

SVDP DOOR COLLECTIONS - (as you leave both churches)
All money collected in SVDP boxes TODAY will be given to Fr. Mike for Brazil.
Please be as generous as you can, this money is a big help for these needy projects that Fr. Mike supports, projects that get little other financial support.

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 and to show our appreciation as a parish we will have a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a simple reception.

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.

THANKSGIVING MASS OPEN TO EVERYONE: WE WOULD WELCOME HOME BAKING ETC, WHICH CAN BE HANDED IN AND LEFT IN THE HALL IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON.

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.

SVDP FOOD BOXES

Traditionally the SVDP at St. Bernadette's collect foodstuffs for the needy in our parish at Christmas. 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.

St. John Vianney's – TEAS & COFFEES AFTER MASS

Beginning in January 2015 we will try that on the last Sunday of the month when we have the Lourdes Draw we will offer teas and coffees after mass at St. John Vianney's in the hall. Many years ago this was done every Sunday with great success.

There are second hand books for the Lourdes project on sale on the hall and perhaps people will have other suggestions. We will be looking for volunteers to help so please have a chat with Pat. (1st date is 25th January)



Next Sunday begins the new liturgical year of the church.

This means the year for the readings changes. Beginning next Sunday the Sundays readings are now for Year B. During the weekdays of Advent and Christmastide we follow the days of the season. When we return to the normal cycle of the year (12th January) the weekday masses are Cycle 1.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



23rd November 2014
Feast of Christ the King

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Parish Websites

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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, Dr. Michael Basquial and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died... 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.

Parish Collections
16th November 2014

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| St. Bernadette's | £458.27 |
| St. John Vianney's | £385.50 |

SVDP Door Collection today at both churches will be for Fr. Mike's Brazil Fund.

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**

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| Sunday 23rd Nov | Mass times as Normal - Feast of Christ the King. 12.30pm - Children & Parents. Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting, Church. 12.30pm - Lourdes /Youth meeting, Parish House. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's. |
| Monday 24th Oct | 9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, 7.00pm - Mission meeting in St. Bernadette's hall, all welcome. |
| Tuesday 25th Nov | No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh. 12.30pm - Coatbridge; Missionmatters Scotland |
| Wed 26th Nov | 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 2.00pm - Executive Management Committee, St. Ninian's, Dundee |
| Thursday 27th Nov | 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's 1.00pm - Hillview. Clergy & Ministers lunch, Dunmar, Alloa 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa. 7.00pm - Mass of Thanksgiving, St. John Vianney's & reception in hall. |
| Friday 28th Nov | 9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. - 4pm Notice Boards, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's, (prayers for our deceased) |
| Saturday 29th Nov | 9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - 2.30pm - Just Faith, Pastoral Centre, Dundee |
| Sunday 30th Nov | Mass times as Normal - 1st Sunday of Advent. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's. |

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 & 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/ On Sat 29 Nov 2014, starting 10.30am till 2.30pm, sandwich lunch 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, SVDP, supporting many 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 on **Mon 24th Nov, 7pm in St. Bernadette's hall.**

"In his preaching, [Jesus] proclaimed the fatherhood of God towards all and the intervention of God's justice on behalf of the needy and the oppressed. In this way he identified himself with his 'least ones', as he stated: 'as you did it to one of the least ones, you did it to me'."

- Justice in the World 31

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

PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

ST. THOMAS APOSTLE PARISH, KOLOIN. GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Thomas Apostle Parish is located in Soroti Catholic Diocese in Uganda with a total population of 76,000 people in 2007 and officially erected in April. 2010. Fr. Stephen Michael Iriso-Iwolingat was the first parish priest. The parish of St. Thomas Apostle covers an area of 389 sq.kilometers of these 314sq kilometres is land and 75 sq.km is covered by water.

The parish house and the presbytery were constructed using funds raised locally; personal contributions, fund raising and a donation received from the late Fr. Arnold a Mill Hill Missionary who had worked in the mother parish Ngora and had built the shuttle church that became the first parish church. The parish still lacks parish offices, hall for meetings, computer, printer, public address system and others. This in most cases has affected the flow of some activities.

The Parish Church is under construction still using funds locally raised through personal contributions, fund raising, bank loan and a grant of 20000Euro from The Church in Need. Though roofed it is still incomplete lacking window frames and glass, doors, sanctuary not yet built, the sacristy and its furniture, solar panels for light and power, public address system, the pews, the floor, and veranda.

Koloin parish is made of 21 outstations that are spread within her boundaries. The total population of people in the two sub-counties covered by the parish is 46,000 and of these about 20,00 are Catholics. Each of these outstations has a Catechist and an assistant. The chapels are divided to form four zones for easy administration, and each of these zones is headed by a coordinator who is a catechist and his assistant. The duties of the catechist include among others;

- Presiding over the Sunday services in the absence of a priest.
- Presiding over burial when there is no priest
- Instructing catechumens for first Holy Communion and Adult baptism.
- Preparing couples for Holy Matrimony.
- Preparing candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Visiting and praying with the sick and preparing them for anointing.
- Coming to the parish for monthly pastoral meetings.
- Creating awareness and mobilizing Christians for parish event and celebrations.

From the above, our catechists have a lot to do, but most times are limited as most of them have no proper means of transport to reach to their flock. A bicycle for each catechist would be the most appropriate means for his pastoral as well as domestic use i.e. collecting water and taking the sick for treatment and others. **Cost £60 each.**

This brief report has been compiled by, Rev. Fr. Stephen Iriso Iwolingat. Parish Priest, Koloin.

(MORE NEXT WEEK)