

St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

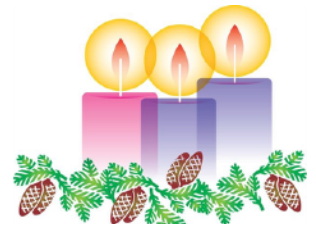
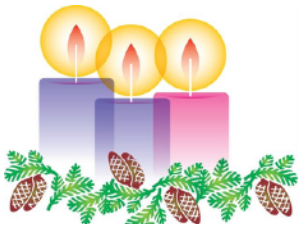
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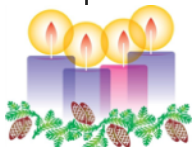
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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 17th December

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 Nativity Presentation
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
Mon	25th Dec	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



Christmas Eve

Readings

First Reading ~ Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Psalm ~ Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel ~ John 1:6-8,19-28

Last Week's Parish Offerings

Non Gift Aid	£393.77
Gift Aid	£369.00
Total	£762.77



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 ~

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and those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Dennis Hallahan, John Neil, John Mangan, Peter Doyle, Paddy Docherty, Moira Scott, Margaret Carr, Dan Jolly, Kate Sprengel, Claire McNaught.

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 after the **Nativity Mass on the 21st**. The raffle will be drawn in the afternoon of the 21st.

Feed the Hungry

Please place non-perishable & tinned items, etc in the box at the back of the church. Our KSC & SVDP will distribute goods to the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" food bank.



Knights of St Columba
Serving God by serving others.

the gate



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
Scotland



ST. JOSEPH'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

For information on the ongoing work of Father Mike's religious order Mill Hill Missionaries:-

<https://millhillmissionaries.com/>



Thank You St Modans!

St Modan's students have done a wonderful job with their Christmas presentation on both sides of our church's walls. The detail and creativity is really amazing. Thank you!

Fr Mike

Copy of letter from Fr Mike to St. Modan's

Dear students of St.Modan's,

A few words of thanks from St.Bernadette's parish, Tullibody.

It really is with great joy we wish to thank you for collaborating so much in our parish's mission in the past year.

We all too often criticise the youth for not coming to mass .It happens that people label you as lazy or disinterested. Perhaps, we, older generation, are at fault, as we can no longer manage to present the dynamic, challenging practice of Jesus. Often, as well, we are just frustrated as we are aware how talented and gifted you are. However, our wonderful experience is that whenever we ask you to put your Christianity into practise and collaborate with us you not only arise to the challenge but constantly surprise us. Your response is wonderful. Writing to the housebound during covid, gardening for us, decorating our church walls to enrich our seasonal liturgies. Between staff and students being permanently present as Readers and Eucharistic ministers you have marked your presence in our parish. We thank you for this.

The child Jesus constantly challenges us all and wants everyone to live life to the full. On behalf of St. Bernadette's, Tullibody, parish community we thank you all for your collaboration and wish a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Fr. Mike



Let's be responsible



Over the last few months it has unfortunately happened a few times that we have had to call for an ambulance because someone has not felt very well during mass.

We all think it will never happen to me. And we all pray it will never happen - but it just could. We ask that all those with a serious health condition and over 70s please make sure you are carrying on you (in a purse, wallet) at least the names of 2 contact people (preferable family) and their mobile and land line numbers. It is not fair to you, nor to others, that you are carried away alone in an ambulance and your family do not even know you were taken away to hospital. Please insist and let's look after each other and we hope this never happens to YOU!

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.

