



**St Bernadette's Primary School
- Summer Fayre -**

Saturday 14th June 12 noon-3pm

Please come along to our final event of the session.

Lots to do, see, win and buy.

If you can support the school with donations for the bottle stall, prizes or home baking please contact Tina O'Neill on 01259 723973.



ORDINATION of Michael Carrie & VOCATIONS

On Monday 9th June 2014 Deacon Michael Carrie will be ordained a Priest in St. Andrews Cathedral Dundee. This is an historic event in our diocese being the first ordination since Fr. Martin Pletts' in 2002. Michael Carrie was born in Dundee on 25th July 1975. After attending Lawside RC Academy he went to La Sainte Union College of Higher Education in Southampton to study History and Geography. Following his graduation he began seminary studies at Scotus College in Glasgow, after completing four years took some time out. This was time was spent working in community pharmacy in Dundee. Michael returned to seminary, going to the Scots College in Rome in 2009 and was ordained deacon in 2013. Michael will be in our parish on Pentecost Sunday 8th June and be present at the 9.30am and 11.30am masses. We really appreciate Michael coming to join us for these masses so that parishioners can identify with him, the day before his ordination.

"Christ continues to call young disciples... face this challenge without anxiety or mediocrity" - (Pope Benedict XVI to Seminarians 20 VIII 2011) Christ continues to call, his voice is not silent: but the call that Christ makes to priesthood is a challenge, the radical call to live the message of the Gospel. When this call is made, for those who receive it, nothing else will satisfy. When this call is made then no matter how difficult it might seem to respond to it, how challenging to accept it, **"God gives the right grace to face and overcome the challenges with love and realism"** - (Pope Benedict XVI to Seminarians 20 VIII 2011)....If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, call your Diocesan Director of Priestly Vocations, or email Fr. Andrew McKenzie at Priests for Scotland amckenzie@pfs.org.uk or go to www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

**LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT
100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS**

**Drawn 25th May after 9.30am
Mass at St. John Vianney's.**

**1st:- £100, Veronica Hislop.
2nd:- £25, Margaret Driver**

**Next draw Sunday 29th June
after 11.30am Mass
at St. Bernadette's.**

**John Paul Prayer Movement
Invites you to join in their
PENTECOST RETREAT DAY**

**Saturday 7th June 2014 - 10am to 5pm
St. Mary's Monastery Kinnoull, Perth.**

**£20pp (includes lunch) - Contact Chris Mc'Crosson on
07887606807 to confirm and for transport arrangements.**

*Congratulations to George and Karen Mc'Laughlan
who will celebrate their
30th wedding anniversary
on 2nd June*



RACE NIGHT - (For Lourdes Youth Project)

The Knights of St Columba are organising a race night to raise funds for our parishes Lourdes Youth Group Project.

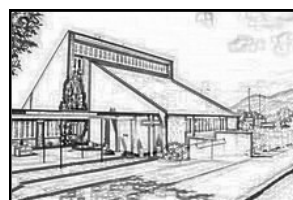
**On Friday 27th June at 7.30pm
in St. Mungo's church hall Alloa.**



Races can be sponsored and horses bought any time from now until the race night. See posters at back of churches for details & prices etc. **Please support this worthy cause**

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

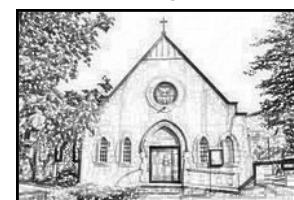


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**1st June 2014
7th Sunday of Easter**

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Parish Sister - Ursulines of Jesus
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Parish Websites

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



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, Mary McGeehan, Vera Kasciewicz, Brendan Murphy, Georgina Anderson, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Alma White, Petra Dijk, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen Mc'Parland, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Peter Doyle, Mona Pyat, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Joe Horsburgh, Tom Mylchreest, Margaret Ward and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... William Scarfe.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Richard Harvey,, Michael Dunion, Chrissy Earons, Leonie Scott, William Hutchison and Tommy Mc'Kaveney.

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
25th May 2014**

St. Bernadette's £588.61

St. John Vianney's £395.20



**Special second collection today
for Communications**

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 1st June	Mass times as Normal - 7th Sunday of Easter - World Communications Day 12.30pm - Baptism St. Bernadette's
Monday 2nd June	9.00am - Mass St. Modan's High School 9.30am - Morning Office + Holy Communion, St. John Vianney's 1.30pm - Confessions, St. Bernadette's School, Confirmation Group 6.00pm - Confessions St. Bernadette's Church, Confirmation Group 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in parish house.
Tuesday 3rd June	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 7.00pm - Mass of Thanksgiving, Ursulines - Bishop Stephen, St. John Vianney's, Followed by social in hall.
Wed 4th June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 5th June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Missio Meeting, Falkirk
Fri 6th June	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Sat 7th June	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 8th June	Mass times as Normal - Pentecost Sunday & Confirmations

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 9th June	Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Michael Carrie. 7.00pm, Cathedral, Dundee
11th - 13th June	Dalguise - school camp.
Sat 14th June	School summer fare
17th June	Lawside, Dundee - Priests' Council
22nd June	First Holy Communions
29th June	Special collection for Peter's Pence
20th July	Bishop Stephen will celebrate all masses in the parish.

CONFIRMATIONS

St. Bernadette's will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday. It is expected that families will invite friends and relatives to be present. It is important we go out of our way to welcome everyone. However, it may be a good idea to create a little more space in the church if some people could go to the masses this Sunday in Alva. However, this is a parish celebration and all are welcome and will be good to hopefully see a packed church.



World Communications Day

In Ascension Thursday's first reading (Acts 1,1-11) there was a phrase which takes on a totally different meaning from the meaning it had twenty years ago: "then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth".....

Who would have known decades ago what it would really be like to be able to write to someone elsewhere in the world and for them to be able to read what you wrote to them within seconds (when the machinery is working)? Who would have believed it? A mother and father can speak face to face to their daughter in Spain several times a week, and children in Texas regularly see their grandparents in Europe and chat with them!

Pope Francis begins his reflection for this year's World Day of Communications in awe of how small this makes the world, but he wants us to be aware of the negative contrasts this can reveal to us, too. He mentions the "scandalous gap between the opulence of the wealthy and the utter destitution of the poor" and encourages us to be wide awake to this sort of gap as we walk around our city streets.

The closeness we enjoy through the communications media contrasts with the distance we allow there to be between ourselves and other people, and today Pope Francis is urging us to use the communications media to bridge all those gaps. He is encouraging not just communication but good communication, which "helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity". He stresses how much contemporary media can do in terms of strengthening not just mutual knowledge but genuine solidarity. The acid test is the parable of the Good Samaritan, where there is the choice: we can pass by on the other side or we can communicate with a person in trouble - and what a difference the opening of that channel of communication makes! Communication leads in that case, as in so many others, to neighbourliness. This is much better than using social media to lock ourselves into a battle between people who hold differing or even contrary opinions. Besides, as Pope Francis says, "people only express themselves fully when they are not merely tolerated, but know that they are truly accepted"

None of that can happen unless we use the communications media with respect for people who are in the conversation with us, no matter what they think or believe. When things are not quite right in their lives, people have a knack of expressing themselves awkwardly and giving the wrong impression, especially on the digital highway, "a street teeming with people who are often hurting, men and women looking for salvation or hope". The Pope thinks that being available to people via the electronic media is akin to keeping the doors of our churches open, and he puts before us the challenge of letting people know for certain "that the Church is the home of all". When we in the Church slot into the sad caricature of an organisation that seems to enjoy finding fault with people and telling them where they have gone wrong - as if they needed to be reminded! - we are missing an opportunity that really needs to be exploited in every creative way we can find: the chance to convince people that it is wonderful to spend time with God, and to help them accept the fact that God really does bless all creation, including them, with goodness and beauty. Some of the people who "come in" when they realise they may have things to "sort out" with the Lord, but the main thing seems to be what Pope Francis says: we need to be "a Church capable of bringing warmth and stirring hearts"

More at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/communications-day-2014>

DIOCESAN MASSES

In the next few weeks we have many Diocesan Masses. Over the past few years we have always managed to send some representatives with Fr. Mike. Considering we are at the far end of the Diocese this is much appreciated by others in the Diocese. Fr Mike tries to take 3 or 4 people with him. If you are interested in going make contact with Fr. Mike **NOW**.
Monday 9th June 7pm - Cathedral, Dundee, Ordination of Deacon Michael Carrie
Tuesday 10th June 7pm - St. Clements, Dundee, First Mass of Fr. Michael Carrie
Thursday 12th June 7pm - Annual Education Mass, Cathedral Dundee
Tuesday 24th June 7pm - St. John The Baptist, Perth, silver jubilee Fr. Tom Shields