

The third of the Just Faith Course meetings is at 7.00pm on Monday 9th March in St. John Vianney's, Alva



IF YOU WANT PEACE WORK FOR JUSTICE

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



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

Pope's Message for Lent 2015: "Make your hearts firm"

Vatican City, 27 January 2015 (VIS) – The following is part 2 of the text of the Holy Father Francis' message for Lent 2015, entitled "Make your hearts firm". The document was signed in the Vatican on 4 October 2014, the festivity of St. Francis of Assisi. We will print extracts from this during Lent. (Entire text on parish website)

God's people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. To further this renewal, I would like to propose for our reflection three biblical texts.

1. 'If one member suffers, all suffer together' – The Church

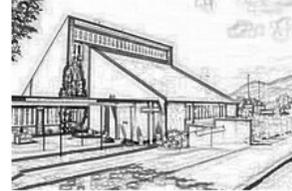
The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others. This is clearly seen in the liturgy of Holy Thursday, with its rite of the washing of feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, but he came to realise that Jesus does not wish to be just an example of how we should wash one another's feet. Only those who have first allowed Jesus to wash their own feet can then offer this service to others. Only they have 'a part' with him and thus can serve others.

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy'.

The Church is the *communio sanctorum* not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all his gifts. Among these gifts there is also the response of those who let themselves be touched by this love. In this communion of saints, in this sharing in holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others. And since we are united in God, we can do something for those who are far distant, those whom we could never reach on our own, because with them and for them, we ask God that all of us may be open to his plan of salvation. - (VIS)

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



8th March 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

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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, Tom Hislop, Dr. Michael Basquial, Maureen Joyce, and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.... Dennis Lafferty, Kennedy Balfour, Margaret Whyte and Tanya Roberts.

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.

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 22nd February	£432.92
1st March	£466.95
St. John Vianney's 22nd February	£432.80
1st March	£407.80

NEXT 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 8th March	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Lent. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.
Monday 9th March	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 9.30am - Funeral Mass of Kennedy Balfour, St. Bernadette's. (Funeral Mass of Dennis Lafferty - 10am, St Alexander's Church, Denny) 7.00pm - Just Faith Course, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday 10th March	No services in parish Feast of St John Ogilvie.
Wednesday 11th March	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 12th March	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA St. Mungo's, Alloa.
Friday 13th March	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 7.00pm - St. Bernadette's Themed Mass
Saturday 14th March	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 15th March	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Lent. 3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

SCIAF Sunday is 15th March in Scotland but our speaker is only available on Sunday 22nd March so SCIAF Sunday FOR US has been changed to this day. The special collection will be on the 22nd March.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
22nd March	Special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)
29th MARCH	PALM SUNDAY + 3rd APRIL GOOD FRIDAY + 5th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
3rd April	Good Friday. Special collection for Holy Places
23rd April	7.15pm - PPC
T B A	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTE'S. 10.30am Bishop Stephen
7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Dollar and District Churches Together, our February coffee morning

£600+ was raised. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Decisions will be taken at a meeting in early April including concerning the distribution of moneys to various youth projects, including our Lourdes Youth Project. More information to follow. Everyone's generosity is appreciated.

WHY IS SCIAF WORKING WITH WOMEN FARMERS?

We want to help the people who need it most so we work with the poorest of our brothers and sisters around the world. In many cases, these people are women.

Hunger is one of the biggest problems facing us today. One in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight – and 70% of them will be women and girls.

Half the food eaten on our planet is grown by small-scale farmers, like Mary Jackson, who work long hours with basic tools on small plots of land. Around 80% of these farmers are women.

Despite this, much of the support given to small-scale farmers goes to men. Research shows that helping women farmers in developing countries really does help to reduce poverty and hunger. Giving more women like Mary a hand up so that they can grow enough food could help to free 150 million people from hunger*.

We don't just support women, but we do often find that they're the people who most need our help. And by working with them, we're able to reach out to their children, husbands and whole village communities

*UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

More at : <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/the-wee-box/>

WEE BOX, TWICE AS BIG:

Your WEE BOXES could make twice the difference this Lent. All donations SCIAF receives by 17th May will be DOUBLED by the UK Government.



Beat hunger with the WEE BOX

One in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight - and 70% of them will be women and girls.

Please give what you can to SCIAF's WEE BOX appeal this Lent and together we can make a difference.

Visit www.theweebox.org to find out more.



St. John Ogilvie - Scottish Martyr - Feast day 10th March

John Ogilvie was born in 1579 at Drum, Keith in Scotland, the son of a Scottish noble. John converted to Catholicism at the age of 17 in Louvain, Belgium, was ordained in Paris in 1610 and was sent to work in Rouen, France.

Following repeated requests to return to his homeland Ogilvie returned to Scotland in November 1613 where he worked as an underground missionary in Edinburgh and Glasgow. John was soon betrayed, imprisoned, interrogated and then tortured for the names of active Catholics. He suffered in silence and died, hanged on 10th March 1615 in Glasgow.

He is the Church's only officially recorded Scottish martyr.

He was beatified in 1929 and canonised on 17th October 1976 by Pope Paul VI.