

JUST FAITH..... REDISCOVERING MERCY – During Lent.

Is an initiative of the Scottish Bishops' Conference involving SCIAF, Justice & Peace Scotland and Mission Matters Scotland. It is a pilot project for two years being tried out in the Dioceses of Motherwell, Argyll and Dunkeld basically "to inform, inspire and empower the Catholic community to engage with the charitable and social justice work of the church, and to develop the sense of missionary discipleship so that their faith is made fruitful for others."

Part of this is a resource that has been prepared to be used as a four week course in parishes. The course's theme revolves very much around Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* with it's central theme - **REDISCOVERING MERCY**.

The four sessions expand on :

- Rediscovering a personal experience of mercy
- Rediscovering Mercy in our local community
- Rediscovering Mercy in our world
- Rediscovering Mercy through prayer and reflection.

Through this course we hope to reflect on how mercy is experienced and expressed in our lives. The course relies on Scripture, Church Social Doctrine and the experience of organizations, groups and the partner organizations of Just Faith in how we respond to the call for mercy and for justice.

The course will be during 4 weeks of Lent on a Monday between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at St. John Vianney's hall. Those interested please register for a place with Donna, Cath or Mat at the end of mass before the end of January.

AFTER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

After Christmas it seems that we get busy with the New Year and we forget to think about Jesus and talk to him and pray... I guess we really do put him away. What do you think about us making a deal right here this morning not to forget about Jesus. Let's agree that we won't forget about Jesus and we will talk to him and think about him and pray! Jesus is really good all year long.... he is what makes every time of the year important and we should never put him away. . . . What do you think ? Let's pray.....

**Lord, forgive us for putting you away after Christmas for not thinking about you and not praying to you.
Thank you for being with us all through the year.
You are truly the reason for every season and we love you. Amen.**

'One's neighbour is then not only a human being. . . but becomes the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit.
One's neighbour must therefore be loved, even if an enemy, with the same love with which the Lord loves him or her;....' *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 40.1*

'The good news proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life. There is no true evangelisation if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.'

Evangelii Nuntiandi 22



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)



11th & 18th January 2015
The Baptism of The Lord

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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, Dr. Michael Basquial, Maureen Joyce, James Fern and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.... Leslie Pettet and Georgina Anderson.

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

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.

There will be a special 2nd collection for AFRICAN MISSIONS on 25th January 2015

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK - NEXT ISSUE 25th JANUARY 2015

NEXT 2 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 11th Jan	Mass times as Normal - The Baptism of The Lord. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 12th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 13th Jan	No services in parish
Wed 14th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 15th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 16th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 17th Jan	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 18th Jan	Mass times as Normal - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 19th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 6.30pm - Parents School Council, St. Bernadette's School
Tuesday 20th Jan	No services in parish
Wed 21st Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 22nd Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 23rd Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 24th Jan	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 25th Jan	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

Drawn 21st December after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
1st, £100 No79, Patricia Mathieson. 2nd, £25 No179, Benny McCallum
Next draw Sunday 25th January 2015 after 9.30 mass at St. John Vianney's

St. John Vianney's Hall: Is available for hire at a reasonable price to all, it holds 80 comfortably and close to 100 for a Bingo Tea, it is suitable for small parties, christenings etc. or meetings, as a one off or on a regular basis. For prices, bookings etc. please contact:

Dennis Cairns on 01259 762830 or email him at denniscairns07@btinternet.com

Thanks to all those who helped in any way to make Advent and Christmas genuine expressions of our faith. There are too many involved to mention! Often people only enter the church round about Christmas. Therefore it is important they feel welcomed. As they look around and observe peoples' welcome, atmosphere and decoration in the church, the way information is easily available they should feel this is GOOD NEWS. It is God's calling card through us. If by our community effort we have brought one more person closer to God then it was all worthwhile.

January. While Fr. Mike is away parish life will continue. Fr. Martin will not be helping in Alloa and Highvalleyfield during this period but will say all the masses in our parishes. All emergency sick calls should be directed to him. (01259 763774)

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 01259 723973 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.

PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

Well we've done it ! We have beaten all expectations.

We will provide 40 bikes for the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Koloin, Uganda. The total from our parishes was £3,265.92 and with the £2,067.00 from St. Mungo's & St. Serfs makes a grand total of £5332.92, the extra cash will go towards materials to continue with the building of the parish church. People were very generous, many, many thanks and congratulations to all.

Parish Collections

21st December 2014		25th December 2014		28th December 2014	
St. Bernadette's	£523.39	St. Bernadette's	£939.00	St. Bernadette's	£448.82
Advent Uganda Project Fund	£667.13	Advent Uganda Project Fund	£794.77		
St. John Vianney's	£441.50	St. John Vianney's	£761.75	St. John Vianney's	£335.85

4th January 2015

St. Bernadette's	£495.39
Justice & Peace	£167.01
St. John Vianney's	£412.12
Justice & Peace	£231.61

Uganda Project - Final Figures

St. John Vianney's & St. Bernadette's	£3,265.92
St. Mungo's & St. Serf's	£2,067.00
GRAND TOTAL	£5,332.92