



WEE BOX, BIG Thanks

SCIAF would like to thank everyone for taking part in this year's Lenten campaign. Your support is helping many thousands of people living in poverty to build a better future for themselves and their children.

Please return your WEE BOXES during Holy Week and pray for a joyful Easter.

EASTER LILIES.

It was introduced, and people seem to approve and want it, to remember those who have died in a special way on the feast of the Resurrection – Easter. We suggest buying a Lilly to represent the deceased and to offer a contribution towards the mass intention. We will place envelopes at the back of the church to facilitate this or you can use your own. Last year the cost of buying a Lilly was about £3 – they are expensive – plus your contribution to the mass stipend. At this present moment we do not know how much lilies will cost, so please take this into account. Tina, as always, does shop around and normally comes to a reasonable price.



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

Easter Eggs. It has become a tradition – a pleasant and happy one – to give small Easter eggs to the CHILDREN at the end of the Easter mass. Each year the number of children increases as does the costs of the Easter eggs (and they get smaller – the eggs not the children). The final cost is significant in a time we are trying to cut costs. I would ask parents and carers to be sensitive to this. It is amazing and embarrassing the number of adults that approach us and insist “one just one” for them or want to take 3 or 4 eggs home to wee Peter or Mary who will be visiting them! Let's welcome the children who are at mass and continue this happy practise.



Any Old Laptops or Notebooks? For Brazil

I was surprised last year when a friend of mine moved her job and told me her work/office laptop she had just given to her niece. Her firm had not expected her to hand it back in. Seemingly she had another 4 or 5 disused Notebooks in her attic. If you have a Notebook that is no longer in use Fr. Mike is looking for one for the summer and another for nearer Christmas. One is for a student and another for an Editor of a local newspaper, both in Brazil. They do not need the latest processor chip but something reasonable with about 2 to 4Gb of Ram, Windows installed, a Hard Disk of about 150 Gb+ with Wi-Fi and inbuilt camera for Internet communication (Skype etc.). The Editor is still using an ancient machine that Fr. Mike's gave him 8 years ago. If you can help please contact Fr. Mike.



KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

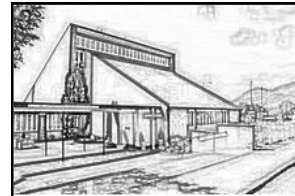
Irish Social Evening with entertainment by “Mac A Din” in St. Mungo's church hall on Fri 25th April, 7.30pm. Tickets £7 - Bring your own nibbles.

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

Drawn 30th March after the 9.30 morning Mass at St. John Vianney's. No199 Maureen Mc'Brearty - No259 Bill & Betty Maxwell. Next draw Sunday 27th April after 11.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's.

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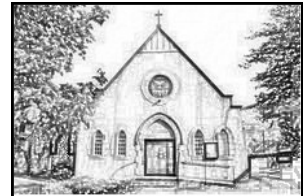


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13th April 2014
Palm Sunday

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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, 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, Murial Hallahan, Canon Michael Milton and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.....

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

Hugh Ward,, Bella Harley and Peggy Brown.

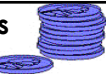
REGULAR MEETINGS

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.

Good Friday Special Collection in the universal church is for the upkeep of Holy Places

Parish Collections
6th April 2014



St. Bernadette's £463.79

St. John Vianney's £408.00

Special Collection £257.00

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

HOLY WEEK 2014

Palm Sunday 13th April

Mass times as normal

Monday of Holy Week 14th April

8.45am to 9.15am - CONFESSIONS, St. John Vianney's
 9.30am - MASS, St. John Vianney's
 7.00pm - PENITENTIAL RITE, St. Bernadette's

Tuesday of Holy Week 15th April

7.00pm - PENITENTIAL RITE, St. John Vianney's

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April

8.45am to 9.15am - CONFESSIONS, St. Bernadette's
 9.30am - Mass – St. Bernadette's
 7.00pm MASS OF HOLY OILS, CATHEDRAL, DUNDEE

Maundy Thursday 17th April

8.30am - 9am Confessions, St. Bernadette's
 7.30pm - St. Bernadette's, **WASHING OF FEET,**
& INSTITUTION OF EUCHARIST

Good Friday 18th April

3.00pm - Passion and Adoration of the Cross,
 St. John Vianney's Alva

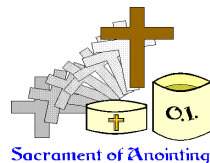
Easter Vigil 19th April

7.30PM EASTER VIGIL - ST. BERNADETTE'S
 9.30PM EASTER VIGIL - ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S

Easter Sunday 20th April

9.30 AM Easter mass, ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S
 11.30AM Easter mass, ST. BERNADETTE'S

NO EVENING MASS



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 and in St John Vianney's on Monday the last opportunity for individual Confessions. Wednesday is last opportunity for individual Confession at St. Bernadette's

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 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. At the end of the mass we have the procession to the altar of repose where, until 10pm groups stay and watch as the apostles did in Gethsemane, waiting for Jesus.

Good Friday: 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. This year 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3 May	Mass & Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Stephen
3 June	Mass of Thanksgiving Ursulines - Bishop Stephen
5 June	PPC
8 June	Confirmations
22 June	First Holy Communions