



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	18 October	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 9.30am to 3.30pm 5.30pm	No Confessions Morning Office and Holy Communion Diocesan Mission Event, Dundee Vigil Mass
Sun	19 October	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass Mission Sunday Special Collection
Mon	20 October	9.30am 11am	Mass Synodality Meeting, St Nina's, Dundee
Tues	21 October	~ ~ ~ ~	No Services
Wed	22 October	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	23 October	9.30am	Mass
Fri	24 October	7pm	Mass
Sat	25 October	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	26 October	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass

After Mass: Meeting for ALL parents/carers of candidates for all the sacraments during 2026. (First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation)

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading	Exodus 17: 8-13
Psalm	121(120): 1-8
Second Reading	2 Timothy 3: 1-4
Gospel	Luke 18: 1-8

Last Sunday's

Non Gift Aid	£276.90
Gift Aid	£335.00
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Total	£611.90

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 ~

Frances Masterton, Brigid Doyle, Jim Doyle, Todd Hill, John Ruddy, Avril McDermott, Peter Dowd, John Craig, Moira Mankiewicz, Catherine Sinclair, Peter Lamb

Sunday October 12 Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we are called by Pope Leo to be "Missionaries of Hope". We can do this by being part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide hope to those most in need. Let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support through Missio Scotland for our Catholic brothers and sisters in mission countries.

Sunday - 26th October at the end of the 11.30am mass there will be a meeting in the church for all the parents/carers of ALL the children who are candidates for First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation.

Please understand how important this is. If the child has no parent or carer present they will NOT celebrate the sacrament in 2026. Please be present.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

19 OCTOBER 2025



As part of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Missio Scotland is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission.

We are part of a worldwide network of prayer and charity, supporting missionaries around the world.

POPE FRANCIS THOUGHTS ON THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Pope Francis issued a [mission statement](#) for his papacy that outlined his hope that the Catholic Church would become more merciful to the needy and less "confined and clinging to its own security.

He explained his hope to reform the church into a more missionary organization that "gets its hands dirty" for the sake of the poor and oppressed in a world that prizes profit over people.

"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," he wrote. "I do not want a church concerned with being at the center and then ends up by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures."

He added: "More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us, 'Give them something to eat.'"

Pope Leo at a recent Jubilee Mass announced the opening of a NEW MISSIONARY AGE.



He appealed for a "Mission of remaining that will proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. Support for the missions no longer just means sending money abroad : this Christian obligation affects how we behave on our own street."

United Kingdom

Number of Catholics: 4,787,000

Catholics per priest: 847

Peru

Number of Catholics: 28,160,000

Catholics per priest: 10,170

India

Number of Catholics: 17,005,000

Catholics per priest: 1,356

Ireland

Number of Catholics: 4,161,000

Catholics per priest: 887

United States

Number of Catholics: 64,621,000

Catholics per priest: 1,439

Brazil 1 priest per 8,500 Catholics

Uganda 1 priest per 10,000 Catholics

Mexico 1 priest per 2,784 Catholics

Nigeria 1 priest per 4,236 Catholics

Ecuador 1 priest per 5,320 Catholics

France 1 priest per 6,000 Catholics