

## VISITING OF THE SICK FOR CHRISTMAS

All the housebound sick will be visited and offered the anointing of the sick, confession and holy communion by Fr. Mike and Fr. Martin. 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.

## SVDP FOOD BOXES

Parishioners at St. Bernadette's are invited to bring non-perishable goods each Sunday of Advent and leave them in the box at the back of the church, we are also looking for sweets or selection boxes to be distributed to children. Parcels will 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 give to help others, particularly those in need.



## LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

1st, No.18 - Mrs Dawson + 2nd, No.57 - H. McKinnon.

Drawn Sunday 30th November at St. John Vianney's.

Next draw on Sunday 22st December after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's

## WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS (Anonymous via email)

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.



Please give this warning out to all your friends.....

This virus can and has affected many systems.....

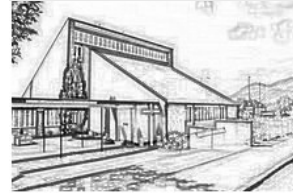
Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it!!!

## Fr. Mike

During the next two weeks Fr Mike will be daily doing some specialized physiotherapy he does every year at this time. During this period he cannot answer the door. Please follow instructions on "orange notice" on window next to front door. Thanks!

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



**7th December 2014**  
**Second 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 and all those in the various nursing homes.

**Remember those who have recently died....** Vera Kasciewicz, Dane Smith and Sophie Brandon.

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...** Margaret Campbell, Isabel Binnie, Dane Smith, Jean Hepburn, Anna Imrie, Maura Scott and Paddy Docherty.

## 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.

**Advent Project - Collection box at back of church until Christmas Day - see noticeboards.**

## Parish Collections 30th November 2014

St. Bernadette's	£510.93
Advent Uganda Project Fund	£548.48
St. John Vianney's	£490.70

## 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 7th Dec	Mass times as Normal - 2nd Sunday of Advent. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's. 4.30pm - House Mass	
Monday 8th Dec	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. <span style="float: right;">4.30pm House Mass</span> Feast of Immaculate Conception not a holiday of obligation. 1.30pm - School First Confessions, St. Bernadette's Church 5.30pm - First Confessions, non-RC school children, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - St. Modan's Choir & our primary schools concert, St. Mungo's, Alloa.	
Tuesday 9th Dec	No services in parish. <span style="float: right;">10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh.</span> 2.00pm - Exec meeting, St. Ninian's Institute, Dundee. 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in Parish House	
Wed 10th Dec	8.15am - Mass, St Modan's High School.	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
	10.30am - Parish Financial Council	4.30pm - House Mass
Thursday 11th Dec	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 12th Dec	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.	4.00pm - Noticeboards, St. Bernadette's
	7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's.	
Saturday 13th Dec	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.	4.30pm - House Mass
Sunday 14th Dec	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Advent 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.	

### ST. MODAN'S HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Plus St. Bernadette's & St. Mungo's primary school children presenting....  
Evening of Music and singing in St. Mungo's church.  
All welcome to come along and support.  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm – come early!



#### Christmas Tree:

Near the Christmas tree in each church there will be "labels" for people to write down the names of those we wish to remember and pray for during this Christmas season. Parents please be careful and attach the prayer tickets on the tree for the children.

Our sacristans may relocate the prayer cards on the tree during the week.

### PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

Target is to fund at least 20 bikes @ £60 each.

Collection box for this project will be at the back of the church each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day for those who wish to contribute.

#### UGANDA PROJECT

The first week for our Uganda project has shown the generosity of people once again is amazing. Some people actually saying I am giving a bike to Uganda for Christmas. Some being very creative and the whole family including those who do not go to mass want to contribute with a bike this Christmas. There are more photos up at the back of the Church.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 – 9.15 am – Confessions, St. John Vianney's 9.30am – Mass, St. John Vianney's. 10.30 am Service at Orchard House with school children
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Services in parish
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 – 9.15 am Confessions – St. Bernadette's 9.30am – Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 – 9.15 Confessions – St. Bernadette's 9.30am – Mass, St. Bernadette's - School end of term mass. 7.00pm – Penitential Service, St. John Vianney's
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30 – 9.15am - Confessions. St. John Vianney's 9.30am – Mass, St John Vianney's. 7.00pm – Penitential Service, St. Bernadette's
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am - Mass + confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30 am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 11.30 am - Mass, St Bernadette's. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers before Blessed Sacrament St. John Vianney's. 4.30pm - Before the Blessed Sacrament: Prayers & Adoration: We await the birth of Jesus with Mary. 6.15pm - Mass, St. John Vianney's. Pop-in, pray & reflect with your children before Christmas. Both churches are open after mass until 7pm.
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	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 8.30am sharp to 9am. Please arrive for 8.30am 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



Please note there are many opportunities for individual confession during Advent. In the mornings do come when they begin, as it nears the end Father has to stop at the correct time as mass follows. There are also 2 penitential services. See Advent Diary (above).

**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.**