



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	15th July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	16th July	8.30am 9.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass at St John Vianneys Mass (Also on YouTube)
Mon	17th July	9.30am	Mass
Tues	18th July	~~~	No services
Wed	19th July	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	20th July	9.30am	Mass
Fri	21st July	7pm	Mass
Sat	22nd July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	23rd July	8.30am 9.30am 11.30am	Mass at St Bernadettes Mass at St John Vianneys Mass (Also on YouTube) at St Bernadettes

Parish Offerings ~ 9th July 2023

Gift Aid	£357.90	Non Gift Aid	£466.74	Total	£1413.75
Special Collection for Sea Sunday		£565.75			



Please pray for



Those who are sick ~

Seamus Freyne (Father Mike's younger brother), Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, Sid Davies, Nellie Gallon, Carly Mournian, Brendan Murphy, Vincent McDaid, Peter Douglas, Mary Gordon, Mary Hughes, Peter & Margaret Stark, Maureen McKay, Sarah Jane Connelly, Duncan McGregor, Maria McIntyre, John & Trisha Smith, Drs. Diane & Mike Basquill, Maurice Di Duca, Heather Stewart, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Fr John Callaghan, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, & all those in Hospital & Nursing Homes.

Those who have died recently ~

Paddy Muldoon, Betty Jack, Agnes Moore, Roy Brown

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Agnes Roberts, Bob Huber, George Campbell, Richard Clarke, Peter Lamb, Winnie Conlan, Moira Doherty, Iain Burns, Margaret Reid, Susanne Hughes, Emma Drysdale, Tom Harvey and Mgr Tony Duffy

Liturgy - COVID

The bishop's conference has officially declared there are no more restrictions because of covid in our churches. However, each parish can decide what they want to do. The Diocese has agreed with this.

We will reintroduce the sign of peace from NOW. People can shake hands but if you prefer only to offer a smile, or similar, feel free to do so. People will respect each other's decisions.

We can use the chalice at mass. Personally I have a few reservations with this. However we will go ahead with the rest of the Diocese. People can opt out if they desire. Simply do not enter that queue. Eucharistic ministers will be instructed they clean the chalice between people.

However, please note anyone with cold symptoms, a cough should respect others and not take the chalice. We reserve the right to suspend this practise at any time including when covid numbers are large in our neighbourhood or we have a full church.

Bucket at back of church for next 2 weekends for all those who wish to contribute to

ETHIOPIA EMERGENCY APPEAL

Good information perhaps from the PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/522-ethiopia-appeal-prayer-service-for-ethiopia-from-bishop-brian-mcgee#downloadshttps>

Scots urged to help the starving of Ethiopia

Scotland may have just enjoyed its warmest June on record but in Ethiopia, the gradual and persistent rise in temperatures is taking its toll - with the country facing its biggest drought since the 1980s.

Many millions are on the brink of starvation and 90% of the cattle are dead. The crisis has led SCIAF to launch an emergency appeal to help save lives now.

Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive of SCIAF said:

"Ethiopia is in desperate need, with 20 million people urgently in need of food. These people urgently need our help.

"Hunger in Ethiopia is accelerating at a devastating rate. Although it's not a new problem, climate change is undoubtedly heaping despair upon despair. That, combined with the events of the last few years - COVID, the war in Ukraine and the global economic downturn - mean we are facing a deadly hunger crisis.

"I was in Ethiopia in February with our Bishop President Brian McGee and we saw a country in crisis. The rivers are dry, harvests have failed, and the cattle are dead. Our partners tell us that the situation is so bad that men are now pulling ploughs on their backs because their cattle are dead.

The spiralling hunger crisis has led SCIAF to launch an emergency appeal for the East African country and people are urged to give whatever they can afford.

Bishop Brian McGee is SCIAF's Bishop President and was deeply moved by the scenes which greeted him in February. He said:

"I travelled through an area where more than 336,000 people were in need of emergency aid. There are severe food and water shortages. The amount of available food has reduced dramatically so that adults, especially mothers, choose to go without food so that their children can eat. 90% of the livestock had died, while those remaining were producing little milk, and the situation's deteriorated considerably since then.

"It was clear that families have nowhere left to turn. They've lost everything.

"We are all sisters and brothers - we are all family. As you would not let your sister and brother starve, neither should we ignore the desperate needs of our family around the world.

"By reaching out in loving kindness, you can save lives. When you donate to SCIAF you are not simply giving to charity but partnering with fellow human beings across the world. Please act now and give what you can. Please be the hope they need."

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

For a Synod of Bishops whose purpose "is not to produce documents," as the Vatican's document for the continental stage [put it](#), this synodal process has created quite a few good ones.

The most recent being the 60-page [instrumentum laboris](#), or working document, released by the synod office on June 20. With themes of communion, mission and participation, the document invites spiritual reflection and discernment on how the global church might better attend to the challenges of today with "missionary urgency."

Gardening Invite

SATURDAY 15TH JULY

ALL UNDER 80s ARE INVITED TO HELP CUT THE HEDGES AND PRUNE THE TREES IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

We will work between 10 am and 12 noon.

All welcome and if you have your own tools, pruning shears, electric hedge cutters please do bring them along.



IRISH BISHOPS ENCOURAGE PARISHES TO USE 30% OF THEIR LAND FOR BIODIVERSITY

They suggest actions to encourage pollinators so as to protect the land for future generations.

For more information go to:

<https://pollinators.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Faith-Communities-Pollinator-Guidelines-2022-WEB.pdf>

"As religious people, our faith should encourage us to get to know the natural world more thoroughly, understand what is threatening biodiversity more fully and do all we can to create a friendly world for every creature. The suggestions in this Guide are excellent and, if implemented, will help save biodiversity and our pollinators as well."

