

# SCIAF WEE BOX LENTEN APPEAL

*for a just world*

Together we can help families in Colombia and around the world.

Give up something for Lent and pop the money you save into your WEE BOX.

Watch this space for more information or go to <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

## Your choices make a difference

Poverty doesn't happen by accident. People are kept poor, hungry and powerless by global rules and behaviours that benefit a small number of people while harming many others.

What you eat and how you shop makes a difference. Take action with SCIAF this Lent and make choices that help poor people in developing countries.

## Miseal's story

My name is Miseal and I live with my wife, three children and baby granddaughter in the village of Peurto Moreno in Chocó region of Colombia. Our home is on the banks of the river, many miles from the nearest town. Because our community is so remote and hard to reach, we don't get much help from the government.

This community is very poor. Few homes have electricity or running water. We make a living through agriculture.

We plant bananas and sugar cane wherever we can find space amongst the rainforest trees and use wooden canoes to reach our crops and travel to the local market.

The soil here is very productive and fertile but insects have been killing our plants. We also worry about armed groups and multinational companies who want to take the land and use it for mining.

We were really struggling to grow enough to eat but we got help from SCIAF and the local Church. Every family was given seeds to sow and we got help to set up a village fish farm. Sixteen families have been working on the fish farm, it helps to feed the whole community.

SCIAF is also providing workshops and training to help us become more organised as a community. We've been taught about our rights and how to stand up for them and the impact has been significant. One person can't do everything by himself. When we stand together as one we feel stronger.



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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

**9th March 2014**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

**Parish Priest:**

**Fr. Mike Freyne MHM**

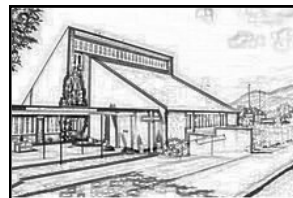
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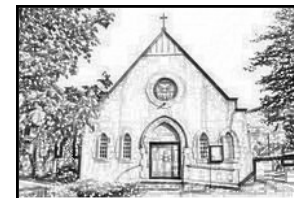
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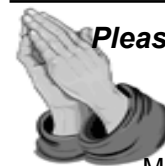
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## Parish Websites

[www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes) & [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys)



**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.....

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

Greta Soave,, William McCluskey and Elizabeth Evans.

## 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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

## Parish Collections

Parish	Amount
St. Bernadette's 2nd March	£465.66
St. John Vianney's 2nd March	£423.10

## 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



## 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***

Sunday 9th March	Mass times as Normal - 1st Sunday of Lent 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's
Mon 10th March	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's - Feast of St John Ogilvie
Tues 11th March	No services in parishes. 10am - Mass, Nazareth House. 3pm Meeting with Bishop Stephen
Wed 12th March	8.20am - Mass St. Modan's 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's (School mass) 10.15am - Parish Financial Council 7.00pm - Mass in Cathedral Dundee for Fr. Jean Pierre
Thurs 13th March	NO MORNING MASS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 14th March	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Golden Anniversary Bishop Vincent, Cathedral Dundee
Sat 15th March	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sun 16th March	Mass times as Normal - 2nd Sunday of Lent

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23-26 March	Redemptorist Mission
30 March	SCIAF Sunday 2nd collection
3 June	Mass of Thanksgiving Ursulines - Bishop Stephen

### **FR. JOHN PIERRE NDULANE AA**

Fr. Jean Pierre worked in our diocese and after his return to the Congo he and a group of colleagues disappeared. Two mass graves have been found and it is feared his body may be among them. Mass will be offered up for Fr. Jean Pierre and his companions and all caught up in the Congolese war.

4 places available in Fr Mike's car. **Mass at 7pm in the Cathedral in Dundee**

### **St. John Ogilvie - Scottish Martyr - Feast day 10th March**

Born in 1579 John Ogilvie the son of a Scottish noble was ordained in Paris in 1610. He returned to Scotland in November 1613. and worked as an underground missionary in Edinburgh and Glasgow. John was soon betrayed, imprisoned, interrogated and then tortured for the names of active Catholics. He suffered in silence and died, hanged on 10th March 1615 in Glasgow. He is the Church's only officially recorded Scottish martyr. He was beatified in 1929 and canonised on 17th October 1976 by Pope Paul VI.

**DURING LENT:** On WEDNESDAY'S at St. Bernadette's the morning mass will be with a class of children from the school. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAYS BUT A THURSDAY EVENING MASS AT 7.00pm.....** to offer another opportunity for people to go to mass during this Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be celebrated at St. John Vianney's on Fridays at 3.00pm. At St. Bernadette's they will be on Sundays at 4.30pm.

### **PARISH MISSION**

During this Lent the 4 parishes (St. Serf's, St. Mungo's, St. Bernadette's and St. John Vianney's) have joined together for a parish mission to be led by 2 Redemptorist priests. We encourage as many people as possible to make the effort and participate in this unique opportunity every day. It is hoped people will come forward and offer their car to leave each parish church half an hour before the activity in the neighbouring parish thus giving lifts to, and returning from the event. The mission will centre round a special theme each day. The principal part of the Mission will be in the evening the talk and will be centred around a liturgy and talk in the church. However, at each mass there will also be a talk so mass will be slightly longer.

People are encouraged to participate on all 4 days.

**Sunday 23rd march - 7pm St. Mungo's Opening Service; Celebrating our Faith**

**Mon 24th March - 9.30 am mass St. John Vianney's**

10 am Mass, St. Mungo's with St. Mungo's school  
7pm A Healing Service, St. John Vianney's

**Tues 25th March - Our Lady; call to witness and discipleship**

9.30 am Mass, St Bernadette's with St. Bernadette's school.  
10.00am Mass, St. Mungo's  
7.00pm St. Mungo's: A Service honouring Our Lady, first disciple.

**Wed 26th March - No 9.30am mass in Tullibody**

10.00am Mass St. Serf's. Highvalleyfield  
12 noon St. Mungo's mass with anointing of the sick  
7.00pm St. Bernadette's: A Service celebrating the family of the Church

**Will people please put their names down to act as drivers with their cars for these activities this Weekend. We are depending on the cooperation of everyone.**

### **FABRIC & MAINTENANCE**

Fabric & Maintenance committee meet every month and are constantly attending to small and urgent repairs – normally the roofs.

Hopefully soon the new statue of St. John Vianney will be in place in the church in Alva. The few suggestions we received all seem to agree near the confessional over the hymn board would be most appropriate position visible to all.

The major challenge in the last few weeks in St. Bernadette's has been to try to discover the source and solve the problem of the damp at the back of the house. In one of the spaces water is actually visible on the blackened walls.

**If we have anyone with past experience of tackling such damp problems, suggestions/ advice would be more than welcome.**

**Memory weak? Forgetful? See one of the noticeboards at back of the church.**

**New photographs with some of the maintenance and improvements that have been carried out in the last 5 years at St. Bernadette's.**