

Proposed Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sat 9th to Sat 17th Oct 2015.

There will be 4 full days in Lourdes. The numbers interested will determine the price and the viability of the tour. We will be staying in the Hotel Paradis on a full board basis in Lourdes. The cost for between 30 and 34 people going will be £599, inclusive of insurance. If we can get 40 to 44 people the price drops to £569 including insurance. If you have your own insurance the price will be £30 less per person. The single room supplement will be £189 per person. If you are interested please give George a call on 07803301486 or email him at gmclaughlin1961@hotmail.com.

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St. Andrews Night Social Dance

The Knights of St. Columba are holding a St Andrews Night in the hall at St. Mungo's Alloa on Friday 28th November, 7.30 to 11.00pm.

Entertainment by Jack Delaney and his band, stovies, raffles and competitive bar. Ticket price £10 available on the night or from Francis Murphy and Jim McKay.

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB WINNERS

Drawn 26th September after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's .

1st, £100 No.132 Ellen Martin. 2nd, £25 No.280 Mr & Mrs Mc'Connachie.

Next draw Sunday 30th November after 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianney's.

Coffee Mornings: St John Vianney's

The 2 coffee mornings held on the 19th & 26th Oct raised £100 towards parish funds; many thanks to those who donated baking and helped in the preparation and running of these social events.

Some photographs from the celebration mass for the service of the Ursuline sisters and Sr. Nora's leaving party are displayed on the notice boards at the back of the church.



PPC MEETING

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

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

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2nd November 2014

Feast of All Souls

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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, 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..... John Kilgannon.

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

Grace Brannigan, John Mongan and all those named on our November lists on the altar.

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.

Our churches will be left open all day today till 7pm for the faithful to pray for their deceased at their own time. Please keep a respectful silence and all be responsible for the security of our churches.

Parish Collections 26th October 2014

Parish	Amount
St. Bernadette's	£551.53
St. John Vianney's	£374.13



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 2nd Nov	Mass times as Normal - Feast of All Souls. Churches open till 7pm. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 3rd Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. Feast of St Martin de Porres 10.30am - 2.00pm - Education Meeting 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Meeting, parish house
Tues 4th	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House Edinburgh.
Wed 5th	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - Parish Financial Council
Thursday 6th November	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 12 Noon - Mass, Cathedral Dundee, for deceased bishops and priests of the Diocese followed by clergy meal 2.00pm - Management Committee meeting of St. Ninian's Institute. 7.00pm - RCIA, St. Mungo's Hall Alloa. 7.15pm - PPC in St. John Vianney's Hall.
Friday 7th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 1.00pm - 3.00pm - Education, Teith House, Stirling 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's. (Prayers for refugees)
Saturday 8th Nov	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 9th Nov	Mass times as Normal - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. After 11.30 am mass Lourdes/youth meeting 12.30 Baptism, St. Bernadette's 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

CHILD'S CLOTHES FOR BRAZIL

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.

BRAZIL COIN JARS

This year Fr. Mike has promised to finance communities that are distant from health posts to have their own digital blood pressure monitors. People, normally house wives, in each community will be trained to do this first assistance to the local community. Then they can decide if it is necessary or not to make the difficult journey to the hospital or health post.

A lot of last year's money supported youth being involved in the preparations for World Youth Day and staying in parish halls around Rio for the 3 days. Please remember jars must be handed in for the first week in December to count and exchange monies.

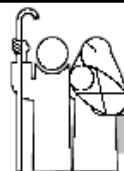
Big thanks to all those who support.



Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.

- Prayer of Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 288

More at : <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>



**Fr. Mike's Missionary Society Mill Hill have priests
in West Cameroon along the Nigerian border.**

ST. JOSEPHS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Cameroon: Thousands take refuge after Boko Haram attacks

After fleeing violent attack from Boko Haram militants, thousands of refugees are now facing hunger and thirst as Cameroon struggles to provide for so many displaced people.

Hundreds of families from the north of Cameroon, where violence in Nigeria has spilled over the border, have fled to other parts of the country. "Christians were specifically targeted," said one Cameroonian pastor of the attack on his village. "At least three Christians died in Assigashiya and Mouldougoua." This pastor and his community fled to Mokolo. The help they received from the government was limited, and while the local church was quick to send the refugees as much food as they could gather, it was not enough. Some women made the dangerous journey back to their deserted villages in search of millet that may have been left in the granaries.

82 of these families are now being housed in a local church. André, an Open Doors worker, was able to visit this group to encourage them and let them know that they haven't been forgotten. "We took hands and then several of us prayed for them," he said. Ichako, one of the refugees, said: "Thank you for visiting us to comfort us".

Fleeing Nigeria

An estimated 43,000 Nigerians have fled to Cameroon over the past year, according to IRIN, the humanitarian news service associated with the UN. Almost 16,000 of them are housed in Minawao camp, but conditions are poor. "Many people do not have cover or a dry space to sleep. Many people have fallen ill," said Judith, one of the refugees.

There are 3,000 Christians in the camp who meet together for worship in makeshift shelters. Open Doors workers were able to visit the camp and encourage believers there, and they said it gave them courage and strength to know that people would travel long distances to comfort them. We will be supporting them, as well as the refugees in Mokolo, with emergency relief and trauma counselling.

Although the Nigerian government announced that they had reached a truce with Boko Haram at the end of last week, further attacks in both Nigeria and Cameroon have taken place, and the influx of refugees to Cameroon is likely to continue.

VISITING OF THE SICK FOR CHRISTMAS

During the first 3 weeks of Advent all the housebound sick will be visited and offered the possibility of anointing of sick, confession and holy communion by Fr. Mike and Fr. Martin. To make sure no one is left out because of the many Christmas engagements, if you know of any sick not yet visited by our Eucharistic Ministers or members of the parish and would like a visit please inform Fr. Mike or Fr. Martin immediately with a written note of name, address and if possible a contact telephone number.