

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: Jesus is publicly welcomed into Jerusalem. The people hail him King of the Jews. Weather permitting in both parishes mass will begin outside with the blessing of palms and a procession. During mass we will have the reading of the passion. In the afternoon we have the last opportunity for Stations of the Cross. Question ! Did YOU attend any of the special liturgical service during Lent?

Monday and Tuesday of Easter week: We have Penitential services in the evening in Tullibody on Monday and Alva on Tuesday.

Wednesday of Holy Week: Easter is a time to celebrate our faith in a special way and Lent is our opportunity to prepare for this great feast. All our sick should now have received holy communion in their homes and received the sacrament of the sick. In the evening we have the Mass of Holy Oils in the cathedral in Dundee. During this mass, before Bishop Stephen all the priests of the diocese renew their priestly vows and the oils that are used in the sacraments throughout the year are blessed. We normally have a couple of cars going. This mass is a sign of the unity between the parishes in the diocese so we would encourage people to organise a car and participate.

Maundy Thursday: The feast of the Eucharist, the priesthood and when we have the washing of the feet. We have one parish mass at St. Bernadette's to express our unity around Jesus in the Eucharist. The washing of the feet reminds us of the link between the Eucharist and service. The many people in our parishes who contribute make their promise of commitment to the parish, this includes Eucharistic Ministers, readers, members of SVDP and members of PPC. Mass ends with the procession to the altar of repose where, until 10.30pm groups stay and watch as the apostles did in Gethsemane, waiting for Jesus.

Good Friday: Morning Office in both churches at 9am Until the Easter Vigil there are no masses in any church. We are in the middle of Christ's Passion. We remember the betrayal by Judas, Jesus' public trial, his brutal crucifixion and death. Our Celebration of the Passion and Adoration of the Cross will be in St. John Vianney's.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: Again in both parishes we celebrate the most important moment of our faith - the Easter Vigil. The liturgy is the richest of our faith, almost a synopsis of our faith. We begin in the dark with the blessing of the paschal fire and candle entering the darkened church to announce the resurrection of Jesus.

We listen to the history of our salvation by God in all the biblical readings; we renew our baptismal promises but most of all we proclaim Christ is Risen

Easter Sunday: Unfortunately people have grown out of the custom of going to both the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Mass. To try to avoid having a whole generation who miss out on the richest and most important liturgical celebration of our faith we include some of the important elements of the vigil in the morning mass, the celebration of Light and Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Do come and join us at each of these services. It is the most important moment in the celebration of our faith. Let us identify our life story with that of Jesus and celebrate the joy of the Resurrection which one day will be ours.

St. Mungo's School Parents. Meeting for parents with Representatives of Clacks Council at St. Mungo's School - 6.30pm Tuesday 31st March

Coffee Morning St. John Vianney's + Easter Sunday 5th April 2015 10.30
Our next coffee morning is on Easter Sunday;
please make time after mass for a coffee,
scone and a chat with your fellow parishioners.
All donations of baking welcome for the cake stall.

The Knights of St. Columba are holding an Irish Social Night in St. Mungo's Church Hall on Friday 10th April.
Tickets priced £7. See noticeboard for more details.

Knights of St. Columba Easter Raffle in aid of "Mary's Meals".
Tickets £1 each available during Lent after Sunday Masses.

The prize is a hamper, value approx £80. Draw will be on Easter Sunday.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



29th March 2015

Palm Sunday

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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.... Robert Peebles and Alexander Thomson.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time... Joan Cannon, Agnes McGowan, Joan Boyle, William McCluskey and John Hamilton

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.

Masses today will begin in hall or outside with a short procession into the church

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 22nd March	£586.36
SCIAF	£511.48
St. John Vianney's 22nd March	£460.06
SCIAF	£543.55

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

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

HOLY WEEK DIARY 2015

Palm Sunday 29th March

Mass times as normal

3.00pm - Adoration & Prayers, Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney's.

4.30pm - Stations of The Cross, St. Bernadette's.

Monday of Holy Week 30th March

9.30am - Mass & Sacrament of the Sick, St. John Vianney's.

7.00pm - Penitential Service & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.

Tuesday of Holy Week 31st March

7.00pm - Penitential Service & Confessions, St. John Vianney's

6.30pm - Meeting Parents, Rep's of Clacks Council, St. Mungo's School

Wednesday of Holy Week 1st April

8.15am - Mass, St. Modan's High School.

9.30am - Mass & Sacrament of the Sick, St. Bernadette's. ,

7.00pm MASS OF HOLY OILS, CATHEDRAL, DUNDEE

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

9.30am - Funeral Service of Robert Peebles, St. John Vianney's

St. Bernadette's. 7.30 pm - MASS OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST, PRIESTHOOD AND WASHING OF FEET:

Eucharistic ministers will renew their sacred commitment to God and The community. Holy Oils solemnly presented. School children will present washing of feet. Procession to Altar of Repose.

8.30 - 10.30 pm - WATCH AND PRAY WITH JESUS. (church closes 10.30pm)

Good Friday 3rd April

9.00am - ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S & ST. BERNADETTE'S MORNING OFFICE

3.00pm - St. John Vianney's Alva

PASSION AND ADORATION OF THE CROSS , HOLY COMMUNION.

Easter Vigil 4th April

SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL, THE RESURRECTION

7.30pm - ST. BERNADETTE'S

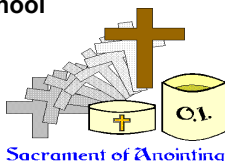
9.30pm - ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.30 AM Easter mass, ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S

11.30AM Easter mass, ST. BERNADETTE'S

NO EVENING MASS



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd April	Good Friday. Special collection for Holy Places
23rd April	Clacks Council Education Committee meeting 10 am
23rd April	7.15pm - PPC
7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
14th June	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTES.

EVENING WATCH MAUNDY THURSDAY:

At the end of the Maundy Thursday mass when the altar has been stripped and the Eucharist has been placed in an altar of repose most churches remain open for silent adoration and prayer, to answer Christ's invitation "Could you not, then, watch one hour with me."

The church (St. Bernadette's) will remain open for adoration, to answer this invitation. There will be some prayer sheets available to help you. We have asked groups to make sure they have representatives in the church during certain times so as the Lord is not alone in the church this evening.

Please feel free to drop in for your moments of prayer.

9.00pm - 9.20pm Women's Guild, Alva

9.20pm - 9.40pm SVDP Alva

9.40pm - 10.00pm SVDP

10.00pm - 10.30pm Knights of St. Columba and Eucharistic Ministers

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

ALL ministers of the Eucharist are reminded of the importance of Maundy Thursday, the Feast of the Institution of the Eucharist. After the Eucharistic Prayer, before the Our Father all will be invited up to before the altar to renew their commitment to serve the Lord and our parishes as Ministers of the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Ministers if you do not receive a copy of the Rite of Communion for the Sick they have finally arrived. Please ask Fr. Mike for your copy.

Altar servers please indicate which liturgies you are available for during Holy Week. Remember this is the most important week of the Church's year.

EASTER LILIES

We have left this very late. If you wish to remember your deceased relatives and friends in the Easter Sunday masses by a white lily and mass intention please place name of deceased and donation in envelope and leave in sacristy marked "Lily" by Palm Sunday. Lilies are extremely expensive and last year the best deal we could get was £3 each. Please anticipate a little more for an increase in price and include your contribution towards the Easter mass stipend. We will only be able to do this if we have sufficient people interested. **Please note; need to hand in by the evening of Palm Sunday so that lilies can be ordered.**

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.



WEE BOX, BIG THANKS

All of us at SCIAF send our thanks to you for joining with us in this year's Lenten appeal. Please pray with us for a joyful Easter and return your WEE BOXES during Holy Week so the UK Government can double your donations.

Visit www.theweebox.org to find out more.

'It is everyone's duty, but especially that of Christians, to work with energy for the establishment of universal brotherhood, the indispensable basis for authentic justice and the condition for enduring peace....' - (Octagesimo Adveniens, 17.2) <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>