



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Diary

Sat	19 Oct	~~~~ 9.30am 5.30pm	No Confessions Morning Office & Holy Communion Diocesan Mission Conference, Forebank, Dundee Vigil Mass
Sun	20 Oct	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass <i>Mission Sunday</i>
Mon	21 Oct	9.30am	Mass
Tues	22 Oct	~~~	No services
Wed	23 Oct	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	24 Oct	9.30am	Mass
Fri	25 Oct	3pm ~~~~	Diocesan Synod meeting with Bishop Andrew, Dundee No Evening Mass
Sat	26 Oct	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	27 Oct	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass & <i>Children's Liturgy</i>

This Sunday's Readings	
First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm	32(33):4-5,18-20,22
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45

Last Sunday's Collection	
Non Gift Aid	£327.13
Gift Aid	£381.00
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Total	£708.13

## 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, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Fr John Callaghan, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Lina, Susan Duvall, Alex

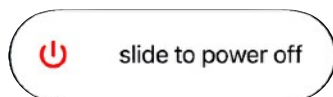
### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Frances Masterton, Brigid Doyle, Jim Doyle, Todd Hill, John Ruddy, Avril McDermott, Peter Dowd, John Craig, Moira Mankiewicz, Catherine Sinclair and Peter Lamb

## Mobile Phones!!

Over the past few months on quite a few occasions mobile phones have been ringing during mass.

Please, please, will you make sure they are turn off or in flight mode as soon as you enter the church.



## Children's Liturgy 27th October

Children go out at beginning of mass for their own special liturgy.

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# VATICAN MISSION NEWS

**REPORT** compared the numbers on the day of 31 December 2021 to the previous year on 31 December 2020.

There were 1.375 billion Catholics in the world, representing an overall increase of 16.24 million Catholics compared to the end of 2020.

The increase affects all continents, except Europe. As in the past, increases were registered above all in Africa and in the Americas.

The global percentage of Catholics decreased slightly to 17.67%.

## **Falling number of bishops, priests, religious**

The number of bishops and priests is also decreasing. There are 5,340 in the world, mostly Diocesan, with Religious Bishops decreasing as well.

The total number of priests in the world decreased to around 407,872, a drop in 2,347 priests.

The continent which registered the largest decrease was again Europe, with 3,632 fewer priests. Increases were registered in Africa and in Asia (1,518 and 719, respectively).

Diocesan priests in the world decreased by 911, while religious priests decreased by 1,400.

As the number of priests decreases, the number of Catholics per priest in the world increased, so in average there are 3,373 Catholics for every priest in the world, a rise of 59 people per priest.

However, the number of permanent deacons continues to increase all over the world, to 49,176.

Regarding women religious, there has been an overall decrease, with 10,588 fewer nuns. Here too Europe recorded the largest drop in consecrated women (7,804 fewer religious women).

## **Catholic schools and other services**

In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs more than 74,368 kindergartens with 7.565 million pupils, as well as 100,939 primary schools with 34.7 million students, and 49,868 secondary schools with 19.48 million pupils.

Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church include 5,405 hospitals and 15,276 homes for the elderly, chronically ill or people with a disability.

The number of orphanages counts over 9,703, mainly in Asia (3,230).

There are also 10,567 creches, 10,604 marriage counselling centres, 3,287 social rehabilitation centres, and 35,529 other kinds of institutes.

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## **PRIEST RATIO**

And while just over 20% of the world's Catholics live in Europe, 40% of the world's priests minister there. The Americas have 48% of the world's Catholics, but only 29.3% of the world's priests. The Vatican reported that 18.9% of the world's Catholics live in Africa and are served by 12.3% of the world's priests; 11% of Catholics live in Asia served by 17.3% of the world's priests; and just under 1% of the global Catholic population lives in Oceania where 1.1% of the world's priests live.

**The statistical office noted a "serious" imbalance in the ratio of Catholics per priest one priest for every 3,373 Catholics in the world.**

One priest for every 5,534 Catholics in the Americas

One priest for every 5,101 Catholics in Africa.

One priest for every 1,784 Catholics in Europe

One priest for every 2,137 Catholics in Asia

One priest for every 2,437 Catholics per priest in Oceania.

*Fr Mike*

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## **NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

The sacrifice of the mass is the greatest prayer we Catholics have. It is therefore important to remember our deceased loved ones at mass. Normally we do this round about the anniversary of their death. However, it is a tradition of the Church that in the month of November we remember our deceased loved ones. We pray for them and ask them to pray for us.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to list your intentions for the Holy Souls. These intentions will be included at all masses celebrated both by Fr Mike in St. Bernadette's. Please try to leave your mass intentions in the baskets by last Sunday of October.

There is no stipulation regarding how much your contribution for a mass stipend should be. However the intention behind the stipend is not to "pay" but to involve some form of sacrifice on the donors part and offer a contribution to the priest's living expenses. It would be excellent if people made the effort to go to at least one mid-week mass during the month to be actually involved in praying for your deceased loved ones.

Friday evenings we will remember our deceased priests especially those who have served recently in our area : Fr. Wallace, Fr. Michael Milton and Mgr Canon John Harty.

The Wednesday and Saturday morning masses people will be able to place a cross at the offertory to represent our deceased relatives.

*Fr Mike*

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