

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

Just Faith – Rediscovering Mercy is a 4wk course prepared by SCIAF- Missio Scotland and Justice & Peace Scotland . The course reflects on how we can put our faith into practise, how we express charity and mercy both here at home and in the Third World. The course will be offered in our parish during this Lent coordinated by Fr Mike and led by four people trained by the Diocese. The course will take place on four Monday evenings during Lent between 7pm and 9pm at St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, Alva. It is especially indicated for members of St. Vincent de Paul and people interested in Justice and Peace, Third World aid and putting our faith into practise.

*Those interested may register with people at the back of the church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Unfortunately we are limited to about 20 people on each course.*

*'In a word, adherence to the kingdom, that is to say the 'new world', to the new state of things, to the new manner of being, of living, of living in community, which the gospel inaugurates.... Thus those whose life has been transformed enter a community which is itself a sign of transformation, a sign of newness of life:...'*

*Evangeli Nuntiandi 23*



A Catholic Social Teaching message from Pope Paul VI : "If you want Peace, work for Justice."

**PPC**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council please note the first meeting of this year is on Tuesday 17th February at 7.15pm in St. John Vianney's hall.



**Dollar and District Churches Together  
Coffee Morning, Burnside Hall, Dollar,  
Saturday 14th February, 10am to 12 noon.**

This year, we will be supporting various Youth Missions in our parishes. These will include St Bernadette's and St John Vianney's Lourdes Youth Mission.

Please refer to Posters displayed for further information or contact Pat Ramsay or John Mc'Partlin. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**The proposed pilgrimage to Lourdes in October 2015  
has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.**

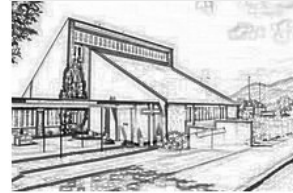
**The Clackmannanshire Library Service is presenting a number of events**

- Feb 9th** Meet Inner Forth Landscape Partnership, Kirsty McAlister, 1.30pm Free, Speirs Centre
- Feb 17th** Meet the Ochil's Mountain Rescue Team, Sam Shortt, 6pm Free, Speirs Centre
- March 3rd** What you didn't know about Tullibody, Chris Calder, 6pm Free, Speirs Centre
- April 22nd** Tony Black 7-9pm £2 Ben Cleuch

**See noticeboard for more details**

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

*Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)*



**25th January 2015  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

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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, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Veronica Clarke, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Owen Cattigan, Elizabeth Docherty, Thomas Benie, Gerard Clarke, Bill Dunsmore, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Sandy Taylor, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Peter Doyle, Mary McCartney, Greg Anderson, Anne McNiven, Theresa Flemming, Kathleen McNeil, Dr. Michael Basquial, Maureen Joyce, and all those in the various nursing homes.

**Remember those who have recently died....** James Fern, Georgina Anderson and Irene Wilgate.

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...** James Hunter, Steven Marcinkiewicz, Josef Marcinkiewicz and Ronald Marcinkiewicz.

**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 today  
AFRICAN MISSIONS**

**Parish Collections**

St. Bernadette's 11th January	£564.38
18th January	£429.24
St. John Vianney's 11th January	£393.40
18th January	£289.19

## 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 25th Jan	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time. Special 2nd collection for AFRICAN MISSIONS 4.00pm - Reception of body of Ellen McParland, St. Bernadette's
Mon 26th Jan	9.30am - Funeral Mass of Ellen McParland, St. Bernadette's. 9.30am - Morning office & Holy Communion, John Vianney's.
Tues 27th Jan	No services in parish
Wednesday 28th Jan	9.30am - Funeral Mass of Irene Wilgate, St. John Vianney's. 9.30am - Morning office & Holy Communion, St. Bernadette's. - Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
Thurs 29th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 30th Jan	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Sat 31st Jan	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. Feast of St. John Bosco
Sunday 1st Feb	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday in Ordinary time.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1st FEB	After mass register for Just Faith course - SEE BACK PAGE
2nd FEB	9.30am - 4.00pm - Education Committee - visit to Stirlingshire Schools 6.30 pm - St. Bernadette's School Parents Council 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting
3rd FEB	7pm Liturgy Committee, St. John Vianney's meeting room. 12 Noon - 4pm Education Meeting
4th FEB	10.30am - P.F.C.
5th FEB	10.00am - Education Committee, Clackmannanshire Council
7th FEB	10.00am - Just Faith Workshop, Lawside, Dundee
11th FEB	2.00pm - SNPI exec. Management Committee, Lawside
12th FEB	6.00pm - Wedding Practise, Alva
14th FEB	Wedding, St. John Vianney's
17th FEB	7.15pm - PPC St. John Vianney's Hall
18th FEB	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
4th March	11am Bishop Stephen. Confirmation candidates, St. Bernadette's school
<b>29th MARCH PALM SUNDAY + 3rd APRIL GOOD FRIDAY + 5th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY</b>	

**LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB - Draw today 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](mailto:denniscairns07@btinternet.com)

### AQUINAS (January 28th)

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:

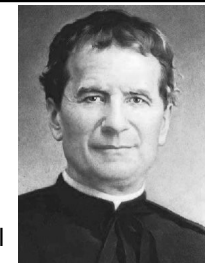


*Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you, a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you  
and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.*

After his death in 1274 at the age of 50, in the abbey of Fossa Nuova, his lifelong companion and confessor testified, "I have always known him to be as innocent as a five year old child. Never did a carnal temptation soil his soul, never did he consent to mortal sin" He cherished a most tender devotion to St. Agnes, constantly carrying relics of this virgin martyr on his person. He is the patron saint of schools and sacred theology.

### St. John Bosco - (31st January)

John Bosco was born in the archdiocese of Turin, Italy, in 1815. His father died when John was 2 years old and it was his mother Margaret who provided him with a good and Christian education. His early years were financially difficult, at 20 years of age he entered the major seminary, thanks to financial help from Louis Guala, founder and rector of the ecclesiastical residence St. Francis of Assisi in Turin. John Bosco was ordained a priest in 1846, and with the help of John Borel he founded the oratory of St. Francis de Sales.



Gifted as an educator and a leader, Don Bosco founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians). Also, with the help of Sister Mary Dominic Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix. Don Bosco became a traveller throughout Europe, seeking funds for the missions. (reports referred to him as "the new St. Vincent de Paul). He also found time to write popular catechetical pamphlets, which were distributed throughout Italy, as was his Salesian Bulletin. This great apostle of youth died on 31st January 1888, and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

Pope John Paul II named him "teacher and father to the young"

### Coffee Morning Sunday 1st February 2015, 10.30am.

#### In aid of Lourdes Youth Fund

St John Vianney's are intending to hold coffee mornings on the first Sunday of each month after 9.30 mass, these will continue as long as there is support. The first one on 1st February is also supporting the Lourdes fund by having some fundraising stalls.

**Bottle stall** - Any donations of bottles and gift type items (unopened) of any sort will be much appreciated, we will need quite a number to make the stall viable.

**Bric a Brac** - Of any sort, we can see how this goes and have it as a regular item if supported.

**Baking (home)** - always popular.

Any donations can be brought to Sunday mass and the church hall will be open on Saturday 31st January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Please come along to support your parish and the young people helping at Lourdes.