

SVDP DOOR COLLECTIONS 16th and 23rd November

Money collected in the SVDP box at St. JOHN VIANNEY'S NEXT SUNDAY (23rd Nov) and at St. BERNADETTE'S, TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY (16th & 23rd November) will be given to Fr. Mike for his Brazil projects. Please be as generous as you can.

Mass of Thanksgiving

We have many people who give their time and offer their gifts and talents to serve the parish throughout the year. Some are known, others work away quietly in the background to ensure that the parishes function. They are all much appreciated. To show our appreciation as a parish we will have a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a simple reception.

To keep this away from the many Christmas commitments that many people have this year's **Mass of Thanksgiving will be Thursday 27th November at 7pm in St. John Vianney's.** All those who do anything at all no matter how small to help in the parishes are invited and encouraged to come along. The mass is open to all parishioners, all are invited to attend the reception afterwards in the hall. If you intend to be present please inform Fr. Mike so we can have an idea of numbers for catering.

We would welcome home baking etc to help with catering for the Thanksgiving mass. Please hand this in on the morning of the mass at either house.

SVDP FOOD BOXES

Traditionally the SVDP at St. Bernadette's collect foodstuffs for the needy in our parish at Christmas. This year parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable goods each Sunday up to Christmas and deposit them in the box at the back of the church, we are also looking for sweets or selection boxes to be distributed to children.



The SVDP will then make up parcels to be given as a help to the most needy in our parish over the Christmas period. All donations are gratefully accepted. Please be as generous as you can and take time to explain this to the children, how we receive presents at Christmas but also give to share and help others, particularly those in need.

The Prisoners Week Prayer (16-23 Nov)

"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them." Hebrews 13: 3
 Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
 We pray for those who are held in prison.
 Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
 Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care.
 Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.
 Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.
Amen.

Fabric & Maintenance

The Fabric & Maintenance team do an excellent job looking after our churches. They are not exactly in their youth, many are 60/70yrs+. We need some younger people to help. This is not a major commitment of time we need some experienced tradesman often only to give advice and help out only occasionally. If you can help please speak to Fr. Mike or Mell Latto at St. John Vianney's and John Smith, Francy Murphy or Michael Keen at St. Bernadette's.

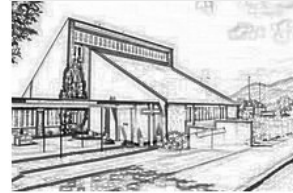
Knights of St. Columba + Mary's Meals

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

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

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

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**16th November 2014
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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.

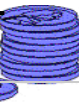
Remember those who have recently died... June Bryce, Alma Milne. and Dennis Smith
and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...
 all those named on our November lists on the altar.

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.

SVDP Door Collection today at St. Bernadette's will be for Fr. Mike's Brazil Fund.

Parish Collections 6th November 2014



St. Bernadette's	£412.21
St. John Vianney's	£372.30

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 16th Nov	Mass times as Normal - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. 16th - 23rd November - Prisoners Week 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 17th Oct	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Tuesday 18th Nov	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.
Wed 19th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. - 10.30am Redwell School, Alloa
Thursday 20th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 10.00am - Education Committee, Alloa. 1.15pm - Funeral of Dennis Smith's, St. John Vianney's followed by committal at crematorium in Falkirk at 2.30pm. 2.00pm - Pastoral Centre, Dundee: Bishop Stephen & SCIAF 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 21st Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's, (prayers for Prisoners Week)
Saturday 22nd Nov	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 23rd Nov	Mass times as Normal - Feast of Christ the King. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

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.

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.

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

A big thanks to all those who support.



JUST FAITH - project launching in Dunkeld

Just Faith is a two year joint outreach programme by Justice & Peace Scotland, Mission Matters Scotland and SCIAF, working with the support of Bishop Stephen Robson in Dunkeld diocese.

The aim of the project is to share the social justice work of the Church and to encourage the Catholic community to connect our faith with action for change. This launch event will bring together a range of speakers to discuss the Church's work of missionary discipleship, solidarity, partnership and human dignity, both locally and internationally. Workshops will help connect our personal experiences of mercy and justice with the mission and teachings of the Church, and showcase the wide opportunities for people in Dunkeld to get more involved in prayer and action for justice. Please join us for an inspiring and interactive day, to help shape the work of the programme in Dunkeld.

This event is held in partnership with the St Ninian's Institute.

Venue: St Ninian Institute, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY
Date: Saturday 29 November 2014, starting at 10.30am until 2.30pm

A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please register your attendance for catering purposes by emailing ecoakley@sciaf.org.uk and inform Fr. Mike.

MISSION

We make an enormous effort to try and help others. We want our parishes to be missionary. There is SCIAF, Missionmatters Scotland, our Lourdes/Youth project, everything the SVDP does, supporting lots of other charities. We would like to bring together a group of people who may be interested in Mission especially in the Third World including Justice & Peace to exchange ideas and see where we are and what we could possibly do.

Anyone interested is more than welcome to come along for an initial exchange of ideas.

This will take place on Monday 24th November at 7pm in St. Bernadette's hall.

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 the 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.

Notice Boards:

One of the girls at St. Modan's doing her Caritas Award is helping us every Friday at 4pm to try and renovate, renew, tidy up and organise all our notices and communication inside and outside the church. This involves quite a bit of work and creativity.

Anyone interest is more than welcome to come along and help.

"Indeed, the Lord Jesus himself, in the parable of the talents, emphasises the severe treatment given to the man who dared hide the gift received..... It falls to us, who receive the gifts of God in order to make them fruitful, to 'sow' and 'reap'. If we do not, even what we have will be taken away from us."

- Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 30.6

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