

A Message from the Bishops of Scotland

Lumen Fidei: the Light of Faith: this is how the Church speaks of the great gift of faith brought by Jesus. In John's Gospel, Jesus says of himself: "I have come as light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

Pope Francis teaches us that if you believe in God, then the Light of Faith will lighten up the whole world and help you to find your way through life. The gift of faith is not offered to us as something which belongs to another world. It helps us to see today's world and to live our present lives in a different way, a better way.

If you have faith in Jesus Christ, you will be transformed by the love He shows you and you will want to share this love. You will want to offer that same love to others - to friends, family, neighbours, even to people you don't know.

"Shining the light of faith" doesn't only happen inside a Church. People can become shining lights when they help others, when they treat people fairly, when they support those most in need. In practical, concrete ways we can all bring light to the world.

The Pope Francis FAITH AWARD

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Francis FAITH AWARD will encourage young people to make and sustain an active commitment to Faith in their everyday lives. Its title stresses the most significant feature of this award - i.e. it's about Faith, one the 'theological virtues' of Faith, Hope and Love which are offered to all as the foundation for living good lives. The Faith Award will help children in Primary 6 & 7 to realise the meaning and potential of the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit which are offered to them for use in daily living. By providing opportunities for Prayer, Reflection and Faith Witness, this award will encourage young people to apply these gifts and to see how they can bear fruit in their homes, schools, parishes and communities. It will help them to understand how their simple, everyday acts of service, inspired by Faith, can transform the world.

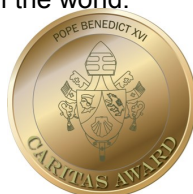
Find new ways to spread the Word of God to every corner of the world.

Pope Francis



The Caritas Award

The Pope Benedict XVI CARITAS AWARD encourages young people in the final years of secondary school to respond to God's call of love ("Caritas") through serving others. It celebrates the faith witness which young people can give within their homes, schools, parishes and local communities. Inspired by the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI, and dedicated to him, the **CARITAS AWARD** is an initiative which builds on his conviction that "the young, with their enthusiasm and idealism can offer new hope to the world". Those who are presented with their awards at the Award Ceremony on Saturday 31st May 2014 will be able to take pride that they have responded well to the words of the Holy Father: "Do not be afraid to make a commitment, to face hard work and sacrifice, to choose the paths that demand fidelity and constancy, humility and dedication."



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

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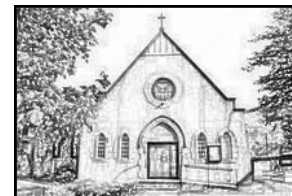


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23rd February 2014
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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, Peter Doyle, Mona Pyat, Petra Dijk, Sarah-Jane Connelly, Margaret Ward and all those in the various nursing homes.

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

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

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 2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Parish Collections 16th February

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| St. Bernadette's | £422.96 |
| Special Collection Justice & Peace / Missions | £213.71 |
| St. John Vianney's | £385.97 |
| Special Collection Justice & Peace / Missions | £190.20 |

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 23rd February | Mass times as Normal - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday start of Catholic Education Week 12.30 - Baptism St. Bernadette's |
| Mon 24th Feb | 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's |
| Tues 25th Feb | No services in parishes. 10am - Mass, Nazareth House. 2.00 - 4.30pm Education Meeting, St. Margaret's, Raploch 7.00pm - Eucharistic Ministers of St. John Vianney's |
| Wed 26th Feb | 9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's. 4.00pm - Reception of body of Margaret Grey, St. Bernadette's |
| Thurs 27th Feb | 9.30am - Funeral Mass of Margaret Grey, St. Bernadette's. 7.00pm - Diocesan Centre, Dundee. Mass, Bishop & Headteachers. |
| Friday 28th Feb | 9.30am - Mass, St John Vianney's |
| Sat 1st March | 9.30am - Mass & Confessions, St. Bernadette's. Feast of St. David. |
| Sunday 2nd March | Mass times as Normal - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2.30pm - Baptism St. Bernadette's |

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 |

Catholic Education Week 2014

THEME: "Shining the Light of Faith"

Education Sunday Begins Catholic Education Week

The theme of Catholic Education Week is "Shining the Light of Faith", picking up on the first encyclical of Pope Francis – The Light of Faith.

In this teaching, the Pope speaks about what it means to believe, to have faith and he reminds us that faith should lead to action.

The challenge for Catholic schools is to make sure that faith in Jesus Christ is made visible through action – action in prayer, action in building peace, action in helping pupils to be real disciples, action in living out justice, action in helping the poor and those in need, action in the local community, action to value each other and serve each other. The most powerful form of action is love. Our Catholic schools are places of faith in action, communities of love, places where love is tangible.

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Today to start this special education week at the end of each Mass a talk will be given by Mrs. Tina O'Neill the head teacher or Mrs Donna Morgan, teacher at St. Bernadette's RC Primary School (depending on which mass). The schoolchildren will lead the Prayers of the Faithful and the Offertory at all masses in addition to the pupils named above enrolling for the Faith Award. *More about Catholic Education at www.sces.uk.com*

1st March - Feast of St. David, Patron Saint of Wales

David was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop and although fact and fiction mix it is recognized he was a great missionary in Wales and other nearby countries where he also founded many monasteries.

Many churches across South Wales claim David as their founder. His feast day has been celebrated since 1120 and he was canonised by Pope Callistus II in 1123.



Eucharistic Ministers of St. John Vianney's ONLY

A Big thanks to the wonderful response for Eucharistic Ministers and for ALL to have completed the necessary legal forms last week.

I am sorry for the short notice but Alva Games have their monthly Bingo on Wednesday and the only day available is Tuesday. All who are available please come along for a short "training session" also to discuss and organise a system to take communion to our sick on Sundays. If you cannot manage please make contact with Fr Mike to discuss your availability.

Statue of St. John Vianney donated by the diocese for the centenary will be on view this week. We now need to think about the best position in the church for it.

