



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Parish Diary

Sat	22 March	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	23 March	8.30am 11.30am 4pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross ~ <b>The children from St. Bernadette's school will be leading us in prayer. Please support.</b>
Mon	24 March	9.30am 7pm	Mass Synod: Diocesan course for facilitators, Kinross
Tues	25 March	10am	Requiem Mass for Agnes Smith
Wed	26 March	8.30am 9.30am 7pm - 8.30pm	Mass, St Modan's High School Mass Deanery Synod with Mgr Aldo. All encouraged to attend and welcome.
Thurs	27 March	9.30am	Mass with Primary School
Fri	28 March	7pm	Mass
Sat	29 March	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	30 March	8.30am 11.30am 4pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross <b>SCIAF Sunday</b>

### **SCIAF SUNDAY**

Next Sunday we have the special collection for SCIAF, our own Catholic Scottish Aid Agency. We may have an outside speaker to preach.

<b>This Sunday's Readings</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
<b>Psalm</b>	103(102): 1-4,6-8,11
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:1-9

<b>Last Sunday's Collection</b>	
<b>Non Gift Aid</b>	£314.76
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£240.00
<b>Special Collection</b>	£783.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1338.49</b>

## *Prayer Requests*

### **Those who are sick ~**

Joan Jones, Msgr. Basil O'Sullivan, Seamus Freyne, 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 and Melissa Brown

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

Agnes Smith and Pauline Waugh

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

Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMnemy, Katherine Carberry, Patricia Matthieson, Kathleen Clarke, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward.

## **First Confessions**

We remember the children in our prayers who will make their First Confessions on Monday 31st March.

## **Washing of the Feet**



There is a sheet at the back of the church for those who would like to be one of the 12 apostles and be involved in the washing of the feet at the Maundy Thursday mass. We struggle to find volunteers for this. In the past this was a privilege to be invited to the sanctuary to have a foot washed. Men, women and youth are encouraged.

# SYNOD

The Synod has dominated the Catholic church for the past 3 years. Lots of discussions, debates, arguments throughout the world about synodality. But what is it? What difference does it make to our parish or what difference should it make? Mgr Aldo coordinates the Diocesan Core group for Synodality and was also invited as one of the 300 parish priests for a week in Rome on synodality. Come along to listen, learn and ask your questions.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Mungo's hall in Alloa.



## Forging the Future

### DEANERY LENTEN EVENT

**Parishes of Holy Family, Dunblane; St Joseph the Worker, Callander; St John Vianney's, Alva; St Bernadette's, Tullibody; St Mungo's, Alloa**

## INVITE YOU

Mgr Aldo Canon Angelosanto WHO COORDINATES THE CORE GROUP on synodality in the Diocese of Dunkeld, and was invited by Pope Francis, to join 300 parish priests for a week's retreat in Rome on SYNODALITY will share with us. Come and discover more about synodality. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end.

**26<sup>TH</sup> March 2025, Wednesday**

**7PM TO 8.30PM**

**ST. MUNGO'S R.C. CHURCH HALL, MAR STREET, ALLOA**

Microsoft PowerPoint

## Parish Finances

Every year we give an explanation and account of our parish finances. This has been ready for a while but we have been holding off until we know if the Insurance company will pay the roof damage caused by the storm. Hopefully soon we can do this and also give information when we plan to begin the repairs.

## **World SYNOD Plan**

June 2025-December 2026 will concentrate on the diocese, according to guidance to be sent out in May. The idea here is to begin synodality in parishes, deaneries, dioceses and so on, or to deepen what is already happening, using tools and practices that foster the conversion of mindset and culture that synodality calls for.

First half of 2027 ~ Evaluation assemblies in Dioceses

Second half of 2027 ~ National bishops' conferences evaluations

First half 2028 ~ Continental level

June-October 2028 ~ Universal phase

## **Knights of St Columba Easter Draw**

With Fr Mike's permission, I'll be selling Knights of St Columba Easter Draw Raffle tickets this weekend.

The Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday at St Mungo's Church Hall.

The Knights of St Columba hold their Meetings on the 1st Thursday of every Month, 7pm at St Mungo's RC Parish Church Hall. All Catholic men are welcome.

## **Lourdes Youth Fund**

March's draw will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March after Tullibody's 11.30 Mass.

Please ensure that your subscriptions are up to date.

Reminder: Most annual subscriptions are now due to be paid.

I know most of you will be aware via our poster that next Wednesday Mgr. Aldo will be talking about "**SINODALITY**" and answering questions. We have lost the custom of coming out in an evening and especially to deepen our understanding of the faith. If we look at our church just now we perhaps could say that despite our good will and efforts what we are doing is not working. The Church does not correspond to the modern days demands of mission and probably not what Jesus had in mind. We need to look out to new ways to interpret the signs of the times and learn how to walk with Jesus today and attend the cries of his people. Pope Francis obviously with thousands of others sees this as a probably way forward.

It is Lent so an opportune moment to make a special effort and even more so when it could be not just for the Church's growth but our own too. Please come along and join us:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

At St. Mungo's Hall (behind the church), Alloa