



A message from the Bishops of Scotland

We want you to know how much we appreciate all the work being done to proclaim the joy of the Gospel in family homes, parishes and schools.

We know that it isn't easy at times to show your faith in the world. Sometimes it can be really challenging and it can take a lot of effort. But Pope Francis has reminded us that our faith in Jesus should be joyful - a source of great happiness, not a cause of embarrassment or anxiety.

He encourages us to recall how, in the Gospels, those who meet Jesus are filled with joy in their hearts because of the love he shows them. The Holy Father assures us that no one is excluded from the joy brought by Jesus and that no one can take this joy from us. He invites us to be "missionary disciples" who follow Jesus and "Spirit-filled evangelisers" who proclaim the Gospel through our lives. So, our invitation to you during this Catholic Education Week is to consider this question:

- How do you show the JOY of knowing Jesus Christ in your family, at school, at work, with friends?

First of the Just Faith Course meetings is at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd February in St. John Vianney's, Alva



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

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

DUNKELD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 10-17 JULY 2015

Led by Bishop Stephen Robson. Cost from £699 - £799. Flights from Edinburgh.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0141 530 5060 - website: www.joewalshstours.co.uk

For travel as a registered sick pilgrim contact Mrs C. Van der Boon on 01382 815292.

See posters in church.

Dollar and District Churches Together Coffee Morning,

Burnside Hall, Dollar, Saturday 14th February, 10am to 12 noon.

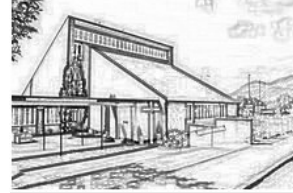
This year, we will be supporting various Youth Missions in our parishes.

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.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



8th & 15th February 2015
5th 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 McIntyre, 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.... Catherine Miller

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time...

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.

Special collection today for Catholic Education Service

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's
1st February £

St. John Vianney's
1st February £

NEXT 2 WEEKS DIARY

**Sunday Morning Masses:
St. John Vianney's, 9.30am**

**Sunday Evening Mass:
St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm**

Sunday 8th Feb	Mass times as Normal - 5th Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 9th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 6.30 pm - St. Bernadette's School Parents Council
Tues 10th Feb	No services in parish. 3.00pm - Diocesan Education Strategic Committee, Dundee
Wednesday 11th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 2.00pm - SNPI Exec. Management Committee, Lawside, Dundee. 7.00pm - Annual mass of the sick, St. Mary's, Lochee, Dundee.
Thursday 12th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 6.00pm - Wedding Practise, Alva. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 13th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 14th Feb	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. Wedding St. John Vianney's
Sunday 15th Feb	Mass times as Normal - 6th Sunday in Ordinary time. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 15th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Tuesday 17th Feb	No services in parish 2.00pm - National Catholic Education Reps. St. Margaret's Raploch. 7.15pm in - PPC. St. John Vianney's hall.
Wednesday 18th Feb	9.30am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Bernadette's, School Mass 11.00am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. John Vianney's Day of Fast and Abstinence
Thursday 19th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 11.30 AM Deanery Meeting, Alva. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 20th Feb	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's.
Saturday 21st Feb	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 22nd Feb	Mass times as Normal - 1st Sunday of Lent. Special collection for Sick & Retired Priests Fund 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

CONFIRMATIONS. Parents please note: Pope Francis has asked Bishop Stephen to help in the preparations for the Eucharistic Congress in the Philippines so he will be in Manila on the previously arranged date (26th April). The new date, to be confirmed will probably be the Sunday before or after.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK - NEXT ISSUE ON 22ND FEBRUARY

Double your donation



Every £1 you give will be doubled by the UK government

Give

Double your donation by giving before 17th May...

Reflect

Prayer Resources for Schools and Parishes

Act

Put your faith in action and join our campaign

SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL 2015

Can we count you in?

This Lent, SCIAF's WEE BOX appeal is helping women in Africa grow enough food for their children. They're counting on your support. Please take home a WEE BOX and find out more at www.theweebox.org



From SPICMA

Words fail me. I cannot express the admiration that I have for the Parishioner's of St Bernadette', St John Vianney's, St Mungo's and St Serf's. The generosity they have shown which has resulted in the magnificent sum of £5,332.92 being raised is amazing. When we receive the report and pictures from Uganda we will report back to you. Please pass my congratulations to all concerned

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council please note the first meeting of this year is on Tues 17th Feb, 7.15pm, St. John Vianney's hall.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
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
T.B.A.	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTE'S. 10.30am Bishop Stephen
7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Fr. Mike has been elected to be on the new Diocesan Strategic Education Committee