



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## 4th Sunday of Easter

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| Sat   | 10 May | 8.45am - 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>5.30pm       | Confessions<br>Mass<br>Vigil Mass   |
| Sun   | 11 May | 8.30am<br>11.30am<br>11.30am - 3pm<br>4pm | Mass<br>Mass ~ <b>Children's Liturgy</b><br>First Communion Retreat<br>Stations of Light                              |
| Mon   | 12 May | 9.30am<br>10am<br>5pm                     | Mass<br>Health & Safety survey<br>Facilitators meeting  |
| Tues  | 13 May | ~ ~ ~ ~                                   | No services   |
| Wed   | 14 May | 9.30am<br>1pm<br>6pm                      | Mass<br>Diocesan Friendly's Lunch, Perth<br>PFC meeting   |
| Thurs | 15 May | 9am<br>10.30am<br>11.30am<br>2pm          | Mass<br>Diocesan office<br>Director's meeting with Bishop. Lawside, Dundee<br>Assisted Suicide Bill, Forebank, Dundee |
| Fri   | 16 May | 7pm                                       | Mass  |
| Sat   | 17 May | 8.45am - 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>5.30pm       | Confessions<br>Mass<br>Vigil Mass   |
| Sun   | 18 May | 8.30am<br>11.30am                         | Mass<br>Mass  |

### This Sunday's Readings

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| <b>First Reading</b>  | Acts 13:14,43-52      |
| <b>Psalm</b>          | 100(99): 1-3,5        |
| <b>Second Reading</b> | Revelation 7: 9,13-17 |
| <b>Gospel</b>         | John 10: 27-30        |

### Last Sunday's Collection

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|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Non Gift Aid</b> | £443.06        |
| <b>Gift Aid</b>     | £307.00        |
| ~ ~ ~ ~             | £0             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£750.06</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, Margo Tobin and John Lawlor

## Those who have died recently ~

Andrew 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, Annette Morgan, Canon Michael Milton, Cathy Whalen.

## Please help!

The list of "Prayer Requests for those who are sick" needs to be updated, but I'm sorry I don't know who's still sick or has thankfully recovered. If any of you know please let me know, so I can update the list. Thank you.

Richard O'Grady ([rogrady@me.com](mailto:rogrady@me.com))

## Way of the Light

This Sunday 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.

It will take about 20 minutes and all are welcome.

## Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage has medical team and a group of helpers who assist those pilgrims who would otherwise be unable to go to Lourdes.

We unexpectedly have an opening for such a pilgrim to join us from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2025. If you or someone you know would like to make this pilgrimage and would benefit from our help please contact [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com),

Ruth Anne, 07801 227 443.



## POPE LEO

### Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A

[Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost](#), a former prefect of the influential Dicastery for Bishops, is a Chicago-born prelate with views close to Pope Francis who spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two

consecutive terms.

Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) in 1977 and made his solemn vows in 1981.

His educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University in 1977, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and both a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. His doctoral thesis was on "The role of the local prior in the Order of Saint Augustine."

His career in the Church has been marked by significant roles and achievements.

After his ordination as a priest in 1982, Prevost [joined](#) the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and served as chancellor of the Territorial Prélature of Chulucanas from 1985 to 1986.

He spent the year 1987 to 1988 in the United States as pastor for vocations and director of missions for the Augustinian Province of Chicago before returning to Peru where he spent the next ten years heading the Augustinian seminary in Trujillo and teaching canon law in the diocesan seminary, where he was also prefect of studies. He also served in other capacities there, including as a parish pastor, diocesan official, director of formation, seminary teacher, and judicial vicar.

In 1999, he returned to Chicago and was elected provincial prior of the "Mother of Good Counsel" province in the archdiocese. Two and a half years later he was elected prior general of the Augustinian and served two terms until 2013.

In 2014, he returned to Peru when Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo. He was elevated to Bishop of Chiclayo in 2015. While there, he also served as vice-president and member of the permanent council of the Peruvian Bishops' Conference from 2018 to 2023.

During that time, Peru's bishops reportedly played an [important role](#) in ensuring institutional stability during the successive political crises that led to the overthrows of successive presidents.

In 2020 and 2021, Prevost served as apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru.

Pope Francis [appointed](#) Prevost prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in January 2023, a powerful position responsible for selecting bishops, a position he held until Pope Francis died on April 21, 2025. On September 30, 2023, Pope Francis elevated Prevost to the rank of Cardinal

On key topics, Cardinal Prevost says little but some of his positions are known. He is [reportedly](#) very close to Francis' vision regarding the [environment](#), outreach to the poor and migrants, and meeting people where they are.

Prevost has faced some controversy regarding clergy sexual abuse although he has been defended in both instances

He supported Pope Francis' change in pastoral practice to allow divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Holy Communion. Prevost appears somewhat less favourable to currying Favor with the LGBTQ lobby than Francis, but he showed mild support for *Fiducia Supplicans*.<sup>1</sup>

# Parish Pastoral Council Update

The PPC met last week where a full agenda was discussed and decisions made:-

## **STORM DAMAGE**

Although the Diocese is appealing the Insurance company have not accept our insurance claim for the storm damage. This is due to small print in the contract where it states we must have an independent certificate every 3 years stating the flat roof is in good condition. We do check this but we have never paid a firm to have a certificate. We were unaware of this.

The PPC decided not to wait for a final decision and that we will begin repairs renegotiating with firms about the costs of the repairs. It has to be done. We are hopeful we will keep costs below £15,000. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the final painting.

It was decided to write to the Diocese raising the question that although we appreciate the support given to us there has been no mention of helping the parish with the financial costs. There was a long discussion. Although we "hear" the Diocese has no money once again it was raised just how exactly is our 23% of our collections that goes to the Diocese being spent and when we could do with financial help there is none.

## **REPAIRS**

During the repairs we may have to be a little flexible but we do not think they will disrupt our liturgies and activities. When they do begin it has been decided that weekday morning mass will be in the main church. The small hall will function as a "store room" as everything will have to be removed from the 2 sacristies and office. The day we do the removals we will need quite a few volunteers.

## **CHURCH ELECTRICS**

Most people are unaware that over the past years since we have had the air pump heaters installed quite often, they over burden the electrical circuit and the fuses switch off. They need to be on a separate circuit. It was decided this has to be done before the winter so we will contract a firm to do this immediately as possible. We have found an excellent price and hopefully will be done for less than £2,000. The work should not disrupt our use of the church.