



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

### Parish Diary

Sat	22 Sep	8.45 to 9.15 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	23 Sep	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass
Mon	24 Sep	9.30am 4pm 7pm	Mass Hospital Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Hall
Tues	25 Sep	~~~	No services
Wed	26 Sep	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	27 Sep	9.30am	Mass
Fri	28 Sep	7pm	Mass ~ <b>Feast of St. Vincent De Paul.</b> All members from our group of SVDP invited.
Sat	29 Sep	8.45am to 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	30 Sep	8.30am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mass Mass Holy Hour ~ Season of Creation

<b>This Sunday's Readings</b>	
First Reading	Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm	53(54):3-6,8
Second Reading	James 3:16-43
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

<b>Last 2 Sunday Collections</b>	
Non Gift Aid	£758.62
Gift Aid	£765.85
Special Collection	350.81
Total	1875.28



**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, Brian Robertson, Pauline Waugh, Marisa Brown and John Lawlor

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

Marion Heggie, Agnes Roberts, Jim Hislop, Michael McKinnon, Fr. Jim Wallace, William Forsyth, Bridie Lamb, Archie McNiven, Grace & Archie Dickson, Sandy Soave, Peter Lamb, Kathy McLaughlin, John Mullan, Bert Skinner, Letica McGregor.

## **The Tablet ~ 14 sept 2024 ~ Paddy Agnew**

VATICAN GOSSIP relates that when Pope Francis confirmed that he would keep his promise to visit Indonesia, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and Singapore, some of his aides shook their heads in disbelief. As the Rome correspondent of every media organisation has pointed out over the past two weeks, Francis will soon be 88 years old, he has limited mobility, not to mention limited lung power (he has only one fully functioning lung) and has had a variety of health problems in recent years. So what was he doing, gallivanting around the Pacific on his longest overseas trip yet? He was being Francis, of course, taking a journey that combined many of the most important aspects of his pontificate - he was out there in the most peripheral of the peripheries, "being a shepherd, living with the smell of the sheep"; he was out there walking the "tunnel of friendship" that connects the Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta with the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, in the company of the Grand Imam Nasaruddin Umar; he was out there in a region of the world where the impact of climate change is terrifyingly real. It was an audacious signal to friends and enemies alike that even at this moment in his pontificate, Francis has plenty of energy and determination left to fulfil his mission.

Paddy Agnew reports on Italian football for World Soccer and on the Vatican for The Irish Independent

*Fr Mike*

# Children's Liturgy

Last week was a great success with the children going out at the beginning of mass and returning at the Offertory.



This will happen every SECOND and FOURTH Sunday.

Next week (16th September) is the Fourth Sunday, so please encourage your children to go out with the teachers.

Thank you for your support and a big thanks to our volunteers.

## Steps Update

Last Monday the firm began removing the existing ramp. However, it seems the next day their van, with many of their tools, was set alight presumably by vandals. We are not sure yet if they feel they can continue the work. Already we are looking at possible firms to take over and some have demonstrated interest.

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**BERNADETTE'S**  
6:00pm-8:45pm  
**Ceilidh**  
**DANCE**  
£10 per family  
£5 per additional adult  
**3.10.24**

# MASS STIPENDS

The custom of mass stipends or offerings arose in different circumstances and ways throughout Christianity and even finds its roots in the Old Testament but the majority have the same thought as their foundation. The practise how it developed and is today can easily differ between continents and cultures.

In Latin America when Europe was colonising the world the Spanish and Portuguese ships always had a chaplain whose salary was paid by the king. Once they began colonising the priests pay and upkeep generally relied on the rich land owners and slave owners. To remain independent of them and be able to support and serve the poor the idea of a mass offering was invented so the priest could live independent of the great powers of that time. The offering was meant to be the priest's daily support and allow him to be independent of those in power.

Many people do not realise that it is still possible to ask a priest to say Mass for a particular intention. Catholics believe that the Mass is a particularly powerful form of prayer and that it can be offered for a particular person or purpose. The Mass is a special way of presenting our needs to God and the stipend is a generous way of supporting the financial needs of the priest. Grace from the Eucharist flows out to all of us regardless of if we have made an offering. When we ask for a mass to be said for a particular intention the priest has the obligation under Canon Law to say that mass for the donor's intention.

It is important to remember the church does not charge to say a mass. You are not paying for the mass like a product in the supermarket. Most priests constantly offer mass without receiving a mass offering. It is a thoughtful contribution you give to support the daily needs of the priest. Today, except in the large cities and probably areas with a great Irish influence, the practise has almost died out. It would be good to explain to your children and grandchildren the importance of offering a mass for a special intention.

Mass stipends are probably unnecessary if priests were properly paid and on a salary. In many countries that is not the reality. However, the tradition as it is does help most priests financially even if in a very limited way.

The important thing is our participation in the Eucharist. Let us not forget the Eucharistic is the greatest Catholic prayer each one of us can offer to ask God for his help for ourselves or for others regardless of a mass stipend.