

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The sacrifice of the mass is the greatest prayer we Catholics have. It is therefore important to remember our deceased loved ones at mass. Normally we do this round about the anniversary of their death. However, it is a tradition of the Church that in the month of November we remember our deceased loved ones. We pray for them and ask them to pray for us. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to list your intentions for the Holy Souls. These intentions will be included at all masses celebrated both by Fr Mike and Fr. Martin , both in St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's no matter in which envelope your names have been included. Please try to leave your mass intentions in the baskets by Sunday 26th October.

There is no stipulation regarding how much your contribution for a mass stipend should be, however the intention behind the stipend is not to "pay" but to involve some form of sacrifice on the donors part. It would be excellent if people made the effort to go to at least one mid-week mass during the month to be actually involved in praying for your deceased loved ones.

Friday 31st October evening mass will also be for our deceased but especially to remember Fr. Wallace and Fr. Michael Milton.

The Saturday and Monday morning masses people will be able to place a cross at the offertory to represent their deceased relatives. We are trying once again to buy more crosses but they are difficult to obtain and can be expensive.

Mary's Meals Update: Letters received from Mary's Meals thanking parishioners for their kindness and generosity on notice boards.

St. Bernadette's: Collections for raffle: £370.40p and 138 bags of clothes

St. John Vianney's: Collections for raffle: £554.11p and 130 bags of clothes

CHAMPION DOG

Most people are used to seeing Helen with a puppy at mass and may even hear him now and then making a comment on the sermon! Helen trains young puppies before they go to "college" for blind people and as a parish we accepted that any disturbance would be acceptable as part of our contribution to helping the blind. Our primary schools are also visited by Helen and her puppies as part of their training of getting used to and learning to behave well in public places. We have just heard one of her last puppies "CHAD" has been put forward as "Guide Dog of the Year."

Congratulations!!



**St. Modan's High School.
P6/7 Parents Evening
7.00pm Monday 27th Oct
in school.**

COFFEE MORNINGS + PHOTO GALLERY + CAKE STALL

Coffee mornings will be held in St. John Vianney's Church Hall After morning mass TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY.



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.



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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**19th October 2014
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 Fern.

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

Mark Grant Toni Stolarek.. and Charles Byrne

REGULAR MEETINGS

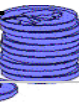
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet in St. Bernadette's weekly, at 10.30am before Sunday mass and at St. John Vianney's, on the last Sunday of the month after 9.30 morning mass.

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 MISSIONS. (PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH)

**Parish Collections
12th October 2014**

St. Bernadette's	£401.88
St. John Vianney's	£412.88



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 19th Oct	Mass times as Normal - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mission Sunday 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 20th Oct	Priests Council, Pitlochry. 9.30am - Morning office & Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 21st Oct	Priests Council, Pitlochry. No services in parish.
Wed 22nd Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's School Mass. Beginning of term & Missions 2.00pm - St Mark's, Edinburgh Mission event
Thursday 23rd Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 6.00pm - Wedding practice, St. John Vianney's.
Friday 24th Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 12 noon Nuptial Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's. (prayers for victims and workers in Ebola epidemic.)
Saturday 25th Oct	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 3.00pm - House Mass, Tullibody.
Sunday 26th Oct	Mass times as Normal - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

Fr Mike is alone looking after all 4 parishes this week, for all eventualities, sick calls etc. There could be short notice changes to masses etc so let us be sensitive to the difficulties of others.

Traditionally during the month of November we remember our deceased at all masses. Please make sure you have handed in your list by next Sunday 26th Oct

"A deeper study of [Mt.25:26-28] will make us commit ourselves more resolutely to the duty, which is urgent for everyone today, to work together for the full development of others; 'development of the whole human being and of all people.'" - Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 30.7
More at : <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>

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).

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.

WORLD MISSION DAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your ongoing support of Mission Matters Scotland and our vital work in 1,100 Dioceses around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for missionaries, priests, catechists and pastoral workers to reach out in the name of Christ to communities in desperate need. I am pleased to introduce you to the 2014 Mission Matters Scotland "World Mission Appeal". This year's theme 'I will build my Church', invites parishioners to reach out and help the people of Mongolia to build their Church, the world's youngest Catholic Church, and expand similar mission work throughout the world. After decades of struggling in a communist ruled country, with no religious freedom, it is only recently that the people of Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, have had the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Bishop Wenceslao (Wens) Padilla, a former missionary priest from the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was one of the first missionaries to arrive in Mongolia just over 20 years ago, to build the Catholic Church and the Kingdom of God on earth. He recalls a country struggling with issues of alcoholism, domestic abuse, minimal government social services and extreme poverty. It was known by missionaries as the 'hardship country'. The Pontifical Mission Societies have supported the work of the Mongolian Catholic Church since its inception. It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters, and the holistic work of the missionaries, that people across Mongolia have come to know the grace, joy, peace and hope of our loving God. I invite you to consider how this year's Mission Matters Scotland "World Mission Appeal" is a concrete way for you and your parishioners to respond to the invitation by Pope Francis, to live out and witness our faith, to proclaim the Gospel to those who do not yet know the Good News of Jesus Christ, including the people of the young Church of Mongolia and other emerging churches across the world.

"Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Mission Day my thoughts turn to all the local Churches. Let us not be robbed of the joy of evangelization! I invite you to immerse yourself in the joy of the Gospel and nurture a love that can light up your vocation and your mission. I urge each of you to recall, as if you were making an interior pilgrimage, that "first love" with which the Lord Jesus Christ warmed your heart, not for the sake of nostalgia but in order to persevere in joy. The Lord's disciples persevere in joy when they sense His presence, do His will and share with others their faith, hope and evangelical charity". (Message of His Holiness Francis for the World Mission Day 2014)

Today, 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 to share with us. This will be our third Sunday that we have had someone share with us about mission. I am sure we will give her a warm welcome.

MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES

As part of the annual mission appeal people can contribute in the normal way in the second collection **TODAY**. Those who pay tax can use the envelopes which were available last Sunday for your contribution 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.