

**AFTER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:
FOR KIDS AND PARENTS WELL EVERYBODY !!**

Well.... It's all over... Christmas, it came and went just like that!
Did you all have a good Christmas? Was it fun and exciting?
By now all the Christmas decorations and the tree are away until next year.
Christmas is over... it's a new year and we need to get on with that.
Did any of you have the manger with Jesus and Mary and Joseph?
Wasn't it nice to look at that and think about the Christmas Story and Jesus being born? Most people have a special one that they get out every year and always children love to look at Jesus. I guess it will be time to put Jesus away too... hey ! wait, maybe we shouldn't put him away. What do you think?
Do you know that sometimes we put Jesus away from our hearts too?

After Christmas it seems that we get busy with the New Year and we forget to think about Jesus and talk to him and pray... I guess we really do put him away. What do you think about us making a deal right here this morning not to forget about Jesus. Let's agree that we won't forget about Jesus and we will talk to him and think about him and pray! Jesus is really good all year long... he is what makes every time of the year important and we should never put him away. . . . What do you think?????????

..... Let's pray.

**Lord, forgive us for putting you away after Christmas
for not thinking about you and not praying to you.**

Thank you for being with us all through the year.

You are truly the reason for every season and we love you.

Amen.

St. Bernadette's Primary School Enrolments for August 2014.

We are enrolling pupils for our P1 class during the week beginning

Monday January 13th 2014

Please contact the school to make arrangements to meet the Head teacher,

Mrs Tina O'Neill and complete the relevant paper work.

You will need your birth and baptismal certificates (if applicable)

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"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

"Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. - (Matthew 6:1- 4)

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**5th January 2014
Epiphany of the Lord**

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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, 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.... Frank Simpson, William Hutchinson, Michael Dunion, Frank Gallacher, Peter Witton, Bernard Hughes, Thomas McKavenny (Jr), James & Ann Patton.

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 22nd December	£586.75
Christmas Day	£875.54
29th December	£487.54
St. John Vianney's 22nd December	£475.00
Christmas Day	£596.70
29th December	£393.61

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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 29th December	Mass times as Normal - Epiphany of the Lord
Mon 30th Dec	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. John Vianney's
Wednesday 1st January 2014	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's
Thurs 2nd Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's
Fri 3rd Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. John Vianney's
Sat 4th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's

Sunday 12th January	Mass times as Normal - Baptism of the Lord
Mon 13th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. John Vianney's
Wed 15th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's
Thurs 16th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's
Fri 17th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. John Vianney's
Sat 18th Jan	Morning Office & Holy Communion St. Bernadette's

Sunday 19th January	Mass times as Normal - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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.



Letter for Epiphany Sunday

At this time of year the lamp-posts carry decorations - Santas, or stars, or even the Wise Men whom we remember today.

All year round, some lamp-posts carry "Neighbourhood Watch" notices. These are not decorations – they are warnings: "Outsiders beware: We have you under surveillance! We look after our own!"

Pope Francis has encouraged a different kind of neighbourhood watch – looking out for the poor and the weak. Recognising that they are "our own" and looking out for their needs.

In recent years the Church has called for "An option for the poor". Pope Francis has made that his priority, both by his words and by the example of his rather startling behaviour.

An option means a choice. Choose one option, and you have to put aside another. Choose neighbourly caring, and you have to put aside selfishness. Choose justice, and you have to put aside unfair privilege or discrimination. Opting for the poor means opting out of comfort zones.

Compared to many countries, our country is comfortable and prosperous – but the prosperity is not fairly distributed. Many people in our own country are living in great discomfort – think of the increasing use of foodbanks. Surely that should make all of us feel uncomfortable.

Internationally, the unfairness and the suffering are hugely greater – we only have to look at Syria. Neighbourliness is an even more challenging option.

None of us alone can end the injustice, and the violence to which it often leads – but working together, and starting small and local, our option for the poor can change the unjust culture.

Today, speaking for the Justice and Peace Commission and for all the local workers for Justice and Peace in Scotland, I ask you: Have you room in your heart for another New Year resolution? Even in some small way, will you make the option for the poor?

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Bishop-President, Justice & Peace Commission

St. Mungo's Primary School Alloa

Enrolments for P1 will also take place at St Mungo's school Alloa in the week beginning 13th January 2014. To make an appointment phone Nicola Wood, Head-teacher, on 01259 724061 or e-mail stmungos@edu.clacks.gov.uk