

# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## Holy Week

Sat	12 April	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	13 April	8.30am 11.30am 4pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross <b>Palm Sunday</b>
Mon	14 April	9am - 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Confessions Mass Penitential Service
Tues	15 April	7pm	St Serf's, Church of Scotland ~ Ecumenical Service
Wed	16 April	9am - 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Confessions Mass Cathedral, Dundee, Mass of Unity and Holy Oils.
Thurs	17 April	9am - 9.15am 9.30am 7.30pm  10.20pm	Confessions Mass Sacred Tridium ~ Mass of Washing of the Feet, Institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood. Final Prayers in Reserved Chapel
Fri	18 April	3pm	Veneration of the Cross and Passion <b>Good Friday</b>
Sat	19 April	8.45am - 9.15am 8pm	Confessions Easter Vigil Mass. <b>Easter</b>
Sun	20 April	8.30am 11.30am	Easter Mass Easter Mass  <b>Easter Sunday</b>  "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." ~ ~ <b>Matthew 28:6</b>

This Sunday's Readings	
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 50:4-7
<b>Psalm</b>	22(21): 8-9,17-20,23-24
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 2: 6-11
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 22: 14-23:56

Last Sunday's Collection	
<b>Non Gift Aid</b>	£302.59
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£433.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£735.59</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, Melissa Brown and Teresa Cooke.

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

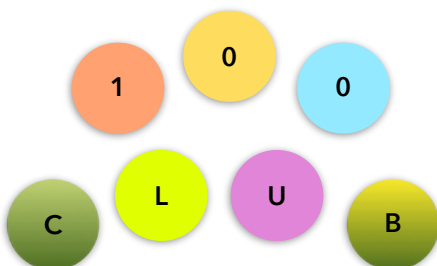
Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMnemy, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward, Margaret Giannandrea, Canon Hugh McNally, Kate McNeil, Cathy Morrison, Lula O'Brien, David Tobin, Anne McNiven, Kathleen Clarke.



The palm crosses we have bought come from Africa. Palm Crosses are made in eight villages in the Southern Region of Tanzania.

All Profits go towards supporting educational and healthcare projects in the Southern Region of Tanzania

*Fr Mike*



March draw winners.

1st. No 23 Megan Tobin

2nd No 258 Duncan McGregor

The next draw will be in Tullibody on the 27th April 2025 after 11.30 Mass.



## **Easter Lillies**

Please hand in your mass intentions for our beloved deceased and donations for lillies & Easter white flowers.

If church is closed, please post through the front door.

Please do this by Wednesday so that flowers can be bought in time.

## **Paschal Candle & New Passion Lectionaries**

Thanks to two families who donated money so we could buy a new paschal candle for 2025 and the new lectionaries for the reading of the Passion.

We all appreciate your generosity.

*Fr Mike*

## **SCIAF Boxes**

Please remember to hand in your boxes.

## **What is HOLY WEEK?**

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ – his crucifixion, death and resurrection – through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

### **What Is the Triduum?**

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. However, in the liturgy, each day has its unique qualities and different focuses.

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## **Holy Thursday**

So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you?" ~ John 13:12

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum. On this night we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the end of the liturgy, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most somber of feasts, Good Friday.

## **Good Friday**

He said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. ~ John 19:30

Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. Good Friday is not merely a commemoration of a historical event; rather, Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, along with his glorious resurrection, comprise the heart of the Christian faith.

Good Friday is not a Mass; holy Communion that is distributed had been consecrated on Holy Thursday and kept in the tabernacle for adoration. Also, many parishes offer Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

## **Easter Vigil**

Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there. ~ John 19:41-42

The Easter Vigil is the restoration of the early Church's tradition as the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. It is the high point in the liturgical year. The vigil begins in darkness (usually outside) and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

## **Easter Sunday**

Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass with the singing of the Gloria and alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist. The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for the whole family!