



St Bernadette's Primary School
- Summer Fayre -

Saturday 14th June 12 noon-3pm

Please come along to our final event of the session.

Lots to do, see, win and buy.

If you can support the school with donations for the bottle stall, prizes or home baking please contact Tina O'Neill on 01259 723973.



SCHOOL PARENTS

A group called SPTC (Scottish Parent Teacher Council) has been organising a questionnaire. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) is rather concerned as many of the questions are confusing or misleading and the real purpose of the questionnaire could be to criticise religion as being part of education in a catholic school and force a change in current legislation. We encourage parents not to let this happen and to go on to the SPTC website and follow the link to the survey. People are encouraged to use question 17 to comment on the survey and show that mass-going Catholics are in favour of retaining religious observance in schools.

Link to the SPTC www.sptc.info/parents-voice-religious-observance-may-2014/

Link to survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NC3BR5D>

**Parish Pastoral Council
13th May Meeting**

Notes from the meeting are posted on the noticeboards inside both churches.

John Paul Prayer Movement
Invites you to join in their
PENTECOST RETREAT DAY
Saturday 7th June 2014 10am to 5pm
St. Mary's Monastery Kinnoull, Perth.
£20pp (includes lunch) Contact Chris McCrosson to confirm and for transport arrangements 07887606807

PARISH REGISTER

As announced from pulpit and printed in the newsletter last week we are compiling a parish register as it is important that we have current contact data for all parishioners. In order to complete an accurate parishioner register you will be asked to complete and return an information pro-forma.

This data will be used only by the Parish and treated confidentially.

The pro-formas were distributed at all Masses last Sunday and are available again today and should be returned by Sunday 1st June at the latest to the box provided at the church door..... *Thanks in advance for your cooperation.*

Thanksgiving Mass and Social Event - Ursulines 3rd June 2014

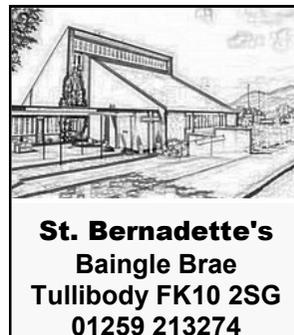
Following the Mass of Thanksgiving on 3rd June the 'social celebration' will be held in St. John Vianney's church hall. Two of the organizing group who will be outside church before and after each mass for the next few weeks. Most information should have been received by 18th May.

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.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

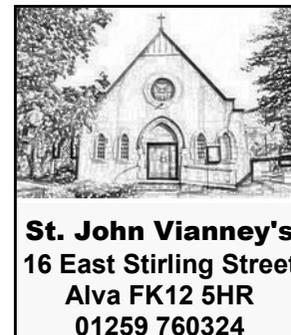


**St. Bernadette's
Baingle Brae
Tullibody FK10 2SG
01259 213274**

**25th May 2014
6th Sunday of Easter**

Parish Priest:
Fr. Mike Freyne MHM
Tel: 01259 213274
Email: mafreyne@btinternet.com

Sister Nora Carr U.J.
Parish Sister - Ursulines of Jesus
St. John Vianney's. Tel: 01259 760324



**St. John Vianney's
16 East Stirling Street
Alva FK12 5HR
01259 760324**

Parish Websites

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



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, Annemarie Roach (new-born baby), Sarah-Jane Connelly, Joe Horsburgh and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... Michael Malley, Peter Brogan and William Scarfe.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time..... Richard Harvey, Charles Glendinning and Bernard McKeown.

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.

**THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION AND
IN SCOTLAND IT IS A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Parish Collections
18th May 2014**

St. Bernadette's £381.49

St. John Vianney's £382.40



THIS WEEKS DIARY

**Sunday Morning Masses:
St. John Vianney's, 9.30am
& St. Bernadette's, 11.30am**

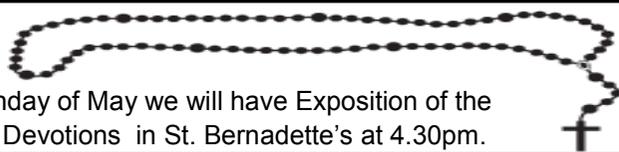
**Sunday Evening Mass:
St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm**

Sunday 25th May	Mass times as Normal - 6th Sunday of Easter 4.30pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & May Devotion, St. Bernadette's
Monday 26th May	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance. Extra meeting in Parish House
Tuesday 27th May	No services in parish. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 7.00pm - PVG Awareness Training in Dunblane parish hall.
Wednesday 28th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 11.00am - Funeral service for William Scarfe, St John Vianney's.
Thursday 29th May	FEAST OF THE ASCENSION - HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 11.00am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Fri 30th May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's
Sat 31st May	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 1st June	Mass times as Normal - 7th Sunday of Easter



MAY DEVOTIONS.

Today being the last Sunday of May we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions in St. Bernadette's at 4.30pm.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd June	St. John Vianney's, Mass of Thanksgiving Ursulines - Bishop Stephen
8th June	PENTECOST SUNDAY & CONFIRMATIONS
Mon 9th June	Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Michael. 7.00pm, 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.



DAY FOR LIFE 2014

My Dear People,

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the entrustment of the Jubilee Cross of Redemption to the young. That symbolic act by John Paul II was the beginning of the great pilgrimage which has since crossed the five continents. The Pope's words on that Easter Sunday in 1984 remain memorable: "My dear young people, at the conclusion of the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of the love of the Lord Jesus for humanity, and proclaim to everyone that it is only in Christ, who died and rose from the dead, that salvation and redemption are to be found.

Our faith is so secure in that as night follows day, the Resurrection of Jesus follows the Cross.

These words of Pope John Paul II have a special poignancy this year since on Divine Mercy Sunday this year, April 26th, he was canonized. This has been a wonderful experience for those of us who knew him as Pope for so long and met him on important occasions. He always had a special word and love for the young.. As his body grew old and weak his spirit remained young to the end. And now from his place in heaven he can help us still.

The Day for Life message this year has special meaning for the young.

As with Saint John Paul II, so also Pope Francis seems energized by the young. And why? Because of the hope and optimism that comes with youth. But also because of the idealism and the desire to give of self and even the capacity that young people often have of putting up with the challenges that life throws at them.

Especially to the young is the care of, and concern for, life. Parents have often been the first people to teach their children about unconditional love, the kind of love that helps us appreciate how much God our Father loves us. But their care and concern also extends to cherishing and protecting creation and the environment to caring for the sick at Lourdes and in the Community.

Sometimes nowadays the young get a bad press but my experiences of young people's capacity for spirituality and concern as a over 35 years have been amazing.

Recently with the coming of the Pope Benedict XVI awards in the final year of secondary school and with the introduction of the Pope Francis awards in Primary six we have even greater evidence of the capacity of the young to give themselves to others. Let us all in the Church realize that the young are or future in the Church and need to encourage them as much as possible to take up the causes of Jesus in our world.

With Saint John Paul II and Saint John XXIII to help them how can they fail to build a better future by caring for and protecting the sacredness and dignity of all human life and the world that God has given us.

With every blessing

+ *Stephen Robson*

Bishop of Dunkeld - Representative of Bishops of Scotland for the Day for Life