



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	6 September	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	7 September	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass
Mon	8 September	9.30am 12pm	Mass Synodality Core Group, Dundee
Tues	9 September	~ ~ ~ ~	No Services
Wed	10 September	9.30am 10am - 1pm	Mass External Audit
Thurs	11 September	9.30am 12pm - 5pm 7pm	Mass Missio, Aidrie St Serf's Tullibody, Inter Parish meeting
Fri	12 September	7pm	Mass ~ Season of Creation
Sat	13 September	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	14 September	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass ~ Children's Liturgy

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading	Wisdom 9: 13-18
Psalm	90(89): 3-6,12-14,17
Second Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Luke 14: 25-33

Last Sunday's Collection

Non Gift Aid	£299.22
Gift Aid	£445.80
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Total	£745.02

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, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing, Susan Duvall, Brian Robertson, Melissa Brown, Margo Tobin, John Lawlor and Lisa Mcilwrath, Father Frank Smith MHM, Fr. Malcom Hutchinson, Margaret Smith

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Marion Heggie, Agnes Roberts, Jim Hislop, Michael McKinnon, Fr Jim Wallace, William Forsyth, Bridie Lamb, Archie McNiven, Grace & Archie Dickson, Sandy Soave

INTERPAROQUIAL MEETING

This week representatives of our parish will meet with representatives of St. Serf's, Church of Scotland. We share a lot in common- diminishing numbers, aging congregation, fewer volunteers, little resources. But also a desire to spread the Good News and to reach out and be of service to the most needs in our neighbourhoods. We do come together a few times every year but mostly to pray. We both want to deepen this and see if we can work and share some resources in a way that benefits other people. We are coming together not to dream up some high flying project but to discuss, with our very limited resources, how can we work together. We pray the Holy Spirit will be with us inspiring us to be creative with a spirit of service.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.”

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

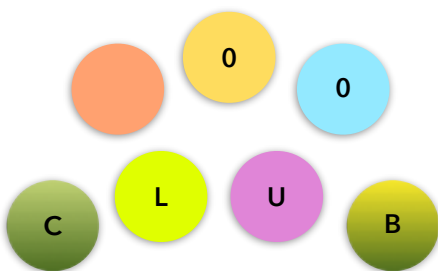


**Suggested Practical Actions for Parishes / Families
during the Season of Creation**

“For we know that things can change!” (Laudato Si’, 13)

- Look up the Laudato Si’ Action Platform and see how your family, school, parish or business might achieve the Laudato Si’ Goals by 2030: www.laudatosiactionplatform.org
- Spend some time outside each day, in awareness, reconnect with nature.
- Pray in and with nature – Encourage Laudato Si’ themed gardens in your parish; bless an area on church grounds specifically for outdoor meditation or prayer.
- Organise a parish clean up, river clean up, beach clean-up during the Season of Creation.
- Check out the Faith Community Pollinator plan and think about how you could implement this in your church grounds, creating wildflower meadows, installing bug hotels etc. <https://pollinators.ie/communities/faith-communities/>
Invite local schools or groups to help.
- Start to grow some of your own food; support local producers.
- Compost your garden and food waste, in the parish too!
- Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home or parish garden.
- Use (vinegar, baking soda) and buy eco- friendly cleaners. See (www.ecoverdirect.com)
- Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in your parish grounds. www.biodiversityireland.ie
- Shop wisely. Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made products when possible.
- Avoid waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat.
- Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home/parish more energy efficient.
- Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business and school, parish buildings (www.seai.ie). Many grants are available for your community.
- Participate in the Think Before You Flush campaign (www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org) and display the ‘Dirty Dozen’ posters in toilets in your parish buildings.
- Consider installing water butts in your gardens.
- Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live.
- Explore Trócaire’s 100 ways for Parishes to implement Laudato Si’ (<https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/parishes/100-ways-to-implement-laudato-si.pdf>)
- Become an Eco – Parish. See www.ecocongregationireland.com
- Discuss with / write to your local TD to express your concern on Ireland’s record on addressing the climate crisis. Check out www.onefuture.ie for some ideas.
- Can we help to conserve and protect water in our area? Water is the source of life for all living things. Can we restore a local Holy Well? Take a pilgrimage to a local Holy Well. Celebrate National Holy Well’s Day in June each year.

- Get in touch with local Environmental Action Groups such as Men's Sheds or Tidy Towns and/or organisations such as Trocaire, Friends of the Earth, World Health Organization, Medecin sans Frontieres, etc.
- Can we spread hope across the world by twinning with a village in a drought-stricken area?
- Refuse single use plastics such as cling film, straws, plastic cutlery.
- Switch to a reusable water bottle /travel cup.
- Use cloth bags for shopping; Bring/Use your own containers when possible.
- Check for and then avoid microbeads in products.
- Refuse packaging – Avoid - Reduce - Re-use – Recycle - Upcycle
- Check the new recycling list www.recyclinglistireland.ie
- Organise a recycling workshop in your parish/community www.voiceireland.org
- Show a film or documentary on the topic in your parish/community
- Participate in a beach, stream, river, park, street, area, road clean-up.
- Organise a Laudato Si' Book Club using support from <https://www.trocaire.org/documents/laudato-si-book-club/>
- Sign up to host a screening of the forthcoming **Laudato Si' Movie – The Invitation** - in Winter 2022 / Spring 2023 – contact jane.mellett@trocaire.org to sign up.



Drawn in Alva 31st August
 1st 214 ~ B Fearon
 2nd 67 ~ E Millar

The next draw will be after 11.30am Mass
 in Tullibody on 28th September