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HALLOWEEN (31st October)

Holidays & festivals have been celebrated at the end of October for thousands of years. In the 9th Century the Christian church made 1st November "All Saints Day", the night before was then called "All Hallows Eve" as hallows was another name for saints. Over the years this became Halloween. Many older parishioners will remember as children going out "Guising" (in disguise) with their turnip lanterns.

In the USA the custom was carried on by European immigrants, they used pumpkin lanterns and went "trick or treating" which has now spread back here.

We can choose to ignore modern trends, to condemn them as an attack on Christianity or to see them as a springboard for rediscovering our own sense of festivity surrounding All Saints.



October



DUNKELD NEWS (NEWSPAPER)

Due to increasing production and distribution costs it has been decided to cease publishing the Dunkeld News as a newspaper.

The Dunkeld News will now be produced as a newsletter and issued every 4 to 6 weeks. Copies of the new newsletter format are available at the back of the church today.

PLEASE TAKE ONE PER FAMILY



PPC MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday 6th November at 7.15pm in St. John Vianney's hall

COFFEE MORNING + PHOTO GALLERY + CAKE STALL

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



The photographs from Sister Nora's leaving party and the Ursulines celebration will be on display. Individual copies of these can be ordered.



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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



26th October 2014
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome

'We extend a warm welcome to representatives from St James's Episcopal Church & Dollar Parish Church who are with us at Mass in Alva this morning.'

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, Georgina Anderson, Maureen Joyce 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... 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.

Traditionally during the month of November we remember our deceased at all masses. Please hand in your list today - Sunday 26th Oct.

Parish Collections 19th October 2014

St. Bernadette's	£397.81
Missions Special Collection	£314.53
St. John Vianney's	£338.90
Missions Special Collection	£606.40

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 26th Oct	Mass times as Normal - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 12.30 - Lourdes Youth Group meeting, St. Bernadette's. 2.00pm - Highvalleyfield, Memorial Service, Mining Disaster. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 27th Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Tues 28th	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House Edinburgh.
Wed 29th	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Thursday 30th Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA, St. Mungo's Hall Alloa. 7.00pm - Halloween Party St. Bernadette's School
Friday 31st Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's. (Prayers for deceased relative and friends and Priests of the diocese)
Saturday 1st Nov	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. Feast of All Saints
Sunday 2nd Nov	Mass times as Normal - Feast of All Souls. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

6th Nov PPC 7.15pm in St. John Vianney's Hall

Lourdes Youth Group

The Lourdes Youth Group have a meeting immediately after mass today Sunday 26th at 12.30 at St. Bernadette's. Meeting open to all interested in the Youth Festival that will be held at Stirling University in the summer just like last year's organised by the Church and also World Youth Day in Poland 2015.

CHILD'S CLOTHES FOR BRAZIL & MONEY JARS

Fr. Mike is still collecting children's clothes for Brazil. We are looking for good used clothes for children 5 and 6 years of age. In the past years we have sent a lot of clothes which are still being worn and handed on, one generation to the next. Please remember it is best to send our "summer" ware and not "woollies" as it is a tropical country.

Please take a "Brazil Jar" (plenty available) to collect your loose change to help various projects in Brazil supported by Fr. Mike. All monies will go directly to families in need and to small projects that receive no other external funding. In the past our funds have helped support a Women's group in their formation, a youth group, a group fighting for ecology rights in the jungle, we've helped families who had lost their houses or goods in the avalanches and floods and supported a Jujitsu school program to get the children off the streets.

Jars are available at the back of the church, when you fill yours just take an other one. Please hand in jars by the 7th December to give Fr. Mike time to change the funds into dollars.



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

In the calendar of the Catholic Church, every day has a saint and often more than one. The majority are not well known or acclaimed publicly as saints but for us are people who lived, preached, showed by their life and death what it means to be Christian and therefore help us in our daily lives.

1st November, All Saints Day commemorates them all, a sort of catch-up for any failures to properly worship any saint on his or her given day. Established as a local Roman festival on 13th May to the Virgin Mary by Pope Boniface IV in 609, All Saints Day was moved to 1st November by Pope Gregory IV in 835 who extended its celebration to the entire western world.

2nd November, All Souls Day.

St. Odilo of Cluny established this festival around 998 to pray for those souls trapped in Purgatory. Medieval Christians believed that most of even the faithful would go to hell and that most of the saved would have to work out their sins in Purgatory before reaching Heaven. Therefore, a festival that encouraged prayer for their souls that might shorten their stays was as important as ones that honoured saints.

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. 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.

Please leave your mass intentions in the baskets by Sunday 26th October.

Friday 31st October evening mass will also be for our deceased but especially to remember Fr. Nolan, 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.

Intentions for month of November - pray for deceased - to be handed in TODAY in the baskets at back of churches or at the latest by Monday through the door at either parish house.

Our churches will be left open all day on Sunday 2nd November until 7pm for the faithful to pray at their own time for their deceased. Please keep a respectful silence and all be responsible for the security of our churches.

"And it is to be hoped that individuals, social organisations and nations will join hands in brotherly fashion - the strong aiding the weak - all contributing their knowledge, their enthusiasm and their love to the task, without thinking of their own convenience." - (Populorum Progressio 75)

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