

St. John Vianney's Coffee Morning TODAY, after morning mass.

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 today 1st February is also supporting the Lourdes Youth 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 4.00 – 6.00.

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

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 McPartlin. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

ALVA PARISH CHURCH - MEN'S GROUP - GRAND QUIZ NIGHT

Following the success of last years event, Alva Parish Church Men's Group hope to hold a Quiz night on 7th March at 7:30pm at Alva Parish Church, Stirling Street, Alva and thought it might be appropriate to invite other Clackmannanshire Christian Churches and groups to participate and have a pleasant evening enjoying each other's company.

The Quizmaster will be Rev. George Sherry and it is planned to have wine/ soft drinks and finger food to enhance the event and foster community.

With this in mind, the entry fee for each team of 4 will be £10 to cover costs.

If you are interested please add you name to the list on the notice at the back of the church.

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

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

Draw 25th January after 9.30 mass at St. John Vianney's

1st - Ellen Martin £100 - 2nd - Mrs Mc'Brearty £25

Next draw on Sunday 22nd February after 11.30am mass at St. Bernadette's

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



1st February 2015
4th Sunday in Ordinary time

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

Remember those who have recently died.... Ellen Mc'Parland, James Fern and Irene Wilgate.

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

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.

AFTER MASS REGISTER FOR JUST FAITH COURSE - SEE INSIDE AND NOTICE BOARDS -

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 25th January £442.68

African Missions £232.83

St. John Vianney's 25th January £433.90

African Missions £146.80

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 1st Feb	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 2nd Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 9.30am - 4.00pm - Education Committee - visit to Stirlingshire Schools 6.30 pm - St. Bernadette's School Parents Council
Tuesday 3rd Feb	No services in parish 12 Noon - 4pm Education Meeting 7.00pm - Liturgy Committee, St. John Vianney's meeting room.
Wednesday 4th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.30am - PFC
Thursday 5th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10.00am - Education Committee, 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Fri 6th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 7th Feb	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. 10.00am - Just Faith Workshop, Lawside, Dundee
Sunday 8th Feb	Mass times as Normal - 5th Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8th Feb	Special collection for Catholic Education Service
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	Ash Wednesday
22nd Feb	Special collection for Sick & Retired Priests Fund
23rd Feb	7.00pm - Just Faith Course, St. John Vianney's, Alva
2nd March	7.00pm - Just Faith Course, St. John Vianney's, Alva
4th March	11am Bishop Stephen. Confirmation candidates, St. Bernadette's school
9th March	7.00pm - Just Faith Course, St. John Vianney's, Alva
16th March	7.00pm - Just Faith Course, St. John Vianney's, Alva
19th March	11.30 AM Deanery Meeting, Alva. Feast of St. Joseph Patron saint of MHM
21st March	11am -12.30pm Possible meeting Eucharistic Ministers who visit Orchard House
29th MARCH PALM SUNDAY + 3rd APRIL GOOD FRIDAY + 5th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY	
23rd April	7.15pm - PPC
26th April	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTE'S. 10.30am Bishop Stephen
7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

JUST FAITH - REDISCOVERING MERCY – During Lent.

Just Faith – Rediscovering Mercy is a 4 week 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 TODAY.
Unfortunately we are limited to about 20 people on each course.*

Blaise - (3rd February)

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia the city of his birth, where he practised with miraculous ability, goodwill and piety. When the bishop of the city died he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. Blaise was martyred in the year 316 by Agricola the governor of Cappadocia & Lesser Armenia under the Emperor Licinius. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. On this day the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throat" in honour of St. Blaise.

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



Social Justice

Social Justice is a term used to denote the ideals of the dignity and harmony of people in societies characterised by a wide and fair distribution of economic resources and political power.

Society ensures Social Justice when it provides the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation. Social Justice is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority.

Social Justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of humanity. The person represents the ultimate end of society, to whom it is ordered: What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defence and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn1928-9

<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>



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

Special collection NEXT Sunday for Catholic Education Service

Education Sunday: Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith.

During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are "Proclaiming the Joy of the Gospel" in our homes, schools and parishes.

Education Sunday – appeal for teachers: Please take seriously today's appeal for people to opt for a career in Teaching. Our children deserve the best teachers and schools.