



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	23rd Sept	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Morning Office and Holy Communion Vigil Mass
	Sacrament of Anointing of Sick. Please see note on the next page.		
		8.30am 11.30am 12.45pm	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube) Reception of body of Letitia McGregor
Sun	24th Sept		
Mon	25th Sept	9.30am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Letitia McGregor Zoom meeting Dunkeld Mission Group
Tues	26th Sept	~~~	No services
Wed	27th Sept	9.30am 6.30pm	Mass Enrolment meeting for Parents of next year's candidates
Thurs	28th Sept	9.30am	Mass
Fri	29th Sept	7pm	Mass
Sat	30th Sept	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	1st Oct	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Children's Mass

Parish Offerings ~~ 17th September 2023

Gift Aid	£324.00	Non Gift Aid	£425.79	Total	£749.79
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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 ~

Leticia 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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

"My thoughts are not your thoughts."

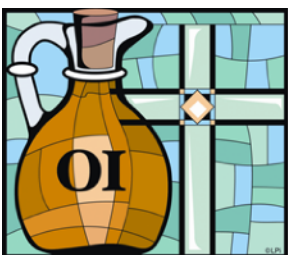
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

Second reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

"Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more"

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

"Why be envious because I am generous?"



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF SICK

At the end of each mass this weekend those who wish to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick, while Fr.Mike is outside greeting people, can fill up the front benches.

We will have the sacrament of anointing of the sick. It takes no more than 10 minutes.



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

“On World Alzheimer’s Day, let us [#PrayTogether](#) for all those who suffer from this disease, for their families and for those who lovingly care for them” 22nd September 2023

Church Christmas

A long discussion was held at the recent Parish Council, regarding how to try and make the church appear more joyful, colourful, welcoming as this Christmas will probably be the first Christmas we will not feel the cloud of Covid hanging over us. New banners will be bought and the decorations around the church and on the walls will be different.

There was plenty of discussion how the entrance to the church did not appear welcoming and was cluttered with lots of notices many old or not relevant any more. A committee was formed to analyse what could be done.

First Communion

The children’s preparation for First Communion was discussed . There is an enormous concern that children make their first communion with no presence in the church at all - before and after - their first communion. All past attempts at involving the parents do not seem to have worked. The PPC had a serious concern that the school - where the preparation is made - is not managing to give the necessary and proper formation. One of the principle reasons being the lack of Catholic teachers. We realise this is a national problem but the PPC will look at ways of making the authorities more aware of this.

One major change is that parents will no longer be “invited” to a first communion meeting. On Wednesday 27 September in the hall there will be an “ENROLMENT Meeting” with parents which will include what we expect of them and what the Church expects of their children during the preparation. If parents are not at the enrolment meeting then we cannot celebrate their child’s first communion.

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.

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.



FUNDRAISING RAFFLE



1st Prize: Signed Celtic FC Ball (Season 2022/23): Treble Winners



2nd Prize: Signed Petrov Photo



3rd Prize: Photo (Signed by 4 players)



TICKETS: £5 each

**WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN
SUN 12th Nov 2023 (7pm) in Peppes Bar, Alloa**

RAFFLE IN AID OF:

**ST BERNADETTE'S RC CHURCH, TULLIBODY (Charity No: SC001810)
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND**

