



### Care of Creation

This Lent, SCIAF is asking people to reflect on their duty, as caretakers of God's creation, to protect the earth and all beings we share it with so that it can be cherished by future generations. Visit [www.theweebox.org](http://www.theweebox.org) to watch a reflection video about the stewardship of creation.



### Jose Alejandro's Story

I live with my family in the village of Quince. Our home is at the side of a busy road which links Quibdo, the capital of Chocó, to the city of Medellin. I work as labourer, repairing the road.

I also farm and go hunting in order to feed my family.

Twelve years ago, everyone in this area had to leave their homes because of violent fighting. It was a very difficult time. Paramilitaries and guerrilla groups were attacking each other and we were caught in the middle. Those who weren't killed were forced to leave.

After years away we came back but life here is much harder now. People are still very frightened. Lots of houses were damaged and destroyed. We have no running water or electricity and most of the farmland we've returned to is overgrown.

Me and my family got support from SCIAF and the local diocese to set up a fish farm. We got 200 fingerlings (baby fish) and feed for two months to get us going. We've had the fish farm for about 18 months now and it makes a big difference.

The fish have grown well. We keep most of them for ourselves but we've been able to sell some for a bit of extra cash. We also gave some of the fish to my auntie Gloria so that she could set up her own fish pond.

Before, if we wanted to eat fish we had to go out onto the river. Fishing took a lot of time and effort and you couldn't guarantee that you'd get anything. Now, we've got them on our doorstep. We eat them every 8 days and they're very good.

Thanks to the fish farm we have something to eat and can make a little extra money. Although the support is small, it's making a big different and we are very, very grateful. God bless you.



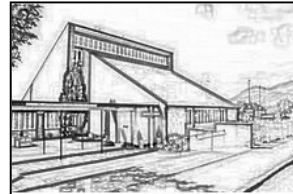
### NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT AT PERTH

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.

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

**Irish Social Evening with entertainment by "Mac A Din" in St. Mungo's church hall on Friday 25th April. Bring your own nibbles. Tickets £7.**

## Newsletter for the Parishes of St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

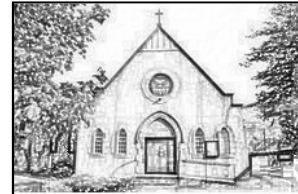


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**23rd March 2014**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

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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.....** Irvine Jackson

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

Elizabeth Evans, Kal chay Scotland, Jean Brown, Joan Cannon and John Boyle.

### 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.

**S.C.I.A.F. speakers at all Masses AND Special Second Collection for S.C.I.A.F. next Sunday 30th March**

### Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 16th March	£422.89
St. John Vianney's 16th March	£365.25

## 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 23rd March</b>	Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday of Lent 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's 7.00pm - Mission Opening Service; St. Mungo's Alloa.
<b>Mon 24th March</b>	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 10.00am - Mass, St. Mungo's Alloa with schoolchildren 7.00pm - Healing Service, St. John Vianney's
<b>Tues 25th March</b>	<b>Our Lady; call to witness and discipleship</b> 9.30 am - Mass, St Bernadette's with St. Bernadette's school. 10.00am - Mass, St. Mungo's 7.00pm - St. Mungo's: Service honouring Our Lady, first disciple
<b>Wed 26th March</b>	8.20am - Mass St. Modan's *** 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
<b>Thurs 27th March</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S</b> 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's
<b>Friday 28th March</b>	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney's
<b>Sat 29th March</b>	9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
<b>Sunday 30th March</b>	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Lent SCIAF Sunday special collection and speaker at all masses.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

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

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

**Today 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

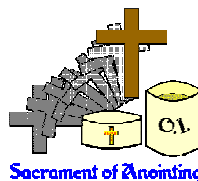
We are in Lent and the Parish Mission which starts today in St. Mungo's is a great opportunity to take 4 days to try and give your faith a boost. Please take a flyer which lists all of the activities. Ideally people should make the effort to participate at all the evening events. This sometimes is not 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.

### MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITH BISHOP STEPHEN

We will celebrate a special mass for our sick immediately after Easter on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Mass will be at the special time of 10 am to make it easier to organise and bring our sick to the mass. Bishop Stephen will celebrate the mass and the Sacrament of the Sick. We are asking parishioners of both parishes to go out of their way to facilitate bringing our sick to this mass. Although we may wish to participate in this mass let us remember that it is for our sick and so we do everything possible that despite the limitations of their illness they can participate. This means inviting our sick to come along. It means going out of our way to accompany them or providing transport. It means caring for their special needs during mass like being attentive if they need a glass of water, are they comfortable enough.



We hope to have a few nurses available for any possible emergency. It is a Bank Holiday Weekend and many people may be away, therefore we ask Pass-keepers, Ministers of the Eucharist, members of the Knights of St. Columba and SVDP who are at home to try and make themselves available this morning.



Sacrament of Anointing

To help us in the organization of this mass it would be helpful if people informed us with the name of the sick person who wishes to participate in this mass and if they need any kind of special assistance. If they need to remain in a wheel chair is also good information so we can reserve enough spaces at the front.

**Please let Fr. Mike, SVDP or a Eucharistic Minister know if you are bringing someone to this mass - the sooner the better.**

**Mass & Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 3rd May 2014. 10am at St. Bernadette's**

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please remember to collect your envelopes which are available now and are for use from Sunday 6th April 2014.

Last year St. Bernadette's benefited by £3,553 and St John Vianney's by £3,791 from Gift Aid received from the taxman. Many thanks to all those who have signed a Gift Aid Declaration in favour of your parish.

If you pay income tax and want to make out a Gift Aid Declaration lease contact Charles Conlan at St. Bernadette's and John Patton or Helen Parry at St. John Vianney's. The other benefit of using envelopes is that if happen to attend mass in Clackmannanshire or Bannockburn then the envelopes will be forwarded to your parish of residence.

Another painless way of contributing to your parish is by using [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), when you buy anything on-line then the store makes a contribution to your nominated good cause or charity. Many on-line stores do this Groupon, Tesco, Next, Boots, Argos, Marks & Spencer, Amazon, John Lewis, and lots more.

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