



SCIAF Sunday



By supporting today's special collection, you show your commitment to your global neighbours for whom every day is a struggle for survival. Your support helps some of the world's poorest people to free themselves from poverty and hunger. God bless you for everything you do.

Olga's story

I live with my seven children and four grandchildren in the Chocó rainforest in Colombia. I've lived here my whole life and in that time I've seen many changes.

For Emberá people like me, the land means life because it gives us food, water, building materials and everything that we need. But for many years now our lands have been shrinking. Invaders are taking our territory to use for cattle and these cattle are eating our crops. Recently the river has been flooding too and that's a big problem because it takes away our crops. The more the river grows the more land it takes and the narrower our territories become. It's washed away our crops, our pigs, our hens... everything we had.

As a single mother, it's been very difficult for me. I really struggle to find food for my children. I'm very worried because if I don't have crops, how am I going to provide for my family? Other people can always get money to buy what they need. We have to sweat in the fields to sustain ourselves.

We have a very small area where we can grow bananas but we have to eat them when they're not ripe which means that they're very bitter and not very tasty. We're eating one meal a day, and sometimes, if there's no food, we don't eat.

SCIAF and the local Church gave us seeds and tools so that we could grow bananas and rice. The field has been cleared and is ready for planting. I am happy and thankful that you have visited us to see how we live and get the word out about our situation. The help we have received has given us hope that we can grow our own food.



ALTAR SERVERS.

After much consultation I hope what is a final rota has gone up. Some altar servers are not taking the rota seriously. Their names can be down for serving and yet they are in the congregation. We really do rely on the support of parents and carers. They will all need practises for the Easter Ceremonies.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

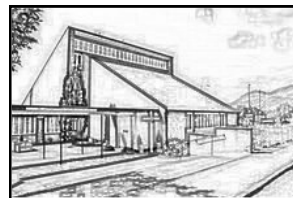
Irish Social Evening with entertainment by "Mac A Din" in St. Mungo's church hall on Fri 25th April. Bring your own nibbles. Tickets £7.

Concert at Alva Parish Church

on Friday April 11th at 7:30pm. East Fife Male Voice Choir directed by Jim Broadley and accompanied by the well known Organist Robin Bell will present choral items and organ solos. Admission is by donation at the door, any profits will go to Strathcarron Hospice and Aid4AIDS.

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

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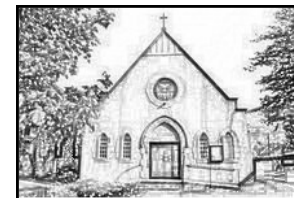


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30th March 2014
4th Sunday of Lent

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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 McIntyre, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Alma White, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen McParland, 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..... John Lynch, Jean Brown, Joan Cannon, John Boyle, Nessie McGowan and all deceased mothers.

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 today for S.C.I.A.F.

Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 23rd March	£481.21
St. John Vianney's 23rd March	£419.77



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 23rd March	Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday of Lent - SCIAF Sunday 4.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernadette's
Mon 24th March	9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. Sick calls St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance meeting in parish house.
Tues 25th March	No Services in parishes. 10.00am - Mass, Nazareth House. 12 noon working lunch Kinross
Wed 26th March	8.20am - Mass St. Modan's 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 10am - School sponsored walk
Thurs 27th March	10 - 4pm Priests' Recollection Day with Bishop Stephen, Kinnoell, 7.00pm - Mass, St. Bernadette's
Friday 28th March	8.30 to 9.15am - Confessions, St. John Vianney's 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. Sick calls St. John Vianney's 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney's
Sat 29th March	9.30am - Mass followed by Confessions, St. Bernadette's.
Sunday 30th March	Mass times as Normal - 5th Sunday of Lent

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8 April	PPC
9 April	Clergy meeting with Bishop Stephen
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

READERS' LISTS are up for Holy Week. The lists are going up early so you can confirm or not your availability. Please let Hazel or Fr. Mike know soon.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

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



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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please remember to collect your envelopes which are available now and are for use from Sunday 6th April 2014. In Church porch at Alva and at back of church in Tullibody.

GIFT AID IT! REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH GAINS YOU DON'T LOOSE

Letter to be published in all parishes 29/30th March



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is Bishop Peter Moran, writing to you from SCIAF. SCIAF is the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund – our charity, your charity – helping people in poverty around the world.

Each year, on this fourth Sunday of Lent, SCIAF is privileged to appeal for your support.

This year, just as an example, we are highlighting Colombia, a country in the top left hand corner of South America. Colombia has fertile soil and is rich in natural resources. It ought to be a flourishing country. But in the Chocó region where SCIAF works, two-thirds of people live in poverty. Many families in the Emberá community eat only one meal a day.

SCIAF is working with the local Church in Colombia and we are making a difference. With your help we can do much more. You'll find some detail on your WEE BOX.

Last year the WEE BOX appeal raised more than half a million pounds from parishes, not to mention what came from schools and other sources. That's wonderfully generous.

Every pound you give changes lives for the better. It's not just hand-outs for food, or even seeds to be planted for next year's harvest. Poor people also need help to claim their rights and protect their way of life.

And here's something else to think about: can we link our giving to our giving-up for Lent? Our lifestyle may be affecting the lives of others. Can we look closer at our lives, and live more simply, as Pope Francis has asked us?

Thank you for your generosity in the past. Please be as generous as you can again today. And keep praying for our brothers and sisters whose situation is so hard and so different from our own.

God bless you and reward you for your caring help.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**+ Peter A Moran, Bishop Emeritus of Aberdeen
President of SCIAF**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT This Sunday is a real mixture with a wealth of richness and a least one of the themes can help us in our preparation for Easter. The 4th Sunday of Lent is a bit like the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), today is a break in the otherwise penitential season, the colours can be a more joyful rose rather than the penitential purple, and flowers may adorn the altar. This day is called "Laetare Sunday". It is also Mothers Day and although it's now very commercialised we cannot overlook the vocation and great gift of being a mother.

WONDERFUL MOTHER

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

~By Pat O'Reilly~



Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers