



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Diary

Sat	1 March	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	2 March	8.30am 11.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Meeting for Parents of Candidates for Sacraments Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation</b>
Mon	3 March	9.30am	Mass
Tues	4 March	~ ~ ~	No services
Wed	5 March	9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 7pm	Mass with Primary School St Modan's School Mass @ St Modans School Mass <b>Ash Wednesday ~ Day of Fasting</b>
Thurs	6 March	9.30am	Mass
Fri	7 March	7pm	No Evening Mass ~ <b>World Day of Women's Prayer</b> at St Bernadettes with the Church of Scotland.
Sat	8 March	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass ~ <b>Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception</b>
Sun	9 March	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>

<b>This Sunday's Readings</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	Sirach 27:4-7
<b>Psalm</b>	92(91):2-3, 13-16
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 15:54-58
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 6:39-45

<b>Last Sunday's Collection</b>	
<b>Non Gift Aid</b>	£394.51
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£410.10
	£0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£804.61</b>

## *Prayer Requests*

### **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, Shirley Smith, Denise Smith, Brian Robertson, Pauline Waugh and Melissa Brown

### **Those who have died recently ~**

John Clark, Stephen O'Grady, Alex Mulholland, Andrew Wilson

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

Bishop Vincent Logan, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Monsignor John Harty, Margaret Tobin, Andrew Wilson, Hannah McNiven, Sam Morrison, Stella Marcinkiewicz, Steven Marcinkiewicz, Josef Marcinkiewicz, and Ronald Marcinkiewicz, Vera Freyne, Cathie Stolarek, Helen Hasten, Paul Kochanech, Molly Hutchison, Anne Hilton, Catherine McGuire, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, John Clarke, Tom Mack, Frances Masterton, Margaret Bryne, Nina Smith and Jim Gallacher



**Pope Francis**  
@Pontifex

"I have recently received many messages of affection, and I have been particularly struck by the letters and drawings from children. Thank you for your closeness, and for the consoling prayers I have received from all over the world!"

## **SACRAMENTS**

This Sunday immediately after the 11.30am mass there is a meeting for ALL parents of our candidates for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. All parents should have filled in the necessary forms and included a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate.

## **WORLD DAY OF WOMEN'S PRAYER**

is a global ecumenical Movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year the prayer service was prepared by women on Cook Island. We invite everyone to come along.

*Fr Mike*

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

Normally by now we would have presented 2024 annual accounts so we all know how our money is being spent. We have held back just a little until we find out if the Insurance is going to pay for the storm damage as this will make a radical difference to our accounts. We should be able to do this soon. Any questions please ask.

## **PARISH UTILITIES**

The Parish Financial Council is looking for a volunteer to look after the parish utilities. This is really important and would be an enormous help. It does not involve much work. Basically it is to look after our gas & electricity bills. It would be helpful if you had a home computer so you could check the monthly bills and energy consumption. People interested please speak to Fr. Mike or Jim Boyle to explain what it involves.

## **SINODALITY**

### **Wednesday 26th March (7pm to 8.30pm)**

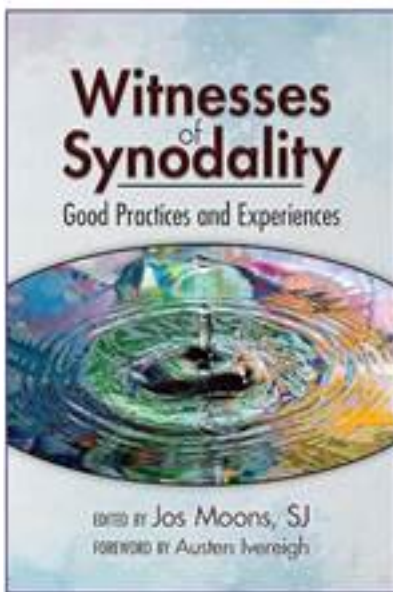
Mgr Aldo leads the Diocesan Synodality core group.

During Lent we will have a Deanery event when Mgr Aldo will share with us about the synodality synod and his participation of the retreat Pope Francis organised for 300 priests in Rome. There will then be space for a question & answers session. It is for all the 5 parishes in the Deanery and will be held in the parish hall in St.Mungo's Alloa. Please put the date in your diary. Besides accompanying what is happening in the church it would be good to do something special during Lent.

## Witnesses of Synodality: Good Practices and Experiences Paperback - 16 July 2024

by **Jos Moons SJ (Editor), Austen Ivereigh (Foreword)**

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—Sr. Nathalie Becquart, xmcj, Undersecretary, General Secretary of the Synod

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