

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION OF CLOTHES.

TODAY

Last opportunity to leave clothes at St. John Vianney's is 10.30 am and at St. Bernadette's 12.30.

Representatives of Mary's Meals will be at all masses to share with us and ask us to support Mary's Meals by buying tickets for the annual raffle at the end of mass.

This is our Parishes yearly big project for 2014 so please support.

Mary's Meals is now feeding

923,572

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

Help us #makeitamillion



For every £1 donated to Mary's Meals



Seven pence (at most) covers fundraising and governance costs



Leaving 93p to spend on our charitable activities



Just two bags of textiles (depending on the quality of the goods) can feed a child with Mary's Meals in Malawi for a whole school year!



Keep in touch on Facebook [facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Youth-Service-Scotland](https://www.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....

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



28th September 2014
26th 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.....

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

Annie Fitzgerald, Helen Mc'Keown and Annie Russell

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.

MARYS MEALS REPRESENTATIVES AT ALL MASSES TODAY TO SELL TICKET FOR ANNUAL RAFFLE.

Parish Collections

21st Sept 2014

St. Bernadette's	£384.68
Ecclesiastical Students fund	£115.48
St. John Vianney's	£424.60
Ecclesiastical Students fund	£159.20

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 28th Sept	Mass times as Normal - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mary's Meals & Prayers for Extraordinary Synod.
Monday 29th Sept	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Parents School Council, St. Bernadette's School.
Tuesday 30th Sept	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh. 12 noon - Fr. Mike Working Lunch
Wednesday 1st October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Parish Financial Council
Thursday 2nd October	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 10.00am - Education Meeting, Clackmannanshire Council 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Fr Martin
Friday 3rd October	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Prayers for Persecuted Christians.
Saturday 4th October	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 5th October	Mass times as Normal - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

Fr. Mike & Fr. Martin are looking after St. Mungo's Alloa and St. Serf's Highvalleyfield while Canon John is away during month of October. Therefore diary could change for any emergencies etc.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19th Oct	Mission Sunday collection for Propagation of the Faith
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LITURGY

The Parish Liturgy Committee proposed and was agreed with the Parish Pastoral Council to introduce two new weekly liturgies. These will be experimental (until Advent and then re-evaluated probably to continue at least as an experiment to Easter). We do not expect great numbers (would be wonderful if there were!) at either of these moments of prayer and reflection but we offer these opportunities. If people take advantage of them then that will be marvellous. If they are not accepted or found not to be helpful then we can at least say we have offered a different moment and opportunity of prayer.

EVERY SUNDAY, 3.00pm, ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for silent and prayerful adoration and blessing of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction. This is expected to last between 30 to 40 minutes. Most Sundays this moment of prayer will be led by Fr. Martin.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING, 7.00pm, ST. BERNADETTE'S.

There will be a new weekly evening mass with a slight difference. We will not celebrate the

DAY OF PRAYER 27th & 28th September:

WE HAVE A DAY OF PRAYER for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family. This is likely to be a very polemical and well discussed Synod and we have been asked to pray. At the end of mass let us pray the following prayer composed by Pope Francis.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

OCTOBER MONTH OF MISSIONS.

As part of his new job as Director for Missionary Awareness in the Diocese Fr. Mike has agreed with Bishop Stephen to ask all parish priests and parishes to spend a short time to reflect on what the parish has done, is doing that is missionary. This is not just in the Third World but also here at home. Hopefully a small group can come together and reflect on this.

Those interested please contact Fr. Mike or just come along to St. Bernadette's Parish Hall on Monday 13th October for a short meeting. All welcome.

We are trying to gather information about what is already being done that is missionary in our parishes. We believe this is GOOD NEWS.

OCTOBER A MONTH DEDICATED TO REFLECT AND PRAY

ON OUR MISSIONARY AWARENESS AND ACTIONS.

Hopefully at many of our Sunday masses throughout the month we will have people who can share some of their different missionary experiences. Next Sunday Sam O'Neill will share with us at all masses of his experience in India during the summer. You may remember Sam, who has just left St. Modan's school, spoke at all masses before he went and we supported him with a small financial help towards his expenses. Let's see if it was a worthwhile experience.

mass readings of the day or feast day. This will be a themed mass probably related to something that is happening in our lives, world. It could be a mass for persecuted Christians, victims of a flood, a natural disaster, patients and carers of cancer. Hopefully the theme of the mass will be announced in this NL the week before. This mass will NOT happen during the cold winter evenings (after Christmas to Ash Wednesday). Fr. Mike will normally celebrate this mass. Both new liturgies will begin in October beginning this week. Please support and take advantage to enrich your prayer life and your relationship with God and others.

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2014 7.00pm - ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mass for Persecuted Christians especially for Christians in Iraq. Our attention and call to prayer will be around a letter from the Patriarch of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Iraq, Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako. We will remember and pray for all persecuted Christians. Please join us around the Lord's table.