



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	30th Sept	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
	Special Collection for Sick & Retired Clergy Fund		
Sun	1st Oct	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Children's Mass (Also on YouTube)
Mon	2nd Oct	9.30am	Mass
Tues	3rd Oct	~~~	No services
Wed	4th Oct	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	5th Oct	9.30am	Mass
Fri	6th Oct	7pm	Mass
Sat	7th Oct	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	8th Oct	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube)

Parish Offerings ~~ 24th September 2023

Gift Aid	£278.00	Non Gift Aid	£387.01	Total	£665.01
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Please pray for



Those who are sick ~

Msgr. Basil O'Sullivan, 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 recently died ~

Letitia McGregor

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Marion Heggie, Ian Cunningham Devine, Agnes Roberts, Jim Hislop, Michael McKinnon, Fr. Jim Wallace, William Forsyth, Bridie Lamb, Archie McNiven, Grace & Archie Dickson, Sandy Soave, Kathy McLaughlin, John Mullan, Bert Skinnider and Peter Lamb.

Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

"When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live"

Responsorial Psalm: 24(25): 4-9

Second reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

"Be united in your love"

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."



Pope Francis

@Pontifex

"The work of God always passes through fraternity, through the eyes, the hands, the feet, the hearts of men and women who, in their respective roles of ecclesial or civil responsibility, try to build fraternal relationships and social friendship" 27th September 2023

October Month Of Missions

"Mission Notice Board" at the back of the church is all about the "BRAZIL JARS." For over 15 years some people have been supporting people and small projects in the area where Fr. Mike used to work. Every few years he would put up a small report. Since our support has been over a period of 15 years there are some photographs and an update on what has happened and is going on just now.

The Synod in Rome has begun! Representatives from all over the world will continue to meet in Rome during this month of October. I doubt we will see much in-depth reviews on the mass media. Hopefully Fr. Mike will put updates in Reflections, for those who receive them, during this month.

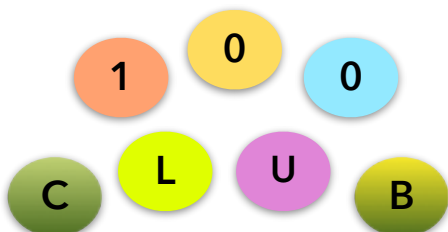
Parish Reflections are sent out once a week and compiled by Fr. Mike. When Covid began and Catholic papers were stopped Fr. Mike began gathering articles with information regarding Catholic and Christian news throughout the world plus articles that may help us in our faith formation. The articles published do not express Fr. Mike's nor the Parish's official position. They are chosen because they are newsworthy or could help make us think and grow in our faith. If you do not receive Reflections and would like to please inform Richard our Newsletter editor and who sends Reflections out.

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New Purificators

Many liturgical objects we use get worn out over time or mysteriously go missing. We're down to just two purificators. The purificator is a special white cloth reserved for cleaning the chalice that holds the Precious Blood for the priest and communicants. Afterwards it is washed separately and the water is poured into the ground. Our parish was needing about 20 of them (we should use about 9 a week). Fr. Edward Wanat SDS, parish priest of St. Mary's Haddington, is a friend of a friend of Fr. Mike's. he offered to buy them for us when he next visited Poland. The difference in price between buying in Poland and here is amazing! He refused to accept any payment so we thank him for his important gift and the time he spent on.

We are looking for a volunteer to take the purificators home on a weekly basis giving them their proper respect to wash and iron them. Please contact Fr. Mike.



24th September Winners:-

1st ~ No. 60 ~ D. Delaney ~ £100

2nd ~ No. 46 ~ M Walker ~ £25

October's draw will be in Alva on 29th.



This month of MISSION could make a lasting difference to our Church. The first part of the Synod will take place throughout the whole of the month. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be a moving and deciding voice in our Church.

4-29 October 2023 Catholic bishops, priests, and lay women and men from all over the world gather in Rome for the Synod of Bishops to discuss “synodality” – the way in which all members of the church participate in the

church and its mission. It is part of an extraordinary three-year renewal process initiated by Pope Francis, with all 1.3 billion Catholics invited to contribute, culminating in two synod meetings of bishops in Rome in October 2023 and a year later in 2024. This timeline shows key moments in that process.

“Synod” is derived from two Greek words *syn*, meaning together, and *hodos*, meaning road or way. It is used for a religious meeting or assembly coming together. The first formal recorded meetings of church leaders can be traced back to the [mid-second century](#). In modern history, synod assemblies have been held once every three or four years and last for one month.

In the past only bishops (and some clergy or religious brothers) have had the power to vote. At the synod in Rome, 54 out of the 365 voting delegates will, for the first time, be women.

30 September-4 October On the eve of the synod, a prayer vigil will be held in St Peter’s Square, Rome, with people from all churches, not just Catholics. It was called for by Brother Alois, prior to the Taizé community, a monastic fraternity with brothers from more than 30 countries and from Catholic and Protestant traditions. The prayer vigil will last from the evening of Friday 29 September to the afternoon of Sunday 1 October, and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will attend. Many young people will also be there and the Taizé brothers are putting on a programme of activities for them. Afterwards, the synod participants will head to Sacrofano, 16 miles north of Rome, for a retreat led by former an English Dominican friar, Fr Timothy Radcliffe, and Benedictine Abbess, Mother Maria Ignazia Angelini, of Viboldone monastery, near Milan. The whole weekend is called [Together 2023](#).

Fundraising Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our fundraising raffle, at the back of the Church. Proceeds of which will go towards the Building and Maintenance Fund at St Bernadette’s. As the prizes are football themed, two local bars (Peppes and Vinneys) have agreed to try and help us sell some tickets. If you feel you can help in any way, either by buying a ticket or making a donation; or if you feel you can help us sell any tickets, please contact Jill Ireland, John Smith or Fr Mike. Many thanks for your support.

Tickets are £5 each. Draw will take place Sunday 12th November at 7pm in Pepe’s Bar.