

St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter



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1st Sunday of Advent ~ 3rd December 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	2nd Dec	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	3rd Dec	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube) Advent prayers & reflection before the Blessed Sacrament
Mon	4th Dec	9.30am 12noon 7pm	Mass Deanery Christmas Lunch & meeting Parish Pastoral Council meeting in winter chapel
Tues	5th Dec	6pm	House Mass
Wed	6th Dec	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass Parish Financial Council meeting
Thurs	7th Dec	9.30am 3.30pm	Mass Meeting
Fri	8th Dec	11.00am 7pm	Requiem Mass, Dundee Mass
Sat	9th Dec	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	10th Dec	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube)
Sun	11th Dec	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mass Mass (Also on YouTube) Advent prayers & reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

Readings

First Reading ~ Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

Psalm ~ 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel ~ Mark 13:33-37

Last Week's Parish Offerings

Non Gift Aid £371.66

Gift Aid £333.95

Total £705.61

£4,822.05 received as the Gift Aid money for the financial year 2022/23

ADVENT PROJECT

WATER FARMING with St.Mungo's, Alloa ~~ Target: £3,500

During the 4 Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day there will be a bucket at the back of the church to support our Advent Project. Those who wish can contribute here. We send this money via SPICMA directly to the parish. There are no bank nor administration charges.

Please explain to your children how water is so scarce and what this means to an agricultural community. Besides explaining how they are collecting water for their school it is good to explore that Christmas is not only about receiving presents but sharing our resources. This is the spirit of Christmas even if it means little sacrifices.

ADVENT PROJECT - WATER FARMING

St.Kizito Catholic Parish is Turkwel in Turkana County. Turkana County has a long history of drought and development interventions and remains one of the poorest counties in Kenya. In Turkana, livelihoods are increasingly under threat because of climate change. The Turkana people practice pastoralism. Existing problems that undermine pastoralism include drought, livestock diseases, and cattle rustling. The major problem we are experiencing here at the parish is a lack of water. Currently we rely on hired donkeys or motorbikes to ferry for us water from distances up to 10 km away. We pay dearly for this water. Turkwel River, which flows from Mount Elgon on the Ugandan border into Lake Turkana for the first time in more than 30 years has dried up, leaving thousands of communities without their essential water supply. The local communities here in Turkwel don't have access to clean water, they are often left with no other option but to drink contaminated water directly from swamps. Unsafe water has caused children and adults water-borne illnesses such as Escherichia coli-induced diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid fever, giardia, Hepatitis A, and dysentery. Science clearly states that a human being can survive 3 weeks without food, but not without water. In other words, water is the primary necessity for life without it human beings cannot survive. We intend to collect rainwater from the existing roofs and storing into the plastic tanks we wish to purchase using the expected grant. This water will be used at the parish and the parochial school that shares the same compound with the church. Rainwater harvesting is the best option and potential source of reliable clean water because other sources are not applicable at the moment due to climate change. I appeal for your generous donation towards purchasing the plastic tanks, gutters and also pay for the experts who will install the complete system in order to solve the problem once and for all.



St Bernadette's School PTA Christmas Raffle

We're running a Christmas Raffle to raise money to help support activities for children and families in the school. We will be selling tickets at a coffee afternoon and craft sale at school on the **15th December from 2.10pm** and after the **Nativity Mass on the 21st**. The raffle will be drawn in the afternoon of the 21st. Everybody is welcome to come along to the coffee afternoon and craft sale at the school in the dining hall. We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes and the children will be selling crafts they have made.



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, 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 ~

Maureen McKay

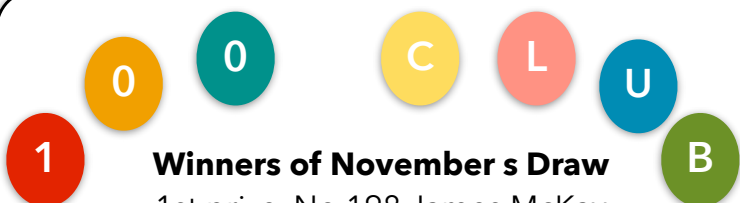
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Dennis Hallahan, Ann Ferguson, John Neil, Fr. Tony McCarthy, Peter Doyle, John Mangan, Paul Stolarek, Winter Rap, Gordon McNeil, Fr. Cosmas Ondari Omboto MHM.

Loss and Damage: a Call to Action

At COP26 in Glasgow, one of the biggest disappointments was the failure to agree a fund for Loss and Damages. Countries which are most vulnerable to climate change and yet the least responsible, need financial support from industrialised countries who were, and continue to be, responsible for gas emissions. A Dialogue was set-up to continue the conversation. At COP27 in Egypt no conclusion was brought to this dialogue. Now is the moment for world leaders to take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change especially affecting the smallest and most vulnerable countries. COP28 in the United Arab Emirates should not be mere talk but take decisive action to create a robust fund to aid those struggling with climate change that threatens their very existence. *May those taking part in the Conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame.* (Laudate Deum 60) I pray that the hearts and consciences of all participants will be sensitive and open to the cries of the poor and weak and I entrust them to the intercession of St Andrew, our patron saint, on whose feast day COP28 will begin in Dubai.

Archbishop William Nolan, President of Justice & Peace, Bishops' Conference of Scotland



Winners of November s Draw

1st prize. No 198 James McKay

2nd prize. No 32 Bernadette Burney

Next draw will be in Alva before Christmas.

the gate

Please place non-perishable & tinned items, etc in the box at the back of the church for the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" food bank.



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Serving God by serving others.



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Scotland



Advent ~ Christmas 2023

Confessions available during the week: **Mon, Wed, Thurs at 9am**

All Sundays of Advent at 5.30pm ~ Time before the Blessed Sacrament

Sun	17th Dec	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent Mass Advent prayers & reflection before the Blessed Sacrament	
Mon	18th Dec	9.30am	Mass	
Tues	19th Dec	4pm 7pm	House Mass Ecumenical service at St. Serfs	
Wed	20th Dec	8.30am 9.30am 7pm	Mass St. Modan's High School, Stirling No Mass Blues Mass ~ A special mass to remember our deceased at Christmas time especially for those who have lost a dear one during the past year.	
Thurs	21st Dec	9.30am	End of Term Mass with St. Bernadette's Primary School and Christmas Presentations	
Fri	22nd Dec	7pm	Penitential Service with General Absolution	
Sat	23rd Dec	9.30am 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass ~ 4th Sunday of Advent	
Sun	24th Dec	8.30am 11.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	4th Sunday of Advent Mass 4th Sunday of Advent Mass Christmas Eve Carols Vigil Mass	Christmas Eve 
Mon	25th Dec Christmas Day	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass	
Tues	26th Dec	9.30am	Mass ~ Feast of St. Stephen	
Wed	27th Dec	9.30am	Mass ~ Celebration of the Word	