

Celebration Mass and Social Event - Ursulines 3rd June 2014

Following the mass on 3rd June the 'social celebration' will be held in St. John Vianney's church hall. If you have not returned information about attendance etc please do so. Two of the organizing group who will be outside church before and after each mass for the next few weeks. It would be a help if most information can be received by 18th May. If you have not received the information letter more copies are available before and after morning and evening masses at St. John Vianney's. We hope to give the Order and Sister Nora a good send off. Many Thanks.

PARISH REGISTER

It is important that we have current contact data for all parishioners. You will be asked to complete and return an information pro-forma. The data collected will be used only by the Parish and will be treated confidentially. The pro-formas will be distributed at all Masses on 18th and 25th May. They should be returned the following Sunday to the box provided at the door.

LOURDES/YOUTH PROJECT 100 DRAW

Will supporters please check to make sure you are up to date with your payments. Normally it is OK with those who have a direct debit. Sometimes it has been difficult for people to contribute in cash as no one from the team is at a particular mass. This sometimes means a member wins the draw but we cannot pay out their winnings as they are a few months behind. To overcome this problem there will now be a box at the back of the church marked "LOURDES / YOUTH PROJECT". Please put your monthly contribution in a small envelope and mark it with your name and/or number / numbers.

Please remember we have 3 youths going out to work in Lourdes this year, two of which are fully financially supported by our project. There are still numbers available if new people want to participate or if existing supporters want more numbers. **Many thanks to all our supporters.**

PVG – Disclosure.

Those who work with vulnerable adults & children MUST follow a brief annual training. The Diocesan team will be here for the training for our parishes which will be in **St. Bernadette's hall on Tuesday 20th May at 7pm to 8pm.** It takes less than an hour as there are no PVG processes to be done – just the training. For those who cannot participate on this day there is an alternative to participate at **Dunblane on Tuesday 27th May.**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - PAMPER DAY

11th MAY 2014 11.00am to 3.00pm IN St. Mungo's R.C. church hall Alloa.
Massage, Nails, Eyebrows, Make-up all £5each plus raffle.
Entry £5(includes one treatment) All welcome.
Contact Marie on 07743176429

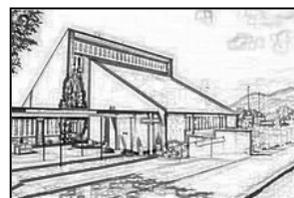


SCIAF - Wee Box Lenten appeal.

The joint total collected from our parishes in the SCIAF Appeal Wee Boxes was £905.89p. Many thanks to everyone that contributed.

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

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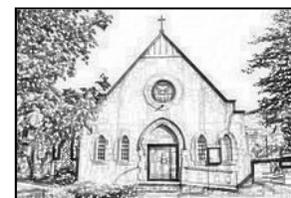


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11th May 2014
4th Sunday of Easter

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Parish Websites

www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes & www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys

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, Mary McGeehan, Vera Kasciewicz, Brendan Murphy, Georgina Anderson, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Margaret Mc'Intyre, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Alma White, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen Mc'Parland, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Peter Doyle, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Annemarie Roach (new-born baby) and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... Ann Anderson, Antoni Hadam and Canon Michael Milton

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

Elizabeth Lawlor and Sarah Masterson

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 4th May 2014

St. Bernadette's	£376.95
Missions Special Collection	£342.25
St. John Vianney's	£376.50
Missions Special Collection	£586.39

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 11th May	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Easter WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
Monday 12th May	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 7.00pm - Fabric & Maint meeting in parish house (extra meeting)
Tuesday 13th May	No Services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 7.15pm - PPC St. John Vianney's hall.
Wednesday 14th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 15th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Friday 16th May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Saturday 17th May	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 18th May	Mass times as Normal - 5th Sunday of Easter

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 19th May	Parents school council
3rd June	St. John Vianney's, Mass of Thanksgiving Ursulines - Bishop Stephen
8th June	Confirmations
Mon 9th June	Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Michael. 7pm Cathedral, Dundee
11th- 13th June	Dalguise - school camp.
Sat 14th June	School summer fare
17th June	Lawside, Dundee - Priests' Council
22nd June	First Holy Communions
20th July	Bishop Stephen will celebrate all masses in the parish.

PPC - Tuesday 13th May

The last planned meeting in April was cancelled because of the numbers who could not attend and therefore there would not be a quorum. This meeting on Tuesday has been brought forward from June for exactly the same reason.



EXTRACTS FROM *THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 51st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS*

The Gospel says that "Jesus went about all the cities and villages... When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest'" (Mt 9:35-38). These words surprise us, because we all know that it is necessary first to plough, sow and cultivate to then, in due time, reap an abundant harvest. Jesus says instead that "the harvest is plentiful". But who did the work to bring about these results? There is only one answer: God. Clearly the field of which Jesus is speaking is humanity, us. And the efficacious action which has borne "much fruit" is the grace of God, that is, communion with Him (cf. Jn 15:5). The prayer which Jesus asks of the Church therefore concerns the need to increase the number of those who serve his Kingdom. Saint Paul, who was one of "God's fellow workers", tirelessly dedicated himself to the cause of the Gospel and the Church. The Apostle, with the awareness of one who has personally experienced how mysterious God's saving will is, and how the initiative of grace is the origin of every vocation, reminds the Christians of Corinth: "You are God's field" (1 Cor 3:9). That is why wonder first arises in our hearts over the plentiful harvest which God alone can bestow; then gratitude for a love that always goes before us; and lastly, adoration for the work that he has accomplished, which requires our free consent in acting with him and for him...

Today too, Jesus lives and walks along the paths of ordinary life in order to draw near to everyone, beginning with the least, and to heal us of our infirmities and illnesses. I turn now to those who are well disposed to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what their own vocation is. I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which "are spirit and life" (Jn 6:62). Mary, the Mother of Jesus and ours, also says to us: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). It will help you to participate in a communal journey that is able to release the best energies in you and around you. A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life. No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)?

I ask you bishops, priests, religious, Christian communities and families to orient vocational pastoral planning in this direction, by accompanying young people on pathways of holiness which, because they are personal, "call for a genuine 'training in holiness' capable of being adapted to every person's need. This training must integrate the resources offered to everyone with both the traditional forms of individual and group assistance, as well as the more recent forms of support offered in associations and movements recognized by the Church" (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 31)...

Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being "good soil", by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives.

Entire message at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/>