

ALL PARISHONERS AND PPC MEMBERS

The next PPC meeting is on Thursday 23rd of April at 7.15pm.

Please note this is a special meeting

OPEN TO ALL PARISHONERS.

Representatives of Clackmannanshire Council will be there to explain and answer questions regarding proposals for possible future for Catholic schools in Clackmannanshire. These include a possible a new shared campus with other civic facilities for St. Bernadette's with Amercromby Primary School . Also could include a merging of St. Bernadette's and St. Mungo's schools into one school to share a campus with Abercromby and other civic facilities. Since this early exchange of information affects the future of Catholic education in the area we presume that there will be great interest.

For this reason the Blessed Sacrament will be removed temporarily from St. Bernadette's church and the meeting will take place in St. Bernadette's church.

Please join in these discussions.

DUNKELD DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Can You help ?

In order for the sick to go in this years Lourdes Pilgrimage from 10th to 17th July we need a doctor to lead the medical team of 8 nurses.

Can anyone from our parish help in this appeal?

Your assistance in this matter will greatly benefit the sick pilgrims who hope to travel with us this summer.

Further enquiries can be made to: Mrs C. Van der Boon at **01382 815292**

Gift Aid / Envelopes

All parishioners should have and now be using their new envelopes. As we are in a new tax year and the personal allowance for income tax was raised on 6th April 2015 any parishioner with a gift aid declaration needs to check they are paying sufficient tax to cover Gift Aid donations.

Details available on the parish website under "Other Info/ Groups" or from members of the Parish Financial Council.

Dollar and District Churches Together

Following our recent coffee morning, a donation of £100 will be made to the Lourdes Youth Fund. Thanks again to all who supported.

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB

**Next draw on Sunday 26th April after 11.30am mass at St. Bernadette's.
+ Yearly subscribers please check when your renewal is due. +**

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



12th April 015

Divine Mercy (Low 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, Thomas Benie, Brendan Murphy, Margaret McIntyre, Elizabeth Docherty, Bridget Grey, Owen Cattigan, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Bill Dunsmore, Peter James Clarke, Paul Kochanek, Janet Martin, Lorraine McClusky, Sandy Taylor, Mary McCartney, Theresa Flemming, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Anne McNiven, Alma White, Kathleen McNeil, Maureen Joyce, Dr. Michael Basquial, Tina Burgoyne and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.... Denise Lafferty, and Emily Jagda.

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

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.

TOTALS FOR SCIAF WEE BOXES
St. Bernadette's £590. St. John Vianney's:- £1027.00

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 5th April	£1055.81
St. John Vianney's 5th April	£541.00
Good Friday Holy Places	£203.80

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 12th April	Mass times as Normal - Divine Mercy (Low Sunday)
Monday 13th April	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance Committee in Parish House.
Tuesday 14th April	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh
Wednesday 15th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Thursday 16th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's - Feast of St. Bernadette. 12noon - Deanery Meeting - Callander
Friday 17th April	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Saturday 18th April	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 19th April	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Easter

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22nd April	Bishop Stephen will meet our candidates for confirmation at St. Bernadette's school. Afterwards at 1pm he will celebrate a school mass.
23rd April	Council Education Committee 10am 7.15pm - PPC SEE NOTICE ON BACK PAGE
7th May	Priest's Council , Dundee
17th May	Communications Sunday Special Collection.
31st May	Day for Life
7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
14th June	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTE'S.
23rd June	PPC
28th June	Peter's Pence
7th- 20th June	Youth away at Lourdes
2nd July	SCIAF 50th anniversary Mass, Cathedral Dundee
31July - 2 Aug	Catholic Youth Festival, Stirling University

THANK YOU:

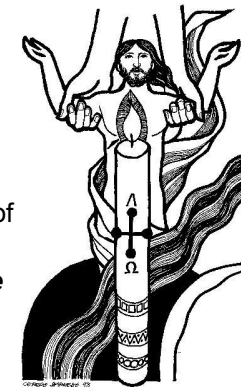
Many thanks to all those who worked, contributed and collaborated in some way offering their time, talents and services to make Holy Week and Easter a profound spiritual time of celebration and community living because of the Risen Lord.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. As he dedicated the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Pope John Paul II referred to this when he said: **"Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind".**

On 30th April 2000 the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar. A year later on 22nd April 2001, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message, the resurrection context of Easter. John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2014, by Pope Francis.



Bishop Stephen's Visit

Bishop Stephen will visit on 22nd April primarily to meet with the candidates for Confirmation at the school. This will be followed by Mass at 1.45pm in St. Bernadette's school.

All parishioners are welcome to this mass.

General Election

Pastoral letter from Scottish Bishops Conference is on Parish website on Current Notices page at <http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys/notices.html>

There is also a wide range of election briefing available online. It is also important to remember that this is an election for the Westminster Parliament, whose jurisdiction is restricted to reserved matters.

More information at: [general-election-2015-briefing.aspx](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)

or go to <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk>



**Knights of St. Columba Easter Raffle in aid of "Mary's Meals".
Drawn after 11.30 Mass at St. Bernadette's on Easter Sunday
Winner David Bowie from St. Mungo's Alloa.
The raffle raised £452 for Mary's Meals. Many thanks to all.**



'[Everyone] should set a good example by contributing part of their own goods, as several of our brother bishops have done. In this way they will be responsive to humanity's longings and faithful to the Holy Spirit....' - *Populorum Progressio*, 32
<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>