



Bishop Stephen's Visit

Bishop Stephen will visit the school on Wednesday 22nd April 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 in the school at 1.45pm. Please note change of venue.**

MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Mike received around 4 phone calls this week from Catholic organizations asking to do appeals! To try and organise this so as not to abuse parishes each parish is requested to accept one Mission Appeal per year and the Deaneries throughout Scotland are divided between the Missionary Orders. This year our Deanery will welcome the Sisters of St. Peter Claver. Next week Sr. Monica from their Order will be here to preach at all masses. This is very appropriate as it is also Vocations Sunday. We ask especially our candidates doing the Pope Francis and Caritas Awards to pay special attention. I am sure Sister will be given a great welcome and people will be, as usual, very generous.

Sr. Monica has written..... The Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on 26th April, Vocations Sunday for the Sunday Masses. Sister will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your spiritual and financial support.Each one of us has our special place in God's plan. Pope Francis dreams that you and I will be missionaries by the way we live our lives. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we will be mission minded; in prayer and action, listening to the promptings of the Lord... to 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News'.

General Election

Pastoral letter from Scottish Bishops Conference is on Parish website 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>



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.

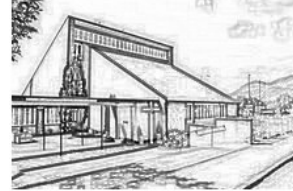
LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB

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

'The liturgy of the word, catechesis and the celebration of the sacraments have the power to help us to discover the teaching of the prophets, the Lord and the apostles on the subject of justice.' - Justice in the World, 58
<http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/>

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



19th April 015
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Parish Websites

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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....

Betty Maxwell and Elizabeth Cuthbertson.

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

Bella Harvey, Petra Deyk and Thomas Lawlor.

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.

Next Sunday there will be a Mission appeal
By The Sisters of St. Peter Claver

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 12th April	£431.40
St. John Vianney's 12th April	£401.46

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 19th April	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday 20th April	PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 9.30am MASS. 10.30am - Funeral mass for Betty Maxwell, St. John Vianney's. 7.00pm - Education meeting Bishop Stephen – Perth .
Tuesday 21st April	10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House, Edinburgh 2.00pm - Exec Committee meeting St. Ninian's Institute, Dundee.
Wednesday 22nd April	PLEASE NOTE NO MORNING MASS. 12 noon - Bishop Stephen at school with Confirmation group 1.45pm - Mass at St. Bernadette's school with Bishop Stephen. All welcome.
Thursday 23rd April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10am - Clacks Council, Education Committee 7.15pm - PPC, St. Bernadette's church – open to all
Friday 24th April	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Saturday 25th April	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 26th April	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Easter World day of prayer for vocations. Mission appeal By The Sisters of St. Peter Claver

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd April	Council Education Committee 10am
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
31 July - 2 Aug	Catholic Youth Festival, Stirling University

NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

ALL PARISHONERS AND PPC MEMBERS

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

Please note this is a special meeting in St. Bernadette's church.

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.

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.

Clackmannanshire Council need to build a new school for Abercromby Primary School as it is old and too small. This will probably be on a new site and could include a Civic Centre, Library etc. a Social Hub.

Council just now is having INFORMAL TALKS with many groups (over 40) about the possibilities.

One of the possibilities is:

- Although St. Bernadette's is classified as having at least another 20 to 25 years of use left, is to take the opportunity and build a new St. Bernadette's School on the site having a shared campus with the new Abercromby. Please note they still remain 2 distinct, independent schools, with their own Head Teacher and staff with some shared facilities
- Another possibility is to merge both St. Mungos RC School with St. Bernadette's as a new school on the shared campus with Abercromby. Obviously guaranteeing free transport to all Catholics who reside in Clackmannanshire.

These are just 3 proposals from an original 9 proposals up for discussion. A new proposal could always appear.

These informal talks finish in June when a document will be presented in September to the Council to decide and then begin the FORMAL CONSULTATION process.

The next Parish Pastoral Council is open to all parishioners. A member of Clackmannanshire Council will be present to explain what the proposals are, how they came about and answer all questions.

This will effect Catholic Education in Clackmannanshire for many, many years to come and is not just for parents of children at one of the schools to decide.

Please participate, listen to the proposals for and against each suggestion and help in the decision making.