



**Catholic Youth
Service Scotland**

Keep in touch on Facebook facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Youth-Service-Scotland

Any youth interested please contact Fr. Mike also any adults willing to help in the organisation/coordination within the parish also make contact with Fr. Mike.

News on how to participate in Scottish Catholic Youth Festival at Stirling 30th July to 2nd August 2015 and..... World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow is coming soon from diocesan youth office near you....

N E X T W E E K E N D 27th & 28th September

MARY'S MEALS RAGS TO RICHES

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

Also open on

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER FROM

8.30am to 10.30am at St. John Vianney's

AND

8.30am to 11.30am at 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 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 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE AT ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THEIR ANNUAL RAFFLE PLEASE COME PREPARED

Mary's Meals is now feeding

923,572

of the world's poorest children every day they attend school

Help us [#makeitamillion](https://twitter.com/makeitamillion)



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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**21st September 2014
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Parish Websites

www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes & 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...

Owen Downs, Sharon Nowek,, Annie Fitzgerald and Helen Mc'Keown.

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.

TODAY THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND

**Parish Collections
7th Sept 2014**

St. Bernadette's	£435.22
St. John Vianney's	£372.00

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 21st Sept	Mass times as Normal - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Monday 22nd Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 23rd Sept	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wednesday 24th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 25th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 26th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 27th Sept	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 28th Sept	Mass times as Normal - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27th Sept	SVDP Annual Mass at Carfin Grotto. Rosary procession 1pm Mass 2pm
27/28th Sept	Day of prayer for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family.
27/28th Sept	Mary's Meals weekend
19th Oct	Mission Sunday collection for Propagation of the Faith

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN DIOCESE

Bishop Stephen has recently announced more new appointments although some only take effect later in October.

Fr. Steven Mulholland as Vicar Episcopal for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Relationships.

Fr. James High as Vicar Episcopal for Laity and Church Lay Organizations in the Diocese.

Fr. Kevin Golden is appointed as new parish priest to the Cathedral and chaplain to Dundee University.

Fr. Ian Wilson OSA and another new priest to Arbroath, Monifieth and Carnoustie.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

There is another attempt to introduce an ASSISTED DYING BILL at Holyrood. Petitions against are available. Petitions are important and they do help politicians especially if they share the same view. If they disagree they are forced to rethink. They have made differences in the past.

Please sign TODAY on your way out of mass.

You can also email and/or write to your own MSP.

PETITION AT BACK OF CHURCH TO BE SIGNED AND WE WILL FORWARD

McLellan Commission

You will be aware that an external "Review of Safeguarding Protocols and Procedures" within the Catholic Church in Scotland was commissioned by the Bishops of Scotland with the cooperation of the religious congregations which are active here. It will review the suitability and robustness of our safeguarding procedures; it is known as the McLellan Commission.

The Commission is keen to hear from members of the Catholic Church and others in relation to the ways in which the Church works to safeguard its members from abuse and harm. If you have a view on this, whether positive or negative, the Commission would be very interested to hear from you.

If you would like to participate, a secure and confidential area has been established on the McLellan Commission website where you can get in touch. A confidential questionnaire on this part of the website is live until 30 September 2014.

The website can be found at: www.mcllellancommission.co.uk

Alternatively, until 30 September 2014, you can write to:

Secretary

The McLellan Commission

Centrum House

38 Queen Street

Glasgow G1 3DX.

You can also email: info@mcllellancommission.co.uk

INVESTING IN PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

The quest for peace with justice in the Holy Land seems to be more difficult by the day, understandably many feel a sense of helplessness amidst their concern and outrage.

To address this problem a group of concerned people of faith from Stirling, Dunblane and Clackmannanshire have formed a group, "Investing in Peace in Palestine and Israel" (IPPI) aimed at helping those suffering through regular prayer and raising awareness of issues.

The group will act under the umbrella of Christian Aid, who together with the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the global ACT Alliance, has made a commitment to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine on the 24th of each month. The Central Scotland Islamic Centre are also keen to be involved.

IPPI members will commit to praying on the 24th of each month, sometimes alone, sometimes together and will occasionally organise events with invited speakers etc. **See below.**

The group is particularly keen to extend it's scope to include members of all faith gatherings in the Stirling/ Dunblane/Clackmannanshire area.

To receive more information and to be added to the electronic mailing list, please contact:

Alan Howes on 01786 822974 or email; alan@ourpeagreenboat.co.uk.

FIRST MEETING OF IPPI

24th September 2014 - Tea/ Coffee 7.30pm for start at 7.45 meeting to finish by 9.30pm.

On this occasion a chance to meet with Maureen Jack who will speak about Palestinian child prisoners (the theme of World Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel running 21th to 27th September) then time for prayer

LITURGY

You may have read in some of the Catholic Newspapers and serious magazines that the Congregation for Divine Worship has issued a Circular Letter on the "**Ritual Expression of the Gift of Peace at Mass.**" Fr. Mike plans to meet with Fr Martin and Canon John to see in what way this can be appropriately explained and implemented in our parishes. It will probably take a few weeks but you will hear more ...!!!