers to be waiting and ready to help carry the bags from the hall to the collection van on Sundays at both parishes. Please put your names down on the list at the back of the church.

9.30 to 11am at St. John Vianney's & 10.30am to 12.30 at St. Bernadette's

Mary's Meals has become known as 'the charity that operates out of a tin shed' and has low running costs. It costs just £7 in Malawi and £12.20 on average worldwide to feed a child for a whole school year.

For every £1 you donate, we are committed to spending no more than 7p on fundraising and governance costs, leaving 93p to spend on feeding children.

More about Mary's Meals at <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Any Old Laptops or Notebooks? For Brazil

Have you replaced your machine and have a Laptop/ Notebook that's no longer used?

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 to be the latest but something reasonable with about 2 to 4Gb of Ram, Windows installed, a Hard Disk of about 150 Gb+ with Wi-Fi and a camera for Internet communication.

If you can help please contact Fr. Mike.



LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB WINNERS

Drawn 31st August after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

1st, £100 No.10 Margaret Tobin. 2nd, £25 No.301 David Delaney.

Next draw Sunday 28th September after 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianney's.

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.

"Plans proposed for the betterment of all will unite all nations in the joint effort to be undertaken, if every citizen - be he a government leader, a public official, or a simple workman or woman - is motivated by love and is truly anxious to build one universal human civilisation that spans the globe." - (Populorum Progressio, 73) <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**7th September 2014
23rd 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, 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..... Mary McFadden died last week she was the house keeper of Canon Mc'Kearney the first parish priest at St. Bernadette's.

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

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.

**Parish Collections
31st August 2014**

St. Bernadette's £533.08

St. John Vianney's £373.30



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 7th Sept	Mass times as Normal - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Monday 8th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 9th Sept	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wednesday 10th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 11th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 12th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 13th Sept	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 14th Sept	Mass times as Normal - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15th Sept	St. Bernadette's School Parents Council AGM
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

VOTIVE CANDLES We have managed to keep the contribution for the votive candles at the same price for many years but the price has doubled !! We suggest that the contribution for votive candles be increased to a round figure of **20p**.



THE SCOTTISH REFERENDUM

My last assignment in Brazil was to be liberated from being a parish priest and to be free to coordinate in the Diocese "Faith and Politics" or "Citizenship". Basically to try and encourage and organise people and groups to put their faith into practise. I am sure that in our parishes we have many various ideas, opinions and convictions about the coming Scottish Referendum. Hopefully this time of debate and reflection has not just created a new interest in politics but the importance of being an active citizen.

- Fr. Mike.

Bishop Stephen has reminded us that it not the place of the Church to give directions on this very important issue but he does urge us all to do our "**civic duty to vote**". He also suggested we publish that statements issued by the two Scottish Provincial Bishops:

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Met with Fr. Martin and Fr Mike. Unfortunately no one was present from St. John Vianney's. Suggestions were presented to the Parish Pastoral Council which formally gave them support. In principle it was decided nothing really new should be added with the presence of Fr Martin that would make the running of the parishes in Clackmannanshire feasible with two or less priests. For instance in October Canon John is away and Fr Martin & Fr Mike will be covering for him – as at the end of Dec/January when Fr Mike should be away. It was explained the existing masses in the four parishes are being covered by the three priests on a monthly scheme which slowly the people will become accustomed to which priest to expected to be celebrating.

As an experiment, to begin in October and re-evaluated after January, and recognising the number of people attending will probably be low, it was decided to introduce:

Every Sunday at 3pm in St. John Vianney's there will be the possibility of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a form of Benediction. This will last at the most 30mins.

Every Friday evening at 7pm in St. Bernadette's a new mass will be introduced. This will not follow the liturgy of the day but will have a theme which will change according to circumstances: e.g. could be a mass for the sick, people with or carers of cancer patients, for the persecuted Christians, or for peace etc. The theme would be announced the week before. This mass would not be celebrated during the winter (after Christmas to Ash Wednesday) due to darkness and cold. If these added liturgies don't work we can at least say we offered and tried.

Come to the front! It was mentioned how disheartening it is to come to celebrate the Eucharist where we pray about sharing, togetherness and community and yet the priest is at the altar and most people are as far away as possible filling up the back rows. Before and at the beginning of mass people will "**energetically**" be encouraged to come up to the front so we can celebrate together.

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE

Canon Aldo Angelosanto and **Canon Martin Drysdale** appointed as the new Vicar Generals.

Canon Aldo overseeing Dundee, Angus and North Fife.

Canon Martin overseeing North Stirling and Perth & Kinross.

Fr. Tom Shields as Vicar Episcopal for the faith formation of young people.

Mgr Ken McCaffrey as Vicar Episcopal for Education.

Fr. Ronnie McAinsh as Vicar Episcopal for Religious

Mgr Basil O'Sullivan as Vicar Episcopal for the Clergy.

Fr. Mike Freyne MHM as Director for Mission Awareness.

Fr. Colin Golden as Director for Vocations

Deacon Charles Hendry as Director for Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate.

Archbishop Cushley of Edinburgh said: " I encourage you, in the light of Catholic social teaching, carefully to consider the issues and to do your civic duty on the day itself. No matter the result of the Referendum, I would hope that all Catholics will continue to engage positively in public discourse, and ensure that the Christian message and its values are better expressed and understood, to the benefit of the whole community. By doing so, our beloved land will be a more just, peaceful and prosperous place for all its citizens."

Archbishop Tartaglia of Glasgow commented: "The Scottish Independence Referendum is now just a short time away. Along with the Bishops of Scotland, who are deeply conscious of the importance of this referendum, I encourage and urge all those eligible to vote to do so with complete freedom of choice and in accordance with their prayerful judgment of what is best for the future. May God guide us and bless us in whatever choice we make in good conscience."