

# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## *6th Sunday of Easter*

### *Parish Diary*

Sat 4 May	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 5 May	8.30am 11.30am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Baptism
Mon 6 May	9.30am	Mass
Tues 7 May	~~~	No services
Wed 8 May	9.30am	Mass
Thurs 9 May	9.30am 10.15am 7.00pm	School Mass Safeguarding Meeting Evening Mass
<b>Holiday of Obligation ~ Ascension Thursday</b>		
Fri 10 May	<b>7.00pm</b> 7.30pm	<b>No Evening Mass</b> Mass for FR. Martin Chambers RIP led by Archbishop Cushley, Bishops and Priests, Dundee. All welcome
Sat 11 May	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun 12 May	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass

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

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
<b>Psalm</b>	97(98):1-4
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 4:7-10
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:9-17

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

Non Gift Aid	£383.67
Gift Aid	£279.00
Special Collection	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£662.67</b>



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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are still enjoying the blessings of this Easter season. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support as we await the appointment of a new bishop.

As you may know, Clackmannanshire Council has begun a consultation on the relocation of St Mungo's RC Primary School to the Alloa Academy site. After the ongoing problem with water ingress, the school was decanted to Alloa Academy in April 2018 and in November of that year it was decided that the school would remain there for the medium term. The Council now wishes to make that arrangement permanent.

While we are grateful to the head teacher, staff, parents, and pupils of Alloa Academy, past and present, the Diocese of Dunkeld cannot support this proposal. We are also profoundly disappointed that this consultation process points in only one direction.

After discussions with the school, parent council, parish priest, and church representative, and following a visit from my delegate, Canon Tom Shields, during which he spoke with Colin Bruce, the Chief Education Officer, we have concluded that the Alloa Academy site is totally unsuitable for the housing of both Alloa Academy and St Mungo's Primary School.

It is the experience of the Church in the Diocese, and throughout Scotland, that even where a shared or joint campus is intended from its inception to accommodate two school communities, usually of the same sector, there are tensions and problems to overcome. Alloa Academy was never intended to house two schools, one denominational and the other non-denominational, let alone a secondary and primary school. Each sector has very different needs. The layout of the building and grounds does not provide a nurturing atmosphere for young children. The Head Teacher and staff of St Mungo's must be constantly on call throughout break times to make sure that the children can use facilities safely.

The adaptations made by the Council, though welcome, do not go far enough. Nor are the benefits of the additional facilities provided by a secondary school obvious. There seems to be no real commitment to substantial funding that might radically change the present building or provide additional staff so that some of these concerns might be addressed.

A Catholic school must be able to pursue its rhythm of prayer and devotions, and have the opportunity within the school to celebrate Mass. Again, it is far from clear how any of this can be achieved within the existing or any proposed building layout. While I am sure this is not the intention, it appears to us in the Diocese that Clackmannanshire Council is not providing adequate provision for Catholic education in its proposal.

With all of this in mind, I ask you to do three things:

1. That every one of you take part in the formal consultation process that Clackmannanshire Council has published. This can be found on the Council's website. If you are not confident

about taking part in an online survey, please let your parish priest know and he will suggest someone who can help.

2. That you write to your local councillor making your views known and asking them what they intend to do about the situation. If you are not sure who your ward councillor is or how you should frame the questions, again the local parishes are there to help.
3. That you talk about this issue with everyone you meet, in the shops, in the street, and whenever you get a chance. It is often the case that people don't know what is going on unless they are directly involved.

Since the pioneering work of Fr James Donlevy and the generosity of the Calder family in 1874, the community of St Mungo's has had a proud history of supporting Catholic education. With the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act, St Mungo's was one of the many Catholic schools entrusted to the local authority. The Catholic community of Alloa and the County of Clackmannanshire have every right to expect a building and staffing provision that will not just facilitate basic education but inspire new generations in faith and learning.

Yours sincerely,



Canon Kevin J. Golden  
Diocesan Administrator



**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, Sadie Hunter.

**Those who have died ~**

Cathy Whalen, John Douglas

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

Jack Bray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Greta Soave, Mary Connor, Anne McNiven, Elizabeth Di Giovanni, John Boyle, Tommy Lawlor, Willie Crews, Tommy McMenemy, Patricia Mathieson, Katherine Carberry, Pat Ward, Kathleen Clarke, Annette Morgan & Canon Michael Milton

# Healthy Snacks for the Kids

As usual at the beginning of each month during school term time, we ask people to contribute healthy food snacks for the children at St Bernadette's Primary School to have during their morning breaks.

It's extremely helpful to provide these healthy snacks for the children, so that all the children can have something to eat and not just a few.

The school really depends on your wonderful help.

**Please place your contribution at the back of the church this Sunday.**

Thank you.

A vibrant blue poster for a Bingo Night event. At the top, it says 'RESCHEDULED' and '£2 ENTRY/ £1 OAP'S & KIDS'. The central graphic features three bingo cards in blue, purple, and orange, with various numbers and 'X' marks. A red banner across the middle reads 'BINGO NIGHT'. Below the banner, it says 'Join us for a night of fun and games at our Bingo Night! Get ready to shout "Bingo!" as we play for exciting prizes all night long.' At the bottom, it specifies 'WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY, 2024 | DOOR OPEN AT 6.30PM STARTS PROMPT 6.45PM'. The bottom section lists 'GAMES | PRIZE | PARTY' at the 'Civic Centre, Tullibody' and asks attendees to 'BRING YER OWN MUG'. The contact email 'Stbernadettespc@gmail.com' is at the very bottom. The poster is decorated with colorful bingo balls and stars.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9.30am to 12.30pm.**

All welcome. Basically to cut and prune trees and hedges and shred the branches. All ages. Even if you can only come for an hour. If you have your own tools all the better. **Need power saws.**

Thanks, *Fr Mike*



Kathleen Massanopoli is repeating her "Plant Sale" again this year.

The Plant sale, in conjunction with Glen Ochil Prison, will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 12noon and also after the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.