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WEE BOX LENTEN APPEAL

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/>



SCIAF's work in Colombia

Most Emberá families in the Chocó region of Colombia survive on just one meal a day. If there's nothing to eat, they go hungry.

The Emberá have lived in harmony with the rainforest for hundreds of years. But rich landowners, armed groups and multinational companies are forcing people off their land so that it can be used for mining, banana plantations, cattle ranches and drug trafficking. They are cutting down forests and polluting the rivers with chemicals. and the local Church to help families in the Chocó region grow enough food to eat and learn about their rights so that they can protect their way of life for future generations.

Traditional hunting and fishing grounds are being destroyed and, with fewer trees lining their banks, the rivers are

- 5 million Colombians have been forced from their homes
- Two thirds of people in Chocó live in poverty
- 99% of Emberá families don't have enough to eat
- 0.5% of the population own 60% of the land

flooding, washing away the crops that people depend on for food. Community leaders brave enough to stand up for the rights of their people face intimidation or threats of violence and many have been killed.

How we're helping

SCIAF is working with our sister agency, Caritas Colombia, and the local Church to help families in the Chocó region grow enough food to eat and learn about their rights so that they can protect their way of life for future generations.

Change lives with SCIAF this Lent

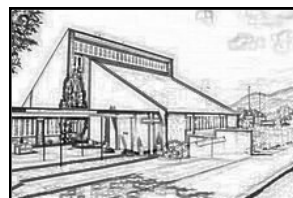
Most Emberá people in Colombia eat just one meal a day. SCIAF is working with the local Church to help families grow rice and bananas and dig fish ponds so that they have enough to eat. Please take home a WEE BOX today and find out more about this year's Lenten campaign at <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/>



GET YOUR WEE BOX

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

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

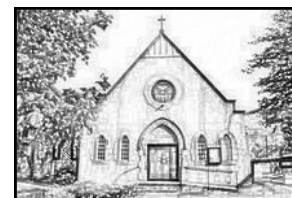


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2nd March 2014
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Websites

www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes & www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys

Welcome

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, and all those in the various nursing homes.

Remember those who have recently died..... Margaret Gray.

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

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 NEXT SUNDAY FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Parish Collections 23rd February

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| St. Bernadette's | £813.71 |
| SCES Special Collection | £145.79 |
| St. John Vianney's | £501.79 |
| SCES Special Collection | £105.90 |

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**

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| Sunday 2nd March | Mass times as Normal - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12.30 - Baptism St. Bernadette's |
| Mon 3rd March | 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's 7.00pm - Fabric & Maintenance, Parish House. |
| Tues 4th March | No services in parishes. 10am - Mass, Nazareth House. |
| Wed 5th March Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence | 9.30am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Bernadette's School Mass 11.00am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. John Vianney's 7.00pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. John Vianney's |
| Thurs 6th March | 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. |
| Friday 7th March | 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's. 11.30am - Working Lunch |
| Sat 8th March | 9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. |
| Sun 9th March | Mass times as Normal - 1st Sunday of Lent |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 5 March | Ash Wednesday (Easter Sunday 20th April) |
| 9 March | 2nd Collection: Sick & Retired Priests fund |
| 14 March | Golden Jubilee Bishop Vincent |
| 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 |

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA have bought 300 charts with prayers and activities for each day of Lent. They are donating these to our Catholic Schools in the area to help the children with their Lenten activities. A wonderful initiative – many thanks.

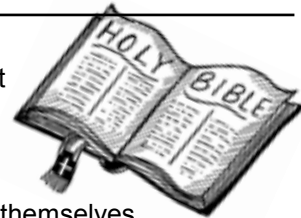
ASH WEDNESDAY is not a Holiday of Obligation but it is one of the few days of **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE** still left in the church.

This is generally understood as “doing without”, doing some kind of penance and especially food. Fasting normally means you may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. You are encouraged not to eat between meals. Over 60s are not expected to fast but if you are able then of course it is good. Always remember no penance nor fasting should be done if in any ways hinders your health. This would obviously be against God's will. Diabetics especially should remember to follow their eating plan. Penance, giving up, fasting during Lent are small sacrifices we can and should do but not to make us miserable. Rather they should be seen as a joy helping us to prepare for Easter and helping us become more aware of the great sacrifice of Jesus.

READERS AT MASS

It is important to remember that people are not invited to “read” at mass, they are invited to share in the Ministry of proclaiming, announcing the **WORD OF GOD**.

To do this with dignity we would expect of our readers:
To arrive at least 10 minutes before the liturgy begins to prepare themselves spiritually. This also helps to avoid us searching for a stand in at the last minute wondering if the person is just late or not going to be present. It also enables us to advise the reader of other changes in the liturgy and to check the lectionary is open at the correct page and that they have prepared the proper reading of the day.



 **World Day of Prayer - this year's service is in Alva Baptist Church on Friday 7 March at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.** 

NATIONAL REFLECTION DAY

Conforti's anti-sectarian project invites you to join us for the launch of our report at our National Reflection Day. Bishop Toal, participants from our listening exercises and representatives from Catholic agencies (which happened in St. John Vianney's) will help us to reflect on the report of our 15-month project listening to the perceptions and experiences of the Catholic community on sectarianism. To be held on **Saturday, 5th April 12:00-17:00 at the Conforti Institute, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 4JS**. All expenses will be covered and lunch will be provided. Please inform us of any dietary and accommodation needs. RSVP to Geraldine Hill by 31st March geraldine@confortiinstitute.org Tel: 01236 607120



More information at www.confortiinstitute.org

Conforti Institute is the working title of Lanarkshire Global Education Centre, Scottish Charity SC035639.

LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

Drawn 23rd February after the 11.30 morning Mass at St. Bernadette's.
1st Prize £100 No398 Mr M Driver - 2nd Prize £25 No27 Tony Walker
Next draw Sunday 30th March after 9.30am Mass at St. John Vianney's.

PRAY FOR THE PASTORS OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOOD SERVANTS, NOT GOOD MASTERS.

(POPE FRANCIS, Vatican City, 23 February 2014 - VIS)