

Pastoral Letter for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 03, May 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Today is the 46th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In his pastoral letter for this occasion, Pope Benedict stresses that prayer for vocations should be continuous and trusting. "The Christian community," he says, "can only really have greater faith and hope in God's providence if it is enlivened by prayer." And that is what I would ask you to think about today: the importance of prayer for vocations. Think about your own daily life. Where do you already have prayer? Morning and night Prayer and perhaps at other times. Can I suggest that as a part of your Night Prayer you take time to thank God for the good influence in your life of priests and religious and to ask God to call many to the priesthood and the religious life?

The vocation to the priesthood and the religious life is a special gift from God. Those who believe that they may be called should engage in careful listening and discernment so as to be able to respond responsibly and with conviction.

Through the work of PRISTS FOR SCOTLAND initiative, a commission of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland, advice and support is readily available for anyone who may be considering service as a diocesan priest. Last year six men started their formation in the diocese of Scotland. This year a further eighteen will go forward for the diocesan interview looking to go to seminary this September. Please pray for them and pray also that the good Shepherd may inspire many others to care for the flock of Christ.

With my best wishes and thanks for your generous contribution to the life of the Church.

Yours sincerely in Christ

+ Vincent, Bishop of Dunkeld

For Rent: St. John Vianney's Parish Hall

The hall is large, modern and airy, with a kitchen and toilet facilities. Its main aim is to facilitate our evangelisation which also includes building up community. Obviously, it has costs (cleaning material and cleaning people, electricity, insurance etc.) but it is available for a very reasonable rent for family celebrations and is ideal for a family celebration after a baptism or child's birthday party.



Sunday Mass Times

9.30 am, St. John Vianney's
Alva

11.30 am, St. Bernadette's
Tullibody

6.15 pm, St. John Vianney's
Alva

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

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Welcome - If you are a visitor to our Parish or have just moved into the area, then please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church and remember - there are no strangers here only new friends you just haven't yet met.

Parish Finances 2009 Collections

St. John Vianney's, Alva	
26 April	£366.07
SMA Fathers Mission Appeal	£741.11
St. Bernadette's, Tullibody	
26 April	£361.80
SMA Fathers Mission Appeal	£232.80
100 Club	£49.00
Lenten Sciaf Collection Boxes Between Both Parishes	£1224.00



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those who are sick...

Chris Conway, Veronica Clarke,
Mary Dryland, Annie Fitzgerald, Pat Franchie,
Vera Mary, Frances Massimino, Patrick
Meehan, Annie Russell and Bronia Schultzza.

Those who have died recently...

Margaret Duffin

And those whose anniversaries of their
death occur at this time...

Joseph Kerr, Eddie Kennedy, Jeremiah Scott,
Arthur Cowan

This Week and Forth Coming Events

Sunday, 3 May Good Shepherd Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Masses as normal 12.30pm - Baptism, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Monday, 4 May	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Wednesday, 6 May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 7 May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 8 May	8.20am - Mass, St. Modan's School 9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Saturday, 9 May	9.30am - Morning Office And Communion No Mass or Confessions Fr. Mike Retreat For SVDPs Region Of Blairgowrie
Sunday, 10 May Good Shepherd Sunday	The certificates for the children who were confirmed this year will be presented at our masses. Masses as normal 1.30pm - Baptism, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Monday, 11 May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Wednesday, 13 May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 6.00pm Vigil mass - St. Mungo's, Alloa
Thursday, 14 May Ascension Thursday	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody 11.00 - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva 7.00pm - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Friday, 15 May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Saturday, 16 May	9.30am - Mass + Confessions, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Sunday, 17 May	Diocesan youth leaders at all masses. Masses as normal.
Sunday, 31 May	Pentecost
Thursday, 4 June	European Polling Day
Monday, 8 June	Communications Team Meeting
Saturday, 13 June	1.00pm - 50th Jubilee Mass - Dundee
Sunday, 14 June	Corpus Christi
Monday, 15 June	6.00pm - Penitential service for First Communion Children, St. John Vianney's, Alva
Tuesday, 16 June	11.00am - Mass of Thanksgiving, Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Logan, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Thursday, 18 June	9.30am - Mass, First Communion Group + Refreshments, St. Bernadette's, Tullibody
Friday, 19 June	Feast Sacred Heart, 7.00pm Cathedral Dundee
Saturday, 20 June	9.30am - Mass 11.00am - First Communion, St. John Vianney's, Alva

RCIA, Want To Become a Catholic?

Becoming A Catholic Christian - One Size Fits All?



All sorts of people want to become Catholic Christians. They're men and women, young and old, tall and short, fat and thin, intelligent and just plain ordinary! But each of them is different and has to be treated in a way that respects their own particular circumstances. They have each felt the call from God to deepen their relationship with him within the Church and they have made the first, perhaps nervous and tentative, step of making their feelings known. The Church has its own way of listening to them and encouraging their steps in faith. It's a process known officially as the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

We have a few adults and teenagers wanting to be baptised and welcomed officially into the church. We are willingly to set up a small course to help people understand the basic of their catholic faith in preparation for baptism. If you are interested please give your name in to Fr. Mike or one of the sisters.



SMA Fathers Society of African Missions

Dear Mike,
I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity of doing a mission appeal in your parish and also for your warm and generous hospitality.

Please could also you pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude to all your parishioners for their generous response to the mission appeal.

Thank you for a great weekend.
Yours Willie

Lourdes Trip 2010

We need to have the deposits to the company by the 6th June so the closing date is Sunday, 31 May.

*"I am the Good Shepherd;
I know mine, and mine know me."
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Parish Web Site

We are missing information on the website about the dates when Father High was at St Bernadette's.

If you know these please contact Father Mike in person or through www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys/contact.php

Regular Meetings

St. Vincent De Paul meet every Sunday after the morning mass in Alva.

The SVDP in St. Bernadette's meet before Sunday mass at 10.30 am.

UCM meets every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in Alva.

Knights of St. Columba meet every first Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at St. Mungo's, Alloa.