



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2023

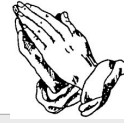
Parish Diary			
Sat	22n July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	23rd July	8.30am 9.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass at St John Vianneys Mass (Also on YouTube)
Mon	24th July	9.30am	Mass <i>Note: 10mins longer as includes Sacrament of Initiation.</i>
Tues	25th July	~~~	No services
Wed	26th July	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	27th July	9.30am	Mass
Fri	28th July	5pm 7pm	Wedding Practice Mass
Sat	29th July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 3.30pm 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Wedding Vigil Mass
Sun	30th 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 ~~ 16th July 2023

Gift Aid	£236.00	Non Gift Aid	£347.12	Total	£1199.70
Ethiopia Special Collection Part 1		£616.58			



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.

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

St. Bernadette's Parish Website

Unfortunately the system used by our Parish to publish our webpages has been hit by a virus that has taken down the whole system. The company are trying to resolve the issue but this does mean we don't have access to Parish News or updates at the moment.

Father Mike and I are trying to sort out a short-term fix, but until that's in place, Father Mike will print off additional copies of this newsletter have them available at the back of the church.

The Gate Update

Alex McCluskie has asked me to add this update into the newsletter:

Up to 30th June, donations this year to "The Gate" are sitting at 243.9kgs of food/toiletries and £650 in cash.

Bucket at back of church this week for all those who wish to contribute to

ETHIOPIA EMERGENCY APPEAL



Dear Michael,

Your loving kindness is a source of hope for the people we serve.

With your support the lives of our sisters and brothers affected by hunger and drought in Ethiopia are being transformed.

For people like Arkerech, this means living a life of opportunity and dignity and looking forward to a brighter future.

SCIAF's Bishop President, Bishop Brian McGee met 26-year-old Arkerech on his recent visit to Ethiopia. Arkerech's pastoral community has been heavily affected by the drought leaving her and her family living in extreme poverty. She took part in a skills training course and had the opportunity to take out a £75 loan and bought a calf to rear and sell.

"Countless lives around the world have been changed thanks to your support. Each one of them is a unique human being – our sister or brother made in the image of God – just like Arkerech."

Bishop Brian McGee



Bishop Brian continued:

“When I asked her what difference this has made to her life, she answered that she was poor and owned nothing. Today she felt that she had dignity, she said, ‘I am somebody in my village’.

“Arkerech plans to sell her cow and buy two new calves, pay off some of her loan and save the rest for her family.

“We don’t just give aid - which is essential in emergencies like the drought in Ethiopia - but as SCIAF, we work with local people to empower them. As our official aid agency, SCIAF acts with Catholic values of solidarity, equality and dignity at its core. It is not sufficient to merely ensure people are fed - crucial as this is - but the whole human person must be allowed to develop.”

We thank you for putting your faith into action and sharing your blessings with our sisters and brothers in the world’s poorest places.



Penelope Blackwell
SCIAF Director of Public Engagement

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.