

## COFFEE MORNINGS + PHOTO GALLERY + CAKE STALL

Coffee mornings will be held in St. John Vianney's Church Hall  
After Sunday morning mass on the 19th and 26th October



The photographs from Sister Nora's leaving party and the Ursulines celebration will be on display.

Individual copies of these can be ordered.

A cake and bake sale would help defray costs so any donations of home baking for a stall would be welcome.



## CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 12-18 October 2014

More than 800,000 people in Scotland live in low income households. In a rich country like ours this is unnecessary and unacceptable.

**Challenge Poverty Week** is an opportunity for you to help fight poverty and hardship in Scotland.

More than 40 organisations and groups supported **Challenge Poverty Week** last year, and we hope even more get behind it this year.

The main aims of the week are to:

- Highlight the reality of poverty and challenge the stereotypes about exist about it;
- Demonstrate what is being done across Scotland to address poverty
- Increase public support for more action to combat poverty

We are encouraging as many groups and individuals to get involved in

### Challenge Poverty Week

by organising activities or taking part in activities organised by others.

Download the new publicity leaflet for **Challenge Poverty Week 2014** or contact us to have a batch of leaflets sent to you 0141 353 0440

More information at : <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

And also at : [http://povertyalliance.org/challenge\\_poverty](http://povertyalliance.org/challenge_poverty)

### Mary's Meals information:

Collections for raffle: St. Bernadette's: £370.40p, St. John Vianney's: £554.11p.

There were so many bags of clothes that the van could only pick up at St. Bernadette's on the first trip and had to come back to collect another full van from St. John Vianney's. Mary's Meals send their thanks for the generosity, this is what keeps Mary's Meals going.... Congratulations to all.

### 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 and 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)

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**5th October 2014**  
**27th 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.....** Margaret Hogan and Andrew Lawless.

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

James Earons, Nan Grant and Kajik Wilgat.

### 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 28th Sept 2014

St. Bernadette's £439.07

St. John Vianney's £286.10

## 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**

<b>Sunday 5th Oct</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 3.00pm - Adoration &amp; Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.</b>
<b>Monday 6th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric &amp; Maintenance meeting in Parish House</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th Oct</b>	<b>No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.</b>
<b>Wed 8th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Parish Financial Council</b>
<b>Thursday 9th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Fr Martin</b>
<b>Friday 10th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's, (Mass theme; Missions)</b>
<b>Saturday 11th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass &amp; Confessions, St. Bernadette's.</b>
<b>Sunday 12th Oct</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3.00pm - Adoration &amp; Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.</b>

**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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### 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 to reflect on this.

**Those interested please contact Fr. Mike or just come along to St. Bernadette's Parish Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions, opens Mission Month

**Vatican City (Agenzia Fides)** - With today's liturgical feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1897), proclaimed Patroness of the Missions in 1927 with St. Francis Xavier, October month of the missions begins, which will culminate in the celebration of World Mission Day on the third Sunday of the month, October 19. In some countries the Day is moved to another Sunday for pastoral reasons. This year on Mission Day the closure of the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be celebrated, on the theme "The pastoral challenges on the family in the context of evangelization" and the beatification of Pope Paul VI, who in his more than fifteen years of pontificate gave a strong impetus to the missionary awareness of all members of the Church through his teaching and his missionary journeys.

In much of the world, the Catholic Church celebrates October as the "Month of the Missions", using the many subsidies that the National Board of the Pontifical Mission Societies prepare in order to recall the duty of every Christian to cooperate in the Church's universal mission with prayer and economic support. October was chosen as a missionary month to commemorate the discovery of the American continent, which opened a new page in the history of evangelization.

At the opening of his Message for World Mission Day 2014, the Holy Father points out that "today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born "to go forth". World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy". - **VATICAN**

### The Sacrament of Matrimony and the wedding industry.

You have a conflict between the sacrament of Matrimony and the wedding event industry. Catholics understand Matrimony as a sacrament (an encounter with Christ) and teach that the couple must knowingly and freely enter into it. That is why they demand instruction before the sacrament. The state also demands a license from the government to make it legal.

For a church wedding you need 5 people, bride and groom, 2 witnesses, and a priest or deacon in a Catholic church where the sacrament will be recorded and record of which will be forwarded to the parish in which you were baptized.

The wedding industry sells photo ops, events, destination weddings, theme weddings, media extravaganzas, and other major productions. What people have seen in the movies (sometimes in over-budget productions) is marketed as "normal". All the extras add up. Sometimes to the detriment of the couple. This is the wedding day, not the marriage itself..... Many people do not get the distinction.

### 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.

**Today Sam O'Neill** will share with us at all masses his experience in India during the summer. You may remember Sam, who has just left St. Modan's High 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.