

PARENTS AND CARERS OF ASPIRING NEW ALTAR SERVERS.



Some of the children who were confirmed and made their First Holy Communion this year together with some from last year, wish to serve on the altar. Hopefully your child has shown some interest. If your child has expressed an interest please check that their name is on the list in the altar servers' notice board in the sacristy corridor and mark it to confirm you are aware of this. Please also check with one of our sacristans that we have a cassock that fits.

Altar servers are required to change their shoes into black plimsolls to serve on the altar. These can be easily acquired for a very cheap price. They are normally marked and left in the drawer provided in the altar servers' sacristy. If there is any difficulty with this please see Fr. Mike.

Our suggestion is that during the summer holidays – I know it is a bit of a sacrifice – but to overcome “stage fright” and to slowly learn by practise the new servers may turn up 15 minutes before any weekday mass. Some one will help them vest and accompany them during mass. In this way they prepare for serving on the Sunday..... The more practise they have – the better !



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).

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!



On holiday? You've found us.....



*Welcome, come and join us in prayer and thanksgiving...
We as a Christian community welcome people on holiday.*

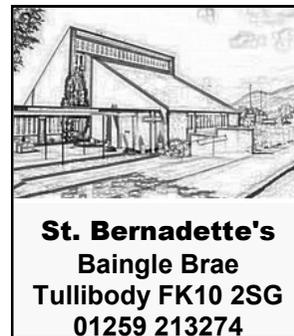
*Please feel at home and free to ask any questions about anything,
Services, mass times, events and even where the toilets?*

*Contact phone numbers and website details
are on the front page of this newsletter.*



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

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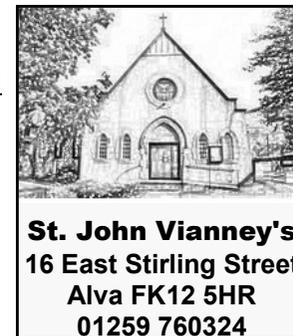


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29th June 2014
Feast of St's Peter & Paul

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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, Bill Dunsmore, Mona Pyat, Anne McNiven, and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died... Margaret Ward

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

There will be a special second collection today for Peter's Pence.

Parish Collections 22nd June 2014

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St. Bernadette's	£708.90
St. John Vianney's	£428.60



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 29th June	Mass times as Normal + Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
Monday 30th June	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Lourdes Mass with Bishop Stephen, Dundee
Tuesday 1st July	No services in parish. + 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House.
Wednesday 2nd July	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.30pm - Reception of body of Margaret Ward, St. Bernadette's
Thursday 3rd July	9.30am - Funeral Mass, of Margaret Ward, St. Bernadette's Feast of St. Thomas + 12 NOON - Working Lunch
Friday 4th July	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 10.15am - Parish Financial Council
Saturday 5th July	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 6th July	Mass times as Normal + 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

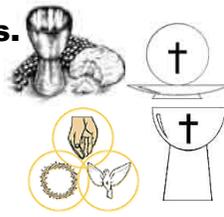
6th July	Fr. Michael Carrie will be the principal celebrant at all masses
13th July	Sea Sunday 2014 special collection
20th July	Bishop Stephen will celebrate all masses in the parish.

NEXT SUNDAY 6th July

Fr. Michael Carrie who visited our parishes on 8th June as a Deacon and was ordained a Priest the following day, will visit our parish again on the 6th July (next Sunday) and celebrate all masses in our parishes. We wish to give him a warm welcome. Also at the 6.15pm mass on the Sunday at St. John Vianney's we will have present our 2 youths going to Lourdes to work with the sick. We will pray for them and ask for God's blessing on their work.

First Communions and Confirmations.

**A Big Thanks to all those
who collaborated and helped to
make these days important and
memorable for the children.**



WHAT IS PETER'S PENCE ?

As long ago as the eighth century kings of England were making donations or goodwill offerings to demonstrate their unity to the Church to assist the financial needs of the pope. These donations were partly designated to help maintain a school in Rome used by English students and for a hostel used by visiting English pilgrims. The concept of sending money to support the pope's work as the Vicar of Christ spread throughout England and then to Northern Europe. The popes became accustomed to these donations and came to expect the regular income. During the reigns of rulers such as Alfred the Great, Canute and William the Conqueror, the peoples of England and Scandinavia started being taxed in order to make what became an annual contribution to Rome. The tax was one penny for every family or household with an annual rental of thirty pence or more. In some Scandinavian countries, a penny was paid as a hearth or fire tax, every family that lived in a home with a hearth paid one penny each year. The so-called voluntary tax of one penny per family was collected and sent to the pope near the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - thus the name Peter's Pence. King Henry VIII of England ended the donation as part of his struggle with Pope Clement VII.

The annual Peter's Pence collection, re-established during the second half of the nineteenth century in support of Blessed Pius IX, continues today through the dedicated giving of Catholics around the world. There is a distinction in how the funds are used now as opposed to the time of Pope Pius IX. During his papacy and earlier, the contributions were used by the pope as necessary, such as to support his day-to-day expenses, pay his staff, provide for his army and fund basic needs. The focus of the collection today is primarily for the pope's charitable efforts to help the poor, the homeless and those in need.

The annual collection gives parishioners everywhere an opportunity to actively demonstrate unity with the pope, our personal support for his mission as Vicar of Christ and a way to help our needy brothers and sisters.

"You are aware of the growing needs of the apostolate, the requirements of the ecclesial communities, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect the Apostolic See to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere. In this perspective the Peter's Pence collection is a true and proper participation in the work of evangelization, especially if one considers the meaning and importance of concretely sharing in the concerns of the universal Church." *-(Pope John Paul II to the St. Peter's Circle, Feb. 28, 2003)*

"Peter's Pence is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one as a sign of communion with the pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character"

-(Pope Benedict XVI address to Members of the St. Peter Circle, Feb. 25, 2006)

***It is also worth remembering that
the Catholic Church is the biggest aid agency in the world.***