

## 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.**

## First Confessions:

**Congratulations to our candidates for First Holy Communion that made their First Confessions last week.**

**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.



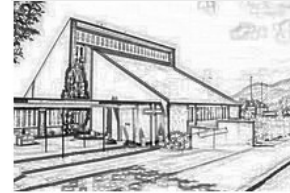
**VISITING OF THE SICK FOR CHRISTMAS** Before Christmas week all the housebound sick will be visited and offered the anointing of the sick, confession and holy communion by Fr. Mike or Fr. Martin. If you know of any sick not yet visited by our Eucharistic Ministers or members of the parish and would like a visit please inform Fr. Mike or Fr. Martin with a written note of name, address and a contact telephone number.

**Father Andrew M. Walls OSM**, died suddenly at Wellburn Home on 8th Dec 2014. The Reception of remains will be at St. Pius X, Dundee on Sunday 14th Dec 6.00pm. The Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Monday 15th December followed by interment at Barnhill Cemetery at 12.30 pm

**Fr. Mike:** During this week Fr Mike will be daily doing some specialised physiotherapy. 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)



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**14th December 2014**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

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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, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Alma White, Ursula Crichton, Mary McGeehan, Brendan Murphy, Georgina Anderson, Margaret McIntyre, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Ellen McParland, 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...** Michael Dunion, Brian Matheison and William Hutchinson

## 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

7th December 2014

St. Bernadette's £522.36

Advent Uganda Project Fund £625.02

St. John Vianney's £387.36



