



22nd March 2026

St. Bernadette's RC Church

Tullibody

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5th Sunday of Lent

Sat 21 Mar	8.45am -9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 22 Mar	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mass Mass ~ Children's Liturgy Stations of the Cross
Mon 23 Mar	9.30am	Mass
Tue 24 Mar	5pm	Reception body of Mary Dowd, St Mungo's Alloa.
Wed 25 Mar	9.30am 10am	Morning Office & Holy Communion Requiem Mass, St Mungo's Alloa ~ Mary Dowd
Thu 26 Mar	9.30am 11am - 6pm	Morning Office & Holy Communion Priest's Council, Dundee
Fri 27 Mar	7pm	Mass
Sat 28 Mar	8.45am -9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 29 Mar	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday

This Sunday's Readings	
First Reading	Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Psalm	130 (129): 1-8
Second Reading	Romans 8 : 8-11
Gospel	John 11 : 3-7, 17, 20 -27, 33-45

Last Sunday's Collection	
Non Gift Aid	£287.80
Gift Aid	£351.00
SCIAF	£796.90
Total	£1435.70

Prayer Requests

Those who are sick ~

Joan Jones, Msgr. Basil O'Sullivan, Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, Carly Mournian, Brendan Murphy, Vincent McDaid, Peter Douglas, Mary Gordon, Mary Hughes, Peter & Margaret Stark, Sarah Jane Connelly, Duncan McGregor, Maria McIntyre, John & Trisha Smith, Drs. Diane & Mike Basquill, Maurice Di Duca, Heather Stewart, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing, Susan Duvall, Brian Robertson, Melissa Brown, Margo Tobin, John Lawlor and Lisa Mcilwrath, Fr. Hutchinson, Margaret Smith, Kath Massanopoli, John Grogan, Bobby Williamson.

Those who have died ~

Muriel Robertson, Mary Dowd, David Masterson

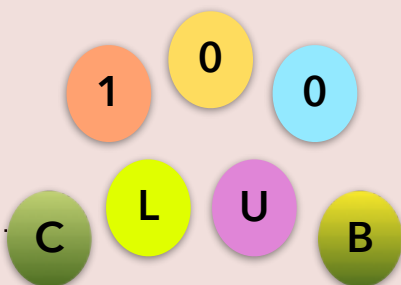
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMnemy, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward, Margaret Giannandrea, Canon Hugh McNally, Kate McNeil, Cathy Morrison, Lula O'Brien, David Tobin, Anne McNiven, Kathleen Clarke, Seamus McShane.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

The Children's Liturgy team are restarting the sessions during the 11.30am Mass on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month until the School Summer Holidays:~

22nd Mar / 26th Apr / 10th May / 24th May / 14th Jun



The next Lourdes Draw will take place in Tullibody after 11.30 Mass on 29th March.

Please check your subscription is up to date.

Thanks, Karen

THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026



The Scottish Parliament election is an opportunity for the people of Scotland to choose who will represent them in the next parliamentary session in Holyrood.

This resource is designed to support Catholics to navigate the election. It includes a letter from Scotland's Catholic Bishops, election prayer, Church and State FAQs, questions for candidates and a practical guide to voting.

Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Scotland on the Scottish Parliament Election

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the 2026 Scottish Parliament Election approaches, we find ourselves at another important moment in our nation's life. Elections are not only political events but opportunities to reflect prayerfully on our responsibilities as citizens and disciples of Jesus Christ. Our participation in public life expresses our love of neighbour and our desire to build a society that honours God through truth, justice, and charity. The Church and the political community have distinct roles, yet both serve the good of every person. The Church forms consciences through the light of the Gospel, while politics shapes society's structures. When these work together respectfully, society flourishes, especially in its care for the weakest. It is therefore vital that Catholics approach this election with faith-formed minds and hearts moved by charity. Many in Scotland today face deep vulnerability: unborn children; the elderly; families in poverty; the disabled; those with poor mental health; people suffering addiction; victims of modern slavery; migrants seeking safety; people considering suicide; and victims of crime. They deserve not only compassion but public policies that protect their dignity. We need representatives who act with integrity, value every human life, and prioritise the poorest. Public service is noble when rooted in humility and the common good.

Our elected officials must also defend fundamental freedoms—thought, conscience, and religion—so Scotland remains a place where people can express beliefs openly and respectfully. Public discourse thrives when diverse voices can speak without fear and disagreements are handled with civility. Silencing religious expression deprives society of moral and spiritual richness.

We affirm the rights of parents, who have the God-given responsibility to educate their children, including choosing schools that reflect their convictions. Authorities must safeguard this right and protect Catholic schools, which serve families of all backgrounds and help form young people in faith, virtue, and service. Attempts to marginalise, or remove, these schools would weaken Scotland's educational diversity.

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As you prepare to vote, reflect on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching—human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity—which illuminate the key moral issues of our time:

- the protection of life from conception to natural death;
- care for the poor and vulnerable;
- fair and sustainable economic conditions;
- accessible healthcare;
- the elimination of modern slavery;
- the strengthening of marriage and family life;
- care for creation;
- the promotion of peace and support for poorer nations; and
- the defence of religious freedom and conscience.

These are not merely political issues, but moral ones rooted in the Gospel and the Church's commitment to every person's dignity. Study and pray with these principles as you discern your vote. Resources from the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office (rcpolitics.org) can help form your conscience, enabling you to seek truth, weigh moral implications, and consider the impact on the vulnerable. Above all, we urge you to use your right to vote.

We pray for respectful and honest conversation throughout this election. Political life must not be poisoned by anger, division, or populist rhetoric. May all debates reflect concern for human dignity and the common good.

We entrust Scotland—its people, leaders, and future—to the care of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. May her intercession guide us toward justice, compassion, and unity. May the Holy Spirit inspire candidates with integrity and humility, and voters with responsibility, prayerfulness, and love of neighbour.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ John Keenan, President, Bishop of Paisley

+ Brian McGee, Vice President, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

+ Andrew McKenzie, Episcopal Secretary, Bishop of Dunkeld

+ Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

+ William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow

+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell

+ Hugh Gilbert, Bishop of Aberdeen

+ Francis Dougan, Bishop of Galloway