

## Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday - About World Mission Sunday

In 1926, Pope Pius XI established an annual collection for the missionary work of the Church worldwide called "World Mission Sunday." World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. **World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday of each October, which is World Mission Month.** As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" *-(Redemptoris Missio 81).*

The Propagation of the Faith is entrusted with the promotion of World Mission Sunday, collection of the proceeds, and distribution of the proceeds. Our parishes sent the money collect on Mission Sunday to the Diocese. Each Diocese sends this to the National Office, which sends the monies to the international office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome. At their annual meeting in Rome, the International Society for the Propagation of the Faith decides how the funds collected will be distributed to missionaries worldwide, based on needs that are prioritized. The Scottish Bishops have a representative at this meeting. Each Diocese in the Missions can apply for 5 missionary projects. The Propagation of the Faith tries to attend to every Diocese in the world.

**Fr. Mike is the Bishop's representative just now at the National and Diocesan meetings.**

Your contributions to the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year help support pastoral and evangelizing programs, catechists and catechetical work, the building of churches and chapels, the work of religious communities in health care and education, and communication and transportation needs

The day-to-day service of the Catholic Church in the developing world depends on such financial help.

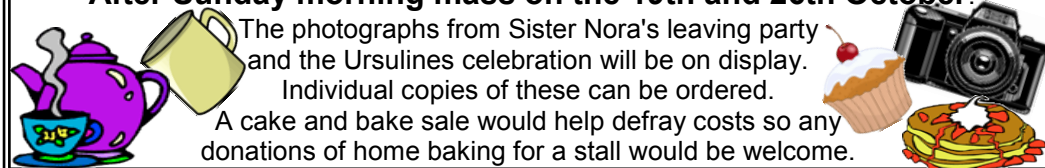
### How Does Your World Mission Sunday Gift Help?

- £8 supports a seminarian for one week.
- £13 helps to purchase a desk and books for a student in the mountains of Vietnam.
- £50 provides support for religious Sisters in Zambia serving at a mission hospital.
- £83 will help toward food, shelter, clothing, medical care, and education for young girls in Thailand.

*"...the laity can also feel themselves called, or be called, to work with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community, for its growth and life, by exercising a great variety of ministries according to the grace and the charisms which the Lord is pleased to give them."* - (Evangelii Nuntiandi 73)   
 More at : <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>

## 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.



### LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB WINNERS

Drawn 28th September after 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianney's .  
1st, £100 No.10 Margaret Driver. 2nd, £25 Helen Mc'Menemy.  
Next draw Sunday 26th October after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**12th October 2014**  
**28th 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.....** Bill Maxwell.

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

James Earons, Nan Grant, Kajik Wilgat, Mark Grant and Toni Stolarek

### 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 5th October 2014

St. Bernadette's	£433.65
St. John Vianney's	£545.00

**NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIONS. (PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH)**

## 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 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>
<b>Monday 13th Oct</b>	<b>10.30am - Funeral mass of Bill Maxwell, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mission Awareness Group, St. Bernadette's hall. All welcome.</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th Oct</b>	<b>No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.</b>
<b>Wed 15th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.</b>
<b>Thursday 16th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Fr Martin</b>
<b>Friday 17th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's, (Mass theme; Missions)</b>
<b>Saturday 18th Oct</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass &amp; Confessions, St. Bernadette's.</b>
<b>Sunday 19th Oct</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mission Sunday 3.00pm - Adoration &amp; Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.</b>

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

**On Mission Sunday Laura Quigley, Teacher of Geography at St Kentigern's Academy Blackburn, who was with a group of teachers from Mission Matters Scotland (Missio) during the summer in Africa (Ethiopia and Zambia) will be at all masses on Mission Sunday to share with us. This will be our third Sunday that we have had someone share with us about mission. As always I am sure we will give her a good welcome.**

### **MISSION AWARENESS GROUP**

Fr Mike has invited – but all are welcome and please do come along – to put together an “audit” on what is going on and has been going on in the past year in both parishes that we would regard as “missionary”. This is not just our Third World interest but what we as a church also do at home. This is part of a Diocesan audit being done in all parishes and catholic schools. This is just a one off meeting but those really interested Fr Mike will be forming a small group at a Diocesan level to further develop this

### **LITURGY**

Last week we began two new opportunities of prayer in our parishes. On Sundays at St. John Vianney's at 3.00pm Adoration and Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and on Friday evenings in St. Bernadette's at 7.00pm mass with a special theme. There were only 3 present at each one. These opportunities involve quite a bit of preparation and although the numbers are not discouraging - even expected - people should consider if they need something more prayerful in their lives.

### **SYNOD ON MARRIAGE SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The last Synod on the family was in 1980. The Polish born Pope John Paul II had been guiding the Church for two years. 19 months after being elected our Argentinian Jesuit Pope Francis has called another Synod on the family. There is a gap of 35 years between the synods. The issues confronting marriage and the family are very different as is the approach of the two popes. John Paul II was a forceful and charismatic 60-year-old, and his 1980 synod came in the wake of a determined program to crack down on dissent, put an end to open debate on thorny pastoral and theological issues, and to ensure that the world's bishops were in lockstep with directives issued by the Holy See. Pope Francis who will soon be 78 years old has an approach of dialogue, the need to converse and even debate are healthy and necessary for the life of the community of believers. An enormous difference between the two Synods is that this one had a census throughout the world on matters relating to family life. Pope Francis' idea was to do some basic ground research to have an honest discussion and what helps marriage and family life grow; ; to acknowledge where and why its teachings are rejected or ignored; and, basically, to take the temperature of the current situation. The census in fact may not have been as popular as Pope Francis had intended and in some Dioceses may not even have reached the people. It was full of big complicated words and nearly theological questions difficult to respond to but many Dioceses adapted it to a more popular presentation and many put it on the Internet for more people to participate. What is important to remember that this Synod just now is in fact NOT the actual Synod but an “extraordinary assembly” of bishops preparing for the “ordinary synod” which will be in October 2015. What happens between the 2 assemblies will probably be very important and hopefully there will be a lot of listening, dialogue and discussion. It all reflects a little of the early church and the arguments and discussion between the Apostles and conflicting opinions at the very first Council of Jerusalem.

*Let us pray, listen, reflect and hopefully take part.*

### **MISSION MONTH:**

We thank Sam for sharing with us last Sunday about his experience in India last summer. This weekend one of the girls Ciara who went to Lourdes to help with our sick will share at all masses.

### **Lourdes 2014**

This summer myself, Kaitlyn and Alison were delighted to be given we opportunity to go on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our time was spent assisting the pilgrims who needed the additional support, to various events within and around the Domain in Lourdes. Our day started at 6 am, with serving breakfast, followed by one of the services of that day, such as a mass or a visit to one of the many landmarks. The Grotto was by far my personal favourite. We visited not only with the pilgrims but within our own personal times in the evening. It had an aura of peace and safety and surrounded by those I had never met before this opportunity, we shared stories and prayed together with a feeling of tranquillity I had never experienced before.

Although the days were long and tiring, it was an unbelievable experience. I have made lifelong friends and it was great to meet up last month and exchange how the trip impacted us. It is an understatement, and I'm sure the other girls will agree, that we were changed from our days in Lourdes and I wish to return in the future. All of this was only possible with the support of the Knights of Saint Columba, St Vincent de Paul and our fellow parishioners.

Thank you very much for your support and I would encourage any young people to take up this fantastic opportunity..... *Ciara Barker.*

**MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES** will be available at all masses today. As part of the annual mission appeal people can contribute in the normal way in the second collection **NEXT Sunday**. Those who pay tax can use the envelope and bring it back next week. Put your contribution in the envelope and fill in the back. This will earn another 20% back from the tax man towards the special collection as part of the Gift Aid project.