

## TO BE PART OF THE CHAIN OF FAITH IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL INHERITANCE A CHILD CAN RECEIVE

Vatican City, 12 January 2014 (VIS) – This morning at 9.30 in the Sistine Chapel, on the festivity of the Baptism of the Lord, the Holy Father presided for the first time in his pontificate over the Holy Mass of Baptism. During the celebration, Pope Francis baptised 32 babies: 18 girls and 14 boys. One of the children, Giulia, was the daughter of a couple married by civil rites only, who asked the Pope during an audience if he would baptise their child.

“These children are a link in a chain. You, as parents, have a son or a daughter to baptise, but a some years from now they too will have a child to baptise, then a grandchild... And this is the chain of faith! What does this mean? I want to say only this: you are those who will transmit the faith, you are the transmitters. You have the duty of transmitting faith to these children. It is the most beautiful inheritance you can offer them: faith! Only this. Today, take this thought home with you. We must be transmitters of faith. Think of these, think always about how you can transmit faith to your children”.

During his homily Pope Francis joked about the noise and the crying of the babies. “Today the choir is singing, but the most beautiful choir is that of children, who make noise... Some will cry, perhaps because they are uncomfortable or because they are hungry: if they are hungry, mothers, go ahead and feed them, because they are the centre of today’s celebration”. - (Vatican Information Service)

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2014

Last Sunday 19th January 2014, the Church celebrated the 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is “Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World”. In the conclusion of his Message, the Holy Father says to migrants and refugees: “Never lose the hope that you too are facing a more secure future, that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand, and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship! To all of you, and to those who have devoted their lives and their efforts to helping you, I give the assurance of my prayers and I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.”



**Alva Parish Church Men’s Group hope to hold a Quiz night on 1st March at 19:30 at Alva Parish Church, Stirling Street, Alva and thought it might be appropriate to invite other Clackmannanshire Christian Churches and groups to participate and have a pleasant evening enjoying each other’s company. The Quizmaster will be Rev. George Sherry and it is planned to have wine/soft drinks and finger food to enhance the event and foster community. With this in mind, the entry fee for each team of 4 will be £10 to cover costs.**

**If you are interested please add you name to the list on the notice at the back of the church.**

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



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**26th January 2014**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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& [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://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, Lawrence Allan, Sarah Lownie, Mary Elliot, Liz Buchan, Veronica Day, Georgina Anderson, Margaret McIntyre, Alma White, Bridget Grey, Catherine Miller, Sandy Taylor, Owen Cattigan, Thomas Benie, Elizabeth Docherty, Veronica Clarke, Gerard Clarke, Peter James Clarke, Janet Martin, Ellen McParland, Paul Kochanek, Lorraine McClusky, Mary McCartney, Mona Pyat, Peter Doyle, Petra Dijk 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....** ,  
Steven Marcinkiewicz, Josef Marcinkiewicz and Ronald Marcinkiewicz.

### 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.

### Parish Collections

St. Bernadette's 5th January	£430.98
12th January	£493.50
19th January	£487.91
St. John Vianney's 5th January	£407.23
12th January	£392.15
19th January	£443.50

## 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 26th January</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 27th Jan</b>	<b>Morning Office &amp; Holy Communion St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Wed 29th Jan</b>	<b>Morning Office &amp; Holy Communion St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Thurs 30th Jan</b>	<b>Morning Office &amp; Holy Communion St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Fri 31st Jan</b>	<b>Morning Office &amp; Holy Communion St. John Vianney's</b>
<b>Sat 1st February</b>	<b>Morning Office &amp; Holy Communion St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	<b>Mass times as Normal - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Thurs 6th February** P.P.C. St. John Vianney's Hall at 7.15pm

### **LOURDES YOUTH PROJECT 100 CLUB**

Draw will be today after the 9.30 morning Mass at St. John Vianney's.

### **PPC**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council please note the first meeting of this year is on Thursday 6th February at 7.15pm in St. John Vianney's hall.



### **Until 28th January**

**In emergencies for funerals etc. please contact Canon John at St. Mungo's Alloa, who will be covering for Fr. Mike during the next few weeks.**  
**For sick calls please try to call Canon John during the day.**  
**The sick who have already been anointed during the period before Christmas have no real need to be anointed again.**

### **AQUINAS (January 28th)**

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:



**Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you.  
Amen.**

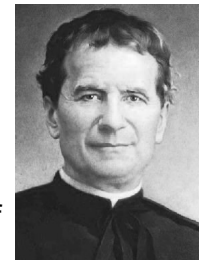
After his death in 1274 at the age of 50, in the abbey of Fossa Nuova, his lifelong companion and confessor testified, "I have always known him to be as innocent as a five year old child. Never did a carnal temptation soil his soul, never did he consent to mortal sin"

He cherished a most tender devotion to St. Agnes, constantly carrying relics of this virgin martyr on his person.

He is the patron saint of schools and sacred theology.

### **St. John Bosco - (31st January)**

John Bosco was born in the archdiocese of Turin, Italy, in 1815. His father died when John was 2 years old and it was his mother Margaret who provided him with a good and Christian education. His early years were financially difficult, at 20 years of age he entered the major seminary, thanks to financial help from Louis Guala, founder and rector of the ecclesiastical residence St. Francis of Assisi in Turin. John Bosco was ordained a priest in 1846, and with the help of John Borel he founded the oratory of St. Francis de Sales. Gifted as an educator and a leader, Don Bosco founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians). Also, with the help of Sister Mary Dominic Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix. Don Bosco became a traveller throughout Europe, seeking funds for the missions. (reports referred to him as "the new St. Vincent de Paul). He also found time to write popular catechetical pamphlets, which were distributed throughout Italy, as was his Salesian Bulletin. This great apostle of youth died on 31st January 1888, and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.



Pope John Paul II named him "teacher and father to the young."