

## BLUES MASS

Merry Christmas, the joys of Christmas, parties, greetings from the more than welcoming and noisy shops, smiles and greetings from unknown passer byes, are all part of this intense period of merriment. However, although celebrating Christmas with joy, for some Christmas also brings the "blues"; memories and a sense of loss of a dear loved one now deceased; a husband or wife, mum or dad, brother or sister, child, old friend, a tragic accident. Such feelings should not be brushed aside and forgotten. They are important and are a part of who we are. At this time we concentrate our energies around the happiness of others, especially children, and perhaps do not permit ourselves to celebrate what has affected our own lives so deeply.



The parishes of St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's invite you and your family to celebrate a special Christmas mass - the "**Blues Mass**". A special Christmas mass especially for you to remember, during this Christmas season, someone loved, special, important for you who has died. The death need not be recent but is not forgotten. Come and join us, to celebrate this special mass where we can allow ourselves to be "low" but be lifted up with hope and joy as we celebrate our belief in the Resurrection which begins with the birth of the God-child Jesus at Christmas.

**All welcome at St. Bernadette's Church, Tullibody, on Tuesday 23rd Dec at 7.30pm.**

## The Knights of St. Columba, Council 636..... Thank you

Dear friends and fellow parishioners, towards the end of each year, the funds raised at our various events are distributed to a number of local and national charities and causes. This year, the sum distributed totalled £3,670.00 and although we have the rewarding duty of presenting the cheques, we are very much aware that it is your generosity and support over the course of the year that make it all possible. Thank You.



Inter Parish Lourdes Fund £1040.00	Mary's Meals £850.00
Diabetes U.K. £280.00	Fr. Mike's Brazil Fund £200.00
Rachel House Children's Hospice £200.00	SCIAF (Gaza Appeal) £200.00
Clackmannan Women's Aid £100.00	Speur-Ghlan £100.00
Lochies School, Sauchie £100.00	S.C.I.A.F. £100.00
Sauchie (Activ8) Food Bank £100.00	So Precious £100.00
Aid To The Church In Need £100.00	The Gate Food Bank, Alloa £100.00
Home-Start Clackmannanshire £100.00	

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your families

a very happy and Holy Christmas. *Andrew Skelton (G.K.)*

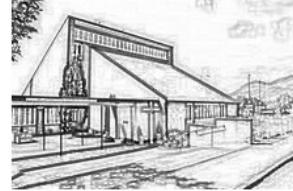
### LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW TODAY

After 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's

\* Will Mrs Dawson, last months winner see Karen or Fr. Mike for her cheque.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**21st December 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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[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, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Alma White, Ursula Crichton, 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, Greg Anderson, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Anne McNiven, Peter Doyle, Theresa Flemming, Kathleen McNeil, Georgina Anderson, Dr. Michael Basquial, Maureen Joyce, May Reid, James Fern and all those in the various nursing homes.

**Remember those who have recently died....** Fr. Andrew Walls OSM.

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...** Brian Masterson, Michael Dunion, Gloria Corringe, James & Anne Patton and Bernard Hughes.

### 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 14th December 2014

St. Bernadette's £561.52

Advent Uganda Project Fund £630.52

St. John Vianney's £393.40

**Fr Mike has been elected and appointed  
Dean of the Deanery.**

## THIS WEEK, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 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 21 <sup>st</sup> December 	Mass times as normal - 4th Sunday of Advent 3.pm - St. John Vianney's, Adoration & Prayers before Blessed Sacrament. 4.30pm - St. Bernadette's, Prayers & Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament as we await the birth of Jesus with Mary. Pop-in, pray & reflect with your children before Christmas.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	8.30am - 9.15 am - Confessions, St. John Vianney's 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh. 7.30pm - Blues Mass, St. Bernadette's
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	* No morning mass in both St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's* Confessions in both churches 8.30am sharp to 9am. Please arrive for 8.30 7.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S 9.00 pm - St. John Vianney's, Carols 9.30pm - VIGIL MASS, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S 
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am - CHRISTMAS MASS, ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S. 11.30am - CHRISTMAS MASS, ST. BERNADETTE'S. NO EVENING MASS 
Friday 26 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. Feast of St. Stephen. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh
Saturday 27 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am - Mass, St Bernadette's.
Sunday 28 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Mass times as Normal - Feast of The Holy Family 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

### PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

*Our aim is to fund at least 20 bikes (40 bikes if possible) @ £60 each.*

*For St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Koloin, Uganda*

*Collection box for the project will be at the back of the church each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day for those who wish to contribute. People are being very generous.*

*Total collected so far is almost £2,000.00 many thanks and congratulations to all.*

### St. Bernadette's Primary School Enrolments for August 2015.

During the week beginning the 19th of January 2015, St. Bernadette's Primary will be enrolling children who have their fifth birthday before the 29th February 2016.

Parents should phone the school on 01259723973 to arrange an appointment to enrol. They will need their child's birth certificate, baptism certificate (if the child is baptised) and proof of address such as a council tax letter.



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**Christmas Tree:** Near the Christmas tree in each church there are "labels" for people to write the names of those we wish to remember and pray for during Christmas season. Parents please carefully attach the labels on the tree for the children. Our sacristans may relocate the prayer cards during the week.



**Altar Servers and Readers please make sure you have made it known when you are available and filled in rotas for over the festive season.**

**For information : Christmas Eve vigil mass - 8.30pm St. Mungo's, Alloa  
Christmas Day: 10.00am St. Mungo's Alloa & 11.30am St. Serf's Highvalleyfield.**