



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## **POPE FRANCIS ~ 2013 – 2025** **Pope Francis "may he rest in peace"**

"When the votes reached two-thirds, there was the usual applause, because the pope had been elected. And he gave me a hug and a kiss and said: 'Don't forget the poor!' And those words came to me: the poor, the poor. Then, right away, thinking of the poor, I thought of Francis of Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars, as the votes were still being counted, till the end. Francis is also the man of peace. That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi. ... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!"

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat	26 April	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	27 April	8.30am 11.30am  4pm	Mass Mass ~ Bishop Andrew will celebrate Sacrament of Confirmation Stations of the Cross ~ Way of the Light  <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Mon	28 April	9.30am 12pm	Mass Deanery Meeting, Tullibody
Tues	29 April	~ ~ ~ ~	No services
Wed	30 April	9.30am 6.30pm	Mass School Parent Council meeting
Thurs	1 May	9am	Mass (Of Eastertide)
Fri	2 May	11am  7pm	Diocesan Mission meeting, Tullibody with Duncan McLaren Mass (Mass of St Joseph the Worker)
Sat	3 May	<b>~ ~ ~ ~</b> 9.30am 10am  5.30pm	<b>No Confessions</b> Morning Office & Holy Communion Diocesan Mission meeting at Forebank, Dundee Vigil Mass
Sun	4 May	8.30am 11.30am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Baptism
Sun	11 May	11.30am - 3pm	First Communion Retreat

This Sunday's Readings	
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 5: 12-16
<b>Psalm</b>	118(117): 2-4,22-27
<b>Second Reading</b>	Revelation 1: 9-13,17-19
<b>Gospel</b>	John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection	
<b>Non Gift Aid</b>	£829.95
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£775.00
<b>Holy Places</b>	£284.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1889.38</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, Teresa Cooke and Margo Tobin.

## 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.

## Way of the Light

Next 3 Sundays at 4pm we have the **STATIONS OF THE LIGHT**.

The Via Lucis, or "Way of Light," is a Christian devotion that complements the Stations of the Cross. It focuses on the events following the Resurrection of Jesus, particularly during the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost. Essentially, it's a series of meditations on the post-Resurrection appearances and other significant episodes recorded in the New Testament. They take about 20 minutes.

All Welcome.

## Confirmations

Congratulations to those who are being confirmed this weekend

## Knights of St Columba Easter Raffle

Thank you to all who contributed to this Charity Event. St Bernadette's Winners :

Kim Ward - £25 gift voucher.

Victoria Ryan - Specialty Easter Egg.

Margaret McKay - Specialty Easter Egg.

(Main Prizes were won between St Mungo's and St Serf's High Valleyfield)

Thank You once again!

Jim McKay KSC

# **Pope Francis transformed the church—and challenged the world**

A Video Tribute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yymjWTVM2vl>

## **A prayer from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States**

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.

Pope Francis, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us. Amen.

Dear Father Mike,

Please accept our deepest sympathies as you, your clergy, congregation, and the Catholic community at large, steer through this season of sorrow. May God grant you peace and strength.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you grieve. May God's peace and grace be with you always.

Shalom

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