



Stirling 2015

Scottish Catholic Youth Festival

Following the great success of last year's youth festival that took place at the same time as World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro the Scottish Bishops are promoting another Catholic Youth Festival. It will take place at Stirling University. The youth can stay there (the majority will) but to cut costs we will transport our youth very, very early every morning and bring them back very late – too late for Fr. Mike!

Nearer the time we will be looking for drivers to take the youth up and down.

What is it? A celebration of Catholic youth from all of Scotland and usually 2 Irish Dioceses. It involves: catechesis, talks, prayer, food, art, dance, games, music, parties and more!

Who is invited? Young Catholics between 14 and 25.

When? Thursday 30th July to Sunday 2nd August 2015

TIMES: To be organised nearing the days but based on last year you will be leaving Tullibody about 7am to arrive for breakfast at the campus. After the last event you will return which is normally about 11pm. The Sunday normally ends with a barbecue at the campus about 6pm.

Costs? Will be around £360, our parishes, the Lourdes Youth Project Fund and hopefully others will help finance the greater part. **Money should not prevent you from participating.**

If in doubt ask Fr. Mike or ask the youth who went last year and still talk about it.

PEOPLE ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH WITH FORMS

– LOOK FOR THEM OR SEE FR. MIKE.

We are 3 months late in registering our youths so please collect a form **TODAY** and **FILL IT IN NOW** or return it **NEXT SUNDAY**, if you are interested take a form home to talk it over with your parents and put it through the letter box by **Tuesday 2nd May at the very latest.**

St. Vincent De Paul.

If anyone in the parish knows of anyone that could do with a visit and/or any help from us then please put a message into the S.V.D.P box at the back of the church. Kathlean McNeil would like to offer her thanks to the S.V.D.P and all parishioners for all their kind thoughts and prayers.

Coffee Mornings at St John Vianney's

The proceeds of £100 raised from the last coffee morning held on 5th April were donated to the Nepal earthquake appeal. Many thanks to all those who attended the coffee morning, provided baking and made donations.

The coffee mornings are reasonably well attended – though more parishioners would be very welcome – so we have decided to continue with them throughout the year.

Although the objective has not been to raise money the small amounts raised has supported the Lourdes group and (£270) and now the Nepal appeal.

The Parish Financial Council have identified that the kitchen at St. John Vianney's needs re-furbished and the monies raised from future coffee mornings will contribute to this much needed project. Please continue to take this opportunity to socialise with your fellow parishioners, and, if you can, do some home baking. Just a few of us are baking at the moment, everything always sells so don't be shy.

The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 31st May after 9.30 mass.

The next Lourdes Youth Draw will be in Alva on Sunday 31st of May. However due to holidays Karen will be collecting Tullibody's May subs today after Mass in the hall.

St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's

Parish Newsletter

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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, Anne McNiven, Alma White, Kathlean McNeil, Maureen Joyce, Nina Smith, Dr. Michael Basquial, Tina Burgoyne, Margaret Byrne, Margaret Tobin, Mrs McConnachie and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died.... Sarah Marshall and James Moore.

and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time.... Bernard McKeon, Helen & Eddie Kennedy, Charles Glendinning, Michael Dunion and Pat Parry.

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 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.

Parish Collections 17th May

St. Bernadette's	£399.88
Communications Special collection	£164.64
St. John Vianney's	£410.70
Communications Special collection	£215.40

Next Sunday is Day for Life

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 24th May	Mass times as Normal - Pentecost 3.00pm - St. John Vianney's, Adoration & Prayers before The Blessed Sacrament
Mon 25th May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's. 11.00am - Confessions: 1st Communicants and candidates for Confirmation, St. Bernadette's Church
Tues 26th May	NO SERVICES IN PARISH 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House
Wed 27th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Thursday 28th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - RCIA, St. Mungo's Parish Hall
Friday 29th May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's.
Sat 23rd May	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's
Sunday 31st May	Mass times as Normal - TRINITY SUNDAY - Day for Life 3.00pm - St. John Vianney's, Adoration & Prayers before The Blessed Sacrament

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7th June	CORPUS CRISTII, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
14th June	CONFIRMATIONS - ST. BERNADETTE'S.
23rd June	PPC
28th June	Peter's Pence Special Collection
2nd July	SCIAF 50th anniversary Mass, Cathedral Dundee
7th - 20th July	Youth away at Lourdes
31 July - 2 Aug	Catholic Youth Festival, Stirling University

ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH GROUNDS

First communions and Confirmations are approaching and many hours of work have already been invested in making the church grounds look well looked after. It is amazing how few volunteers we have for this and how much litter seems to find itself caught near the fences and in the bushes. We asking children and parents to come along on Saturday 30th to for an hour (10am to 11am) just to pick up the litter, clean up the leaves and give a little help in making the church grounds look special for these special days. **Just turn up!!!** We are looking for one or two younger volunteers (under 60s!) to perhaps help cut the grass on a Friday or Saturday morning. If we had enough it may only mean every 2 or 3 weeks. Please come forward and make yourself known!!

Link to DUNKELD NEWS on Parish Website on Current Notices page

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH - OUR CHURCH!

PENTECOST SUNDAY +

POPE FRANCIS TODAY WILL BEATIFY DOM OSCAR ROMERO as a martyr. For the Church in Latin America Dom Oscar has already been recognised and venerated as a martyr since his assassination while saying mass on 24 march 1980 in El Salvador. One would imagine that Dom Oscar is a strong influence on our present Pope Francis. In 1968 at the Latin American Bishops' Conference in Medellin "the option for the poor" enters in the official language of the Church. Dom Oscar, and Pope Francis, strive for a Church that is faithful to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, a Church fully engaged in the world's economic and social struggles, a Church that is extremely pastoral reaching out to the suffering, neglected and excluded on the margins of our society, a Church that is more vocal and prophetic, challenging and questioning global systems that oppress and exploit the poor; a Church that evangelizes, announces the Good News of Jesus Christ and practises what it preaches and prays. On this birthday of the church, such a Church should make us proud that we belong to it.

Education / School Proposals Meeting

On Tuesday evening approximately 36 people from both our parishes met, with the presence of the Vicar Episcopal for Education Mons Ken McCaffrey, to discuss the proposals of Clackmannanshire Council for Catholic Education. The turnout was good if you compare it to other meetings and parishes although again St. John Vianney's was very poorly represented. This meeting was marked not so much by its genuine and admired emotional feelings and loyalty to both our primary Catholic schools but about a logical and genuine searching to understand motives for the proposals and to analyse both the positive and negative consequences of the proposals.

At the end of the meeting conclusions that so far were agreed upon were:

Our parishes are unanimously against the proposal of closing St. Mungo's RC Primary school and merging it with St. Bernadette's on a new shared campus in Tullibody. This does not serve the Catholic population in Clackmannanshire and the negative consequences are far more numerous, by an enormous margin, than any positive effects that may exist.

As regarding the proposal for a new shared campus it was impossible to come to a clear conclusion. On both sides For and Against there were strong, good, well thought out arguments. **People were asked to develop and continue to accompany the process of consultation and make their thoughts known to the competent authorities** (names of all Local Councillors were handed out) **by writing to them.**

It was however unanimously agreed that both Catholic Primary Schools in recent years have grown (and continue to grow) in numbers, quality of education, credibility with the local population and living a really excellent Catholic ethos and witness. Something we certainly do not want to lose and must continue to strengthen and grow.

People were reminded that the next "Informal Public Consultation" where officially the thoughts of the parishes' are registered will happen at St. Bernadette's School on Wednesday 10th June 7pm.

A big thanks to all who turned out and to Mons. Ken for coming all the way down from Dundee for our meeting.

Instructions how to do the online form of the consultation:

Log-on to www.clacks.gov.uk

Scroll down the left side to just below first window to section; "What's New"

Click on "21st Century Learning Informal Public Consultation" takes you to another page Click on "Online consultation via Citizen Space"..... Form is fairly straightforward.

This consultation closes on 3rd July 2015