

## 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](mailto:gmclaughlin1961@hotmail.com).

## 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.

## BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ONLINE?

**Help your church while you shop online, it's easy and painless !!!**

**Easyfundraising.org.uk** is a great way to raise money for our church or school or any charity you want to nominate just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra and your nominated good cause gets a donation.

Let's say you want to buy a toy from Toys R Us. Instead of going to Toys-r-us.co.uk, you go to **easyfundraising.org.uk** first (or you can use the easyfundraising toolbar, easily installed from website). You click from the easyfundraising website to Toys-R-Us to make your purchase. The price of the toy is the same as if you'd visited Toys R Us directly. After you have bought your toy, Toys R Us will make a donation to your cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations for us, and it costs you nothing extra and the church benefits!

There are thousands of partner retailers, Argos, M&S, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Next, Expedia, Homebase, John Lewis, Toys R Us, Denenham's, Currys and many more!

For more information and to register go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

## 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 and his band, stovies, raffles and competitive bar. Ticket price £10 available on the night or from Francis Murphy and Jim McKay.**



A Catholic Social Teaching message from Pope Paul VI: "If you want Peace, work for Justice."

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**9th November 2014**  
**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**

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**Parish Websites**

[www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes) & [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys)



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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.....** June Bryce, John Kilgannon and Alma Milne **and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...** Grace Brannigan, John Mongan, the dead of all wars 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.

## Parish Collections

26th October 2014

St. Bernadette's	£512.51
St. John Vianney's	£422.65

## 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 9th November	Mass times as Normal - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Remembrance Sunday. 12.30pm at War Memorial Tullibody there is an Ecumenical Service. After 11.30 am mass Lourdes/youth meeting 12.30 Baptism, St. Bernadette's 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 10th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 11th Nov	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House Edinburgh.
Wed 12th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 13th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 11.30am - Deanery Meeting, Dunblane 7.00pm - RCIA, St. Mungo's Hall Alloa.
Friday 14th Nov	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Saturday 15th Nov	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 16th Nov	Mass times as Normal - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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.

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.

**A big thanks to all those who support.**



*"...our faith demands of us a certain sparingness in use [of temporal possessions], and the Church is obliged to live and administer its own goods in such a way that the gospel is proclaimed to the poor. If instead the Church appears to be among the rich and the powerful of this world its credibility is diminished"* - Justice in the World, 47 More at : <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Today we remember all of the dead from all wars and conflicts. This day was set apart originally to remember the dead of the First World War that ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. On this day normally at 11am there is silence and throughout the day in churches, cemeteries, war memorials and public crosses wreaths are laid. At St. Bernadette's a wreath has been placed at the outside cross and in both parishes as Sunday mass begins a wreath will be placed at the altar. In the past Remembrance Day was called Armistice Day and in the USA it is known as Veterans Day.

### Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Loving God

**We** remember in your presence all those who have died in war and those who still live with the pain of losing someone they love.

**We** remember people who, today, live in fear of their lives and those who fear the knock on the door or the telephone call that heralds bad news.

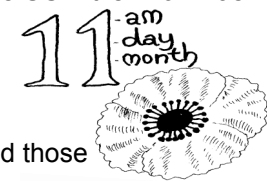
**We** remember politicians and others who hold positions of power and influence and whose decisions can lead to other people's life or death.

**We** commit ourselves not only to pray, but to seek and make peace in our relationships, in our communities and in our world.

*Lord hear us.....*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

*Amen.*



### Mass of Thanksgiving

We have many people who give up their precious time and offer their gifts and talents to serve the community throughout the year. Some are known, others work away quietly in the background to ensure that the parishes function. They are all much appreciated.

For the last few years we have tried to show our appreciation as a parish with 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 on 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 and all are invited to attend the reception afterwards in the hall. Please inform Fr. Mike if you intend to be present so we can have an idea of numbers for catering.

### 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.