



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	18th Nov	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	19th Nov	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube)
World Day of the Poor			
Mon	20th Nov	9.30am	Mass
Tues	21st Nov	-----	No services
Wed	22nd Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Mass School Open Afternoon
Thurs	23rd Nov	9.30am	Mass
Fri	24th Nov	7pm	Mass
Sat	25th Nov	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	26th Nov	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube)
Feast of Christ the King - Last Sunday of Church's year. Catholic Education Sunday - Special Collection.			

Parish Offerings ~~ 12th November 2023

Gift Aid	£275.80	Non Gift Aid	£416.40	Total	£692.20
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Readers Attention!

Please be on "stand by" on **Sunday, 26th November**, but in principle teachers and students will proclaim the Readings and lead the Prayers of the Faithful since it is Catholic Education Sunday. I am sure you will cooperate and help if needed. Big thanks, *Fr Mike*

Readings for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First reading ~ Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

"A perfect wife - who can find her?"

Responsorial Psalm ~ 127(128):1-5

Second reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

"God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus"

Gospel ~ Matthew 25:14-30

"You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness"



Please pray for



Those who are sick ~

Joan Jones, 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.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Dennis Hallanan, Ann Fergusson, John Neil, Fr. Tony McCathy, Peter Doyle, John Mangan, Paul Stolarek, Winter Rap, Gordon McNeil, Fr. Cosmas Indari Omboto MHM



Pope Francis

@Pontifex

17th November 2023

War is the "mother of all poverty," especially affecting civilians and families. Let us keep every effort alive so that #Peace may prevail as a gift of God and the result of our commitment to justice and dialogue.

Sunday 3rd December -

First Sunday of Advent – **Special Collection for the Poor Mission Fund**

Catholic Education Week

THE THEME FOR 2023/2024 ~~ "Pilgrims of Faith"

Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). Schools and parishes are asked to consider which week within this fortnight best suits their local community for marking this important aspect of the school year.

The Catholic Church in Scotland encourages schools, parishes and other agencies to work closely together in order to celebrate the successes of Catholic education particularly during one week each year. The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole. Students, parents, teachers and others are asked to reflect on their own roles in the education process - at home, in school, in the local parish and in other educational settings.

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor in 2016.

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 19 November 2023 to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reflects on the example of Tobit. He considers how the Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor, writing that "caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty hand-out; it calls for reestablishing the just interpersonal relationships that poverty harms."

"..whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus."

World Day of the Poor Message, 2023

Pope Francis reminds us that the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past but continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. He writes: "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved."

A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalized, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardized and every social policy will prove bankrupt.

With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person.

Education Meeting Invite

Participate in a meeting on Catholic Education in our schools.

Monday 27 November 2023 at 7pm

St. Bernadette's RC Church with
Canon Tom Shields, Vicar Episcopal for Education

The aim of this meeting is to help parents, carers, parishioners become more aware of the situation of the lack of Catholic teachers in both our Primary and Secondary schools and its consequences.

Fundraising Raffle

A massive thanks to everyone who bought a ticket for the fundraising raffle and to all those who did a great job in helping sell the tickets. Also, to members of the wider community who supported us from Vinney's, Cesars Paradise, Sweeney's Buses and the local Celtic supporter's buses; and especially to Peppe's, for letting us host the draw there.

The winners were:

- 1st Prize - Number 702 (Lee Scott)
- 2nd Prize - Number 707 (Tommy Sweeney)
- 3rd Prize - Number 598 (Dominic McNally)

We raised **£3,555**, which will go towards the Church Building and Maintenance Fund. Many thanks again!!



Prize winners Lee and Tommy



Tricia collecting third prize on behalf of her cousin
Dominic from London.



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