



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## *3rd Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy*

### *Parish Diary ~ 14th April 2024*

Sat 13 April	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 14 April	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass
Mon 15 April	9.30am 7pm	Mass Parish Pastoral Council in hall ( <b>ALL INVITED</b> )
Tues 16 April	~~~	No services
Wed 17 April	9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	Children's Mass (Candidates for Sacraments) Practice for Confirmations Parent School Council
Thurs 18 April	9.30am 14.45pm	Mass ~ Opening of School Term Practice for Confirmations
Fri 19 April	7pm	Mass
Sat 20 April	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 21 April	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Sacrament of Confirmation

### **This Sunday's Readings**

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 3:13-15,17-19
<b>Psalm</b>	4:2,4,7,9
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 2:1-5
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 24:35-48

### **Last Sunday's Collection**

Non Gift Aid	£329.31
Gift Aid	£390.00
Special Collection	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£719.31</b>



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, 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, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing & all those in Hospital & Nursing Homes.

### Those who have died ~

Fr. Martin Chambers, bishop elect of Dunkeld

### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMenemy, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward, Margaret Giannandrea, Canon Hugh McNally, Kate McNeil, Cathy Morrison, Lula O'Brien, David Tobin, Anne McNiven, Kathleen Clarke.

## CONFIRMATIONS

We have a group of first years from St. Modan's and 2 groups from St. Bernadette's celebrating their **Confirmation next Sunday the 21st.**

We still do not have a bishop for this occasion so Fr. Mike has been delegated to officiate. Obviously the candidates will have their sponsors and families so the church will be extremely full.

If you do not have someone in your family celebrating their Confirmation may we strongly suggest you come to an earlier mass (Saturday vigil 5.30pm or Sunday 8.30am) for your own comfort and to create more room for visitors. Many thanks.

## LAST REQUEST

If you haven't already handed in your SCIAF "Wee Box" when attending Mass, please do so this Sunday. Thank you!

**Jim Boyle will be presenting the 2023 financial results at each Mass this weekend**

## **Fr. Martin Chambers, bishop elect of Dunkeld, 59 years, has died suddenly.**



Fr Martin last Wednesday said his final mass in his parish in Troon. The haulage company came to his house on Thursday morning, so we are told, at 8.30 am to help Fr. Martin relocate to Dundee that day. They could not get into the house and later Fr. Martin was discovered to have died in his sleep. This is a tremendous shock to his family and friends and to the Diocese of Dunkeld which was preparing to welcome him and organising his episcopal ordination on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Diocese throughout Scotland have published on their WEB sites their condolences and their shock.

This is an enormous blow to his family and to our Diocese. Fr. Martin had worked as Diocesan Missio Director with Fr. Mike. He had five years of experience working in Guayaquil in Ecuador. He had built churches and community centres and been held up at gun point in his car which he brushed off. As he said he felt safe and secure when back in the slums of Guayaquil which he regarded, at the time, as his home.

Mass was celebrated in our cathedral (as in many others) on Friday at 1pm. No doubt we will receive more information. There is a podcast interview with Fr. Martin for Missio available. It lasts just over an hour and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPTPyodd-3Y>.

We had mass for Fr. Martin on Thursday morning and will remember him at all our masses this weekend.

Donations to The Gate for the first quarter of 2024 amounted to 85.3kgs of food and toiletries along with £420 in cash. A big thank you to all who donated.

Thanks, Alex.



## **Healthy Food Collection**

The collection is normally on the first weekend of each month. Since the kids were on school Easter holidays most people forgot. Can we encourage people to contribute this weekend. The school term begins now and it is extremely helpful to provide healthy snacks so that all church can have something to eat and not just a few. The school really depends on your wonderful help.

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

Monday 15 April 7pm. This meeting will not be on Zoom but a face to face meeting in the hall.

The Synod has challenged us to rethink how we do mission and how we function as a church. Our reality has changed very much not just because of covid but has simply changed over the past 15 years. Our numbers are considerably different. Our parish population is significantly older and we do not count on the same number of volunteers. We are unable to function as a parish in the way we did when the parish church was first opened. No doubt the Synod and perhaps with a new bishop we will be challenged in many other more radical ways in the near future but we have to rise to the immediate challenge. Do we stop certain activities, pay people or simply change in our approach and the way we work? Many things have to be questioned in the day to day running of the parish, in the way we carry out our mission. This ranges from Fabric & Maintenance, Cleaning of Church premises; the sacristy, visiting the sick, readers, liturgy, youth, safeguarding, children's liturgy, responsibility within the Church, all aspects of parish life. This is the principal topic this evening to analyse the situation and try and find new solutions as a way forward.

We are aware people's time is precious and we try to keep our meetings to exactly one hour. This evening we may continue to 8.30pm but understandably people can leave at 8pm for their other commitments.

A shorter secondary topic is about Parish Boundaries.

## **Fabric & Maintenance**

We are still searching for a firm to repair the entrance steps which we are obliged to fix for safety reasons to fulfil the demands of our insurers. A firm in Dundee will be coming soon to give us an estimate.

We are looking for a firm to give us estimates for the renewal of the church windows. Some may have notice one was broken last weekend. We have been unable to hire a firm to paint the wooden windows and many are beginning to rot. We should really be studying the possibility of double glazing and PVC. Once we have estimates F & M will report to the Parish Financial Council and Parish Council.

Over the last 16 years every year we try to update/ repair some aspect of the parish house. The floors have been laminated except for the kitchen and this will be looked in to soon.

Also the back gates are in need of repair or replacement.