

# SCIAF WEE BOX LENTEN APPEAL

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## Fighting Injustice



In Colombia, people are being forced off their land by rich cattle farmers and illegal mining companies. SCIAF is working with Church partners to help communities grow enough food to eat and stand up for their human rights.

Visit <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/> for their inspirational stories.

### ALEXIS' STORY

Alexis Brincha lives with his mum Criseria, dad Fabio and sister Nelly in the village of Ciparado in the Colombian rainforest. His family are Emberá people who have lived in harmony with their environment for hundreds of years but their way of life is being threatened. Rich landowners and multinational companies are pushing families like the Brincha's off their land so that it can be used for mining, cattle ranches and banana plantations.



They're cutting down trees and poisoning the rivers with chemicals, which kills the fish. Like many Emberá people, Alexis' family used to struggle to grow enough food and often ate just one meal a day.

Fabio told us: "In the past we didn't have to worry too much about feeding our children. We had more land and there were plenty of fish. Now we're losing our land and the fish don't come up the river anymore."

With your help, we gave them seeds and tools so that they could grow bananas, rice and corn. We also helped the village to dig a pond and stock it with baby fish so that they could set up a community fish farm. And we taught them about their rights so that they can stand up for themselves and protect their way of life for future generations.

Alexis and his family no longer have to go hungry. By selling some of the fish and bananas at market his mum and dad can save money for clothes, medicines, school books and other essentials.

Criseria told us: "I am very grateful to you for raising awareness of our community's needs so far away and for helping us. This project not only gives us another source of food, it is also a source of income."

### Beyond the Referendum - Values for the New Scotland The Mace Series

The mace is constructed of Scottish silver with an inlaid band of gold panned from Scottish rivers. The gold band is intended to symbolise the marriage of the Parliament, the land, and the people. Wisdom, Justice, Compassion, Integrity. These words are woven into thistles at the head of the mace to represent the aspirations of the Scottish people for the Members of their Parliament. The head of the mace bears the words:

*"There shall be a Scottish Parliament - Scotland Act 1998"*

**Wednesday 19th March, Austin Lafferty - Justice**  
**Monday 24th March, Sir Harry Burns - Compassion**  
**Wednesday 2nd April, Anne Connolly - Wisdom**  
**Wednesday 9th April, Nancy Adams - Integrity**



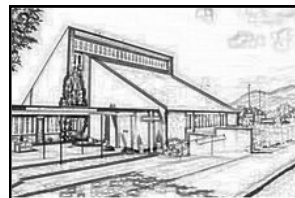
**7.30pm at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre - Admission by donation**

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Are holding an Irish social evening with entertainment by "Mac A Din" in St. Mungo's church hall Alloa on Friday 25th April. Tickets £7 bring your own nibbles. Tickets available from 23rd March.

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)



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**16th March 2014**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Parish Priest:**

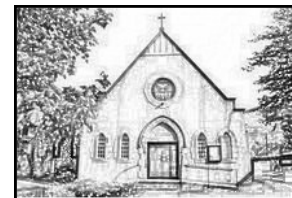
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### Parish Websites

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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, 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 and all those in the various nursing homes.

**Remember those who have recently died.....** Jean Elliot

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

William McCluskey, Elizabeth Evans and 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.

### Parish Collections 9th March 2014

St. Bernadette's	£451.45
Special Collection Sick & Retired Priests Fund	£157.41
St. John Vianney's	£442.00
Special Collection Sick & Retired Priests Fund	£291.90

## 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**

<b>Sunday 16th March</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 2nd Sunday of Lent 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Mon 17th March</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. Feast of St. Patrick 7.00pm - Parents School Council, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Tues 18th March</b>	<b>No services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 7.00pm - Parish Liturgy Committee, St. John Vianney's Hall.</b>
<b>Wed 19th March</b>	<b>8.20am - Mass St. Modan's Feast of St. Joseph 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's (School mass) 12 noon - Lunch Mill Hill, Glasgow</b>
<b>Thurs 20th March</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Sat 22nd March</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass &amp; Confessions, St. Bernadette's.</b>
<b>Sun 23rd March</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Lent 7.00pm - Mission Opening Service; St. Mungo's Alloa.</b>

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23-26 March	Redemptorist Mission
30 March	SCIAF Sunday 2nd collection
3 April	Recollection Day for priests, Kinnoull.
8 April	PPC
9 April	Clergy meeting with Bishop Stephen
3 June	Mass of Thanksgiving Ursulines - Bishop Stephen
5 June	PPC
8 June	Confirmations
22 June	First Holy Communions

#### **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

There will be a meeting of the liturgy committee on Tuesday 18th at 7pm in the meeting room at St. John Vianney's. We would ask those who wish to help in the practical planning of Holy Week to come along and participate.



#### **Stations of the Cross During Lent**

**St. John Vianney's  
on Fridays at 3.00pm**



**St. Bernadette's  
on Sundays at 4.30pm**

**Next Sunday (23rd March) at 4.30pm some children from St. Bernadette's will lead the Stations of the Cross. Please support and encourage them.**

#### **PARISH MISSION**

We are in Lent and the Parish Mission is a great opportunity to take 4 days to try and give your faith a boost. Please take a flyer being handed out at mass of all the activities. Ideally people should make the effort to participate at all the evening events. This sometimes is not possible so please come along to the events that you are able to. A good suggestion is that we ourselves become missionaries and offer a flyer to a neighbour, a lapsed catholic, a friend, someone at work and invite them to come along.

#### **NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT AT PERTH**

ON Palm Sunday(13<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a Scottish Catholic Youth event held at St. John's Perth. Our Diocese can send a total of 20 young people – so space is very limited. Anyone interested between 10 -25 years please inform Fr. Mike immediately. This will be very interesting for those who participated at WYD at Stirling. More news is that WYD national event will again be repeated at Stirling in 2015.

#### **BISHOP STEPHEN ACCEPTS INVITATION TO COME TO OUR PARISHES.**

We will have a special mass for the sick on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at 10 am (9.30am mass cancelled this day) at St. Bernadette's. During mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. A very small committee will be formed to organise this mass. We will need the help of drivers and families to bring our sick to mass.

It would be good if we had a few nurses present for any emergency. If you are available please let us know.

Also in July (20<sup>th</sup>) Bishop Stephen will celebrate all masses in the parish. Although it is holiday time we hope many people will take the opportunity to know their bishop. Bishop Stephen has an extremely full agenda throughout the summer and we really appreciate his availability to be with us.



#### **FEAST OF St. PATRICK – Monday 17th March**

Patrick was born around 415 AD in Roman Britain at 16 he was captured by Irish raiders who made him a slave. Eventually he escaped and returned to Britain. After hearing to call to return and bring Christianity to Ireland, he was ordained a priest, consecrated a bishop and came back to Ireland around 435 AD. Many legends are associated with St. Patrick, driving the snakes from Ireland, and the use of the shamrock to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity..... True or not what is true he succeeded in bringing Catholicism to Ireland. Ireland has played a major role in saving and bringing Christianity to the whole world. During the Dark Ages in Europe Irish monasteries preserved western writings and Ireland remained solidly Catholic, the Irish spread the faith to all corners of the world.....

..... So this day is not just all about leprechauns, shamrocks and Guinness!

#### **FEAST OF St. JOSEPH – Wednesday 19th March**

Poor old St. Joseph, he is so often forgotten about. He is the patron of the Universal church, the patron of the dying because both Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed, he is also the patron of fathers, carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage including Fr. Mike's missionary society ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY FOR THE MISSIONS, known all around the world as MILL HILL MISSIONARIES.



The society founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan in the late 19th century sent European missionaries all over the world, in recent years missionaries from Asia and Africa have also joined them.