



# St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat	3 May	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	<b>No Confessions</b> Morning Office 7 Holy Communion Vigil Mass
Sun	4 May	8.30am 11.30am 12.30pm 4pm	Mass Mass Baptism Stations of the Resurrection.
Mon	5 May	9.30am 7pm	Mass Parish Pastoral Council meeting together with PFC and F & Min parish hall.
Tues	6 May	~ ~ ~ ~	No services
Wed	7 May	9.30am	Mass <b>Conclave begins today</b>
Thurs	8 May	9am	Mass
Fri	9 May	7pm	Mass
Sat	10 May	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	11 May	8.30am 11.30am 11.30am - 3pm	Mass Mass First Communion Retreat



conclave 2025

This Sunday's Readings	
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 5: 27-32,40-41
<b>Psalm</b>	30(29):2,4-6,11-13
<b>Second Reading</b>	Revelation 5: 11-14
<b>Gospel</b>	John 21:1-14

Last Sunday's Collection	
<b>Non Gift Aid</b>	£373.62
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£418.00
<b>SCIAF</b>	£673.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1465.16</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, Annette Morgan, Canon Michael Milton, Cathy Whalen.

# Way of the Light

Next 2 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 and all are welcome.

# Francis, a pope of many firsts

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## A Jesuit pope

Jorge Mario Bergoglio became a pope of many firsts: the [first modern pope from outside Europe](#), the first whose papal name honors St. Francis of Assisi, [and the first Jesuit](#) - a Catholic religious order founded in the 16th century.

Those Jesuit roots shed light on Pope Francis' approach to some of the world's most pressing problems.

## LGBTQ+ issues

Early on in his papacy, Francis famously [told an interviewer](#), "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?" Over the years, he has repeatedly called on Catholics to love LGBTQ+ people and spoken against laws that target them.

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But “Francis’ inclusiveness is not actually radical.” “His remarks generally correspond to what the church teaches and calls on Catholics to do,” without changing doctrine – such as that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Rather, Francis’ comments “express what the Catholic Church says about human dignity,” [Millies writes](#). “Francis is calling on Catholics to take note that they should be concerned about justice for all people.”

### **Asking forgiveness**

At times, Francis did something that was once unthinkable for a pope: He apologised.

He was not the first pontiff to do so, however. Pope John Paul II declared a sweeping “Day of Pardon” in 2000, asking forgiveness for the church’s sins, and Pope Benedict XVI apologised to victims of sexual abuse. During Francis’ papacy, he acknowledged the church’s historic role in Canada’s residential school system for Indigenous children and apologised for abuses in the system.

### **A church that listens**

Many popes convene meetings of the Synod of Bishops to advise the Vatican on church governance. But under Francis, these gatherings took on special meaning.

The Synod on Synodality was a multiyear, worldwide conversation where Catholics could share concerns and challenges with local church leaders, informing the topics synod participants would eventually [discuss in Rome](#). What’s more, the synod’s voting members included not only bishops but lay Catholics – a first for the church.

### **Global dance**

In 2024, University of Notre Dame professor [David Lantigua](#) had a cup of maté tea with some “porteños,” as people from Buenos Aires are known. They shared a surprising take on the Argentine pope: “a theologian of the tango.”

Francis does love the dance – in 2014, thousands of Catholics tangoed in St. Peter’s Square to honour his birthday. But [there’s more to it](#), Lantigua explains. Francis’ vision for the church was “based on relationships of trust and solidarity,” like a pair of dance partners. And part of his task as pope was to “tango” with all the world’s Catholics, carefully navigating culture wars and an increasingly diverse church.

Francis was “less interested in ivory tower theology than the faith of people on the streets,” where Argentina’s beloved dance was born.

Dear Catholic Community in Clackmannanshire and the Catholic Education  
Community Across Scotland,

I wanted to reach out and express my deepest condolences following the passing of the Pope. My thoughts are very much with all of you during this time of profound loss and reflection.

I recognise the significant impact the Pope's life and teachings have had on the Catholic community here in Clackmannanshire and indeed across Scotland. His spiritual leadership and global influence have touched the lives of so many, and his passing will undoubtedly be felt deeply within your schools, parishes, and homes.

Please know that the entire education community stands in solidarity with you. We understand the importance of faith and the role it plays in the lives of our children, families, and staff. We offer our full support as you navigate this period of mourning and remembrance.

May you find strength and comfort in faith and in the support of one another.

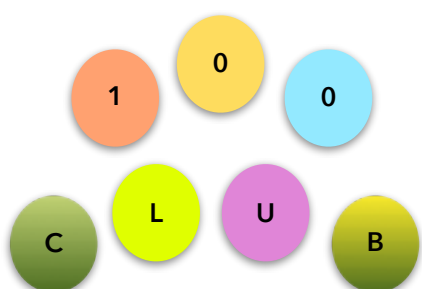
With sincere sympathy,

Colin Bruce

Chief Education Officer

## ST. BERNADETTE'S / ST. MODANS

All the children at St. Bernadette's that asked to go to St Modan's this year were granted their requests.



The winners of April's draw were:

No 168. £100 Margaret McKay

No 224 £ 25 Bernadette McBurney

The next draw will take place in Alva on  
25th of May. Please ensure your  
subscriptions are up to date.