



FIRST COMMUNIONS

Today at St. Bernadette's is our First Communion Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi.

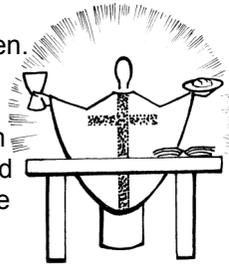
Normally first communicants have lots of guests, family & friends.

A few things worth remembering:

This is a very important day in the life of the children.

We all should make a special effort to make this a very spiritually significant day.

Let us all be welcoming to those from outside the parish making them feel they are in the presence of the Lord but also in a very friendly and welcoming community. Let us help the children focus and concentrate on Jesus and not distract them by waving or calling their attention.



There will be plenty of time **AFTER** mass for photos.

Those wishing to take photos during mass must have permission beforehand to do so and absolutely no flash photography. (there will be plenty of opportunities after mass)

We will have a photographer present.

Let us make this a joyful and memorable day for all of us and especially for the children.



CHILDRENS CLOTHES FOR BRAZIL

We are looking for good girls second hand children's clothes. These can be taken out to Brazil in September and at Christmas. The approximate ages are babies around 1 year old and 7/8 years of age. The 7/8 years olds we help are a group of girls who are all at school and if we had some summer clothes for them they would be so happy!



BRAZIL JARS FOR YOUR COINS ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



Last year we managed to support a few youth groups to participate in bible citizenship courses, help fund a weeks leadership course for youths and community leaders. We also helped a family whose parents both work but were also looking after 4 homeless children and a 2 year old baby who was undergoing cancer treatment. Empty jars at back of church, take home and return when full (or nearly full).

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.



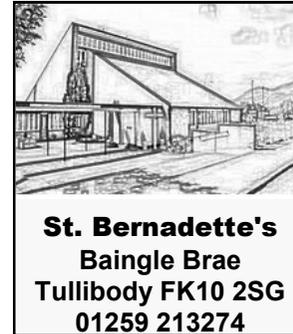
Races can be sponsored and horses bought any time from now until the race night. See posters at back of churches for details & prices etc.

On Friday 27th June at 7.00pm in St. Mungo's church hall Alloa.

Please support this worthy cause!

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

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22nd June 2014 Corpus Christi Sunday

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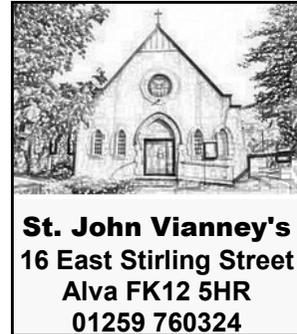
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Welcome

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, 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, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Tom Mylchreest, Joe Horsburgh, Mona Pyat, Margaret Ward, Anne McNiven, Bill Dunsmore 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..... Hughie Docherty, Helen & Eddie Kennedy, Margaret Short and Julie Hadam.

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.

Next Sunday 29th June there will be a Special second collection for Peter's Pence.

Parish Collections 15th June 2014



St. Bernadette's £413.33

St. John Vianney's £414.13

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 22nd June	Mass times as Normal + Corpus Christi + First Holy Communions, St. Bernadette's 3.00pm - Corpus Christi Procession, Cathedral, Dundee
Monday 23rd June	9.30am - Morning Office & Holy Communion St. John Vianney's 9.30am - Mass for first communicants followed by breakfast snack in hall, St. Bernadette's.
Tuesday 24th June	No services in parish. + 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 7.00pm - St. John The Baptist, Perth, Silver jubilee Fr. Tom Shields.
Wednesday 25th June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 26th June	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's + School End of term Mass
Friday 27th June	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Race Night, St Mungo's Hall (for Lourdes Youth Project)
Saturday 28th June	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 29th June	Mass times as Normal + Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th June	Special collection for Peter's Pence
20th July	Bishop Stephen will celebrate all masses in the parish.

The Knights of St Columba are holding a Race Night in St. Mungo's parish hall Alloa at 7pm on Friday evening. This event is in Fact to help with funds for our Lourdes /Youth Project and especially towards financing our 2 youths who go to Lourdes to work in the next few weeks. Even if you cannot participate on the night please support this worthy cause.

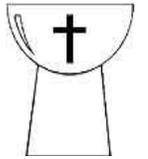


Dear Friends,

There is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful. The Eucharist, instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, on the night before his Passion, is a Sacrament of the New Covenant, rather, the greatest of the Sacraments. In this Sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearances of bread and wine. Children receive this Sacrament solemnly a first time in First Holy Communion and are encouraged to receive it afterwards as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.



To be able to receive Holy Communion, as you know, it is necessary to have received Baptism: this is the first of the Sacraments and the one most necessary for salvation. Baptism is a great event! In the Church's first centuries, when Baptism was received mostly by grown-ups, the ceremony ended with receiving the Eucharist, and was as solemn as First Holy Communion is today. Later on, when Baptism began to be given mainly to newborn babies-and this is the case of many of you, dear children, so that in fact you do not remember the day of your Baptism-the more solemn celebration was transferred to the moment of First Holy Communion. Every boy and every girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom: First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, godparents, and sometimes also the instructors and teachers, generally receive the Eucharist.



The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the One who out of love became the Redeemer of man.

For how many children in the history of the Church has the Eucharist been a source of spiritual strength, sometimes even heroic strength! How can we fail to be reminded, for example, of holy boys and girls who lived in the first centuries and are still known and venerated throughout the Church? Saint Agnes, who lived in Rome; Saint Agatha, who was martyred in Sicily; Saint Tarcisius, a boy who is rightly called the "martyr of the Eucharist" because he preferred to die rather than give up Jesus, whom he was carrying under the appearance of bread.



And so down the centuries, up to our own times, there are many boys and girls among those declared by the Church to be saints or blessed. Just as Jesus shows special trust in children, so his Mother Mary, in the course of history, has not failed to show her motherly care for the little ones. Think of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, the children of La Salette and in our own century Lucia Francisco and Jacinta of Fatima.