



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Diary

Sat	6 July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	7 July	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass <i>Sea Sunday Special Collection</i>
Mon	8 July	9.30am	Mass
Tues	9 July	~~~	No services
Wed	10 July	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	11 July	9.30am	Mass
Fri	12 July	7.00pm	Mass
Sat	13 July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	14 July	8.30am 9.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass ~ St John Vianney's Alva Mass

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading	Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm	122(123)
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6

Last Sunday's Collection

Non Gift Aid	£348.68
Gift Aid	£358.00
Total	£706.68



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, Susan Duvall, Alex Mulholland, Shirley Smith and Brian Robertson

Those who have died ~

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

Agnes Roberts, Bob Huber, George Campbell, Richard Clarke, Winnie Conlan, Moira Doherty, Iain Burns, Margaret Reid, Susanne Hughes, Emma Drysdale, Tom Harvey and Mgr. Tony Duffy

**Sea Sunday to be marked in churches across Dunkeld**

**Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times**

“Some of the seafarers I meet have travelled through the conflict area of the Red Sea, with its risks of attacks from Houthis, then have sailed on to the Black Sea with its own dangers, given there is no agreement on maritime safety,” says Stella Maris’ Odesa port chaplain Fr Alex Smerechynskyy in Ukraine.

As a result of the conflict in Gaza, ships sailing through the Red Sea face the threat of Houthi missiles, drone attacks and raiding parties. Since last November, the Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels.

Ships bound for Ukraine are now regarded by Russia as potential carriers of military cargo, making them legitimate targets. This follows the collapse of the UN Black Sea grain initiative to create a safe corridor for ships carrying Ukrainian food and fertiliser.

Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is one of the few maritime charities with chaplains based in Ukraine. They carry out ship visits from the southern port city of Odesa. Here they work with seafarers on the frontline, witnessing the impact it is having on them. **Continued.....**

Many shipowners are not allowing crew members to go ashore during their time in Odesa, for security reasons. So visits on board ships by the Stella Maris team there are proving increasingly important in countering the isolation and loneliness that seafarers often experience.

"Seafarers have signed on knowing the risks and receive additional pay as a result, but there is no respite for them and that has an effect," says Fr Alex.

"Once here in Odesa they can witness the drone attacks on the port and the city at close hand. This only adds to their stress and anxiety."

Being a seafarer is a tough job at the best of times. You are away from home for months, you work long hours, and you face possible accidents at sea. But ships being hit by bombs or missiles is an additional problem facing seafarers currently - and not the only one. There is now an alarming rise in cases of seafarers abandoned by shipowners: left in distant ports without money, support, or the means to get home.

Deacon Joe O'Donnell, Stella Maris' Senior Area Port Chaplain for Scotland helped an Indian crew recently. They had not received their wages for several months and were abandoned in Troon in south-west Scotland. "We supplied groceries, clothing, and free mobile phone SIM cards so they could talk to their families back home," he said. "The crew were also under a huge mental strain, with no money, no means of getting home and absolutely no idea what their future is. So we offered them pastoral support and reassurance.

Following our intervention, the crew was paid and returned home."

What happens on global shipping routes affects us all because much of the food and other products in our shops arrive on ships. That is everything from fish and fruit to computers and cars. We rely on seafarers and fishers perhaps more than we realise.

This year's Gospel for Sea Sunday (Mark 6: 7-13) emphasises the importance of service and hospitality for strangers as a sign of Christ's love. In this reading, Jesus instructed the disciples to take almost nothing with them - so they had to rely on the providence of God on their travels - and the generosity of the people they would stay with on the journey. Those people would be strangers to them - but the disciples were reliant on their hospitality.

When seafarers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. The Stella Maris teams answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger. They put their faith into action. Sea Sunday is sometimes celebrated on a different Sunday in other parishes. Let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands.

To find out more about Sea Sunday: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

To donate to Stella Maris, please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/>

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will celebrate this day on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at the Marian Shrine, Carfin, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

Café will be open for refreshments. Come along and celebrate this inter-generational event.

At our masses in St. Bernadette's there will be a special blessing for grandparents.

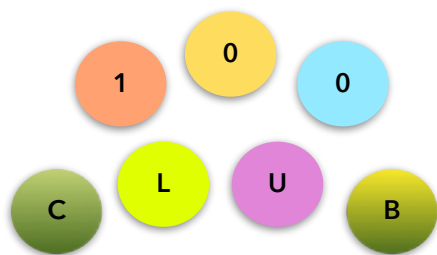
## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We remember to pray for the sick and pilgrims at Lourdes. Fr. Mike will be covering for Fr. Brian during this period.



Some viewers may have had problems with assisting mass last Sunday. It was a technical hitch here which hopefully has been resolved but we are uncertain about. It could repeat itself so NOT YOUR TV but a technical problem here. Our operator is away on holiday. Transmitting the mass on a Wednesday is a little more complicated that would first appear. Camera equipment has to be transferred to the winter chapel and then after mass in the church we reconnect everything and then via the computer download the mass to be transmitted. While our operator is away mass may not be transmitted.

*Fr Mike*



The Lourdes draw winners are:

1st £100. No 399 A Tierney

2nd £25. No 336 A Chadbank

Drawn this morning in Alva. Next draw will be Sunday 28th July in Tullibody after 11.45 Mass.