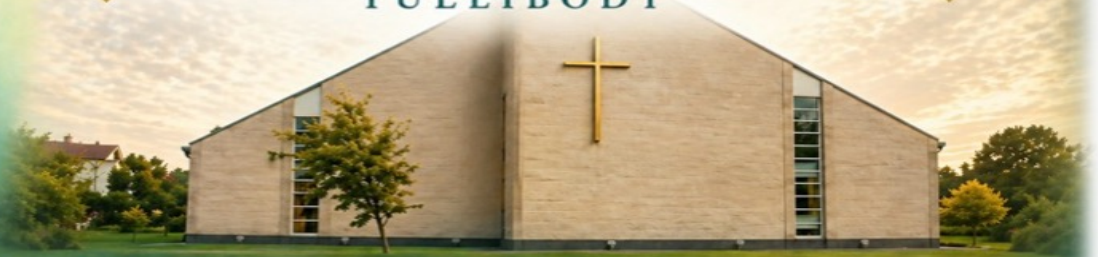




ST. BERNADETTE'S RC CHURCH TULLIBODY



Newsletter

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	13 June	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Dunkeld Mission Group, Dundee Morning Office & Holy Communion Vigil Mass
Sun	14 June	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass
Mon	15 June	9.30am 10am 4pm	Mass Mill Hill UK Superior visit Airport
Tues	16 June	~ ~ ~ ~	No Services
Wed	17 June	9.30am 11am	Mass Edinburgh Father Mikes' 49th Anniversary in Priesthood
Thurs	18 June	9.30am	Mass
Fri	19 June	7pm	Mass
Sat	20 June	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	21 June	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass

This Sunday's Readings	
First Reading	Exodus 19: 2-6
Psalm	100(99): 1-5
Second Reading	Romans 5: 6-11
Gospel	Matthew 9: 36-10

Last Sunday's Collection	
Non Gift Aid	£507.51
Gift Aid	£429.00
SCIAF	£882.49
Total	£1819.00

Prayer Requests

Those who are sick ~

Joan Jones, Msgr. Basil O'Sullivan, Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, 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, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing, Susan Duvall, Brian Robertson, Melissa Brown, Margo Tobin, John Lawlor and Lisa Mcilwrath, Fr. Hutchinson, Margaret Smith, Kath Massanopoli, Bobby Williamson, Corbin Hollywood, Harry Reid

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMenemy, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward, Margaret Giannandrea, Canon Hugh McNally, Kate McNeil, Cathy Morrison, Lula O'Brien, David Tobin, Anne McNiven, Kathleen Clarke, Seamus McShane, Annette Morgan, Canon Michael Milton, Cathy Whalen, Maeve Bain, Helen Martin

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Met last week. There was a reflection and discussion on areas of concern just now in the parish: Altar servers, Reader, Eucharistic Ministers and pass-keepers. It was decided after the summer holidays to prepare material to go into the Newsletter about each group. We do need more people and we need to become more aware of the importance of these ministries. Although there has been enormous improvements we need to better the organisation of each ministry and increase their numbers. We will do this when people are back from their holidays. However, we will start with our altar servers as new servers can take the opportunity of the summer holidays to gain experience. Please encourage younger first communicants.

We agreed we should encourage more adults to come forward to serve on the altar.

There was a sharing of ideas on the project we have prepared to send to an organisation to help buy new crib figures for this Christmas. We no longer have a full set of crib figures and we need to update. This is an important visual aid especially for children but very expensive to renew.

Final arrangements were discussed to send a letter to the Diocese regarding what has to be exempt from the Diocesan levy.



Are you in Primary School or Secondary School?

- ✨ Would you like to serve Jesus in a special way at Mass?
- ✨ Do you enjoy learning new skills and being part of the Church family?

Join the Altar Servers!

The Summer School Holidays are a wonderful time to learn and practise serving at Mass. By attending weekday Masses, you can receive training and gain confidence in serving at the altar.

As an Altar Server, you will:

- Assist the priest during Mass
- Learn more about the liturgy and the Church
- Grow in faith and friendship
- Serve God and the parish community
- Be part of a proud and respected ministry

17 Summer Training Opportunity

Attend our weekday Masses during the school holidays and learn the duties of an altar server through hands-on practice and guidance.

"Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will." (Psalm 40:8)

We Need You!

Boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are warmly invited to join. For more information, please speak to the Parish Priest or contact the Parish Office.

🙏 Come and serve. Come and learn. Come and be part of something special!

A prayer for the World Cup

Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of football and its enthusiastic following across the globe.

We rejoice in the excitement and joy the World Cup brings to millions of people watching in person, on TV or online.

We pray for all the teams taking part, for their stamina, their skill and their safety.

We give you thanks for the amazing abilities of the players representing their countries, and the commitment that has taken them to the pinnacle of their sport.

We pray for us, as spectators, that we may know joy in the results and satisfaction with the performances...and a sense of perspective if our team goes home early.

We pray that the World Cup will be a wonderful spectacle, encouraging national pride and international co-operation, and that it will provide a platform where your gospel may be declared.

We ask that it would inspire people around the world to strive for the best in all they seek to do.

In *The Yorkshire Post* on Wednesday, Archbishop Cottrell said of the tournament, taking place in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, that “many people’s attention will naturally turn to the drama on the pitch — the last-minute goals, the tactical midfield battles, and the emergence of new heroes.”

He continued: “Yet beyond the spectacle, there is something deeper at work — something that stretches far beyond stadiums and television screens. At its very best, the World Cup draws communities together in ways that can be surprising. . .

“It reminds us that, despite our differences, we can still come together. People who might never otherwise meet find common ground. A goal celebrated in Buenos Aires or Cape Town can spark the same elation in Leeds or Sheffield. We sing together, we embrace the stranger next to us when a goal is scored. It is as if football speaks a universal language.”

Archbishop Cottrell also drew attention to the increasing “willingness of some players to speak openly about their faith”.

As players prepare for the start of the World Cup, many of their social-media pages carry Bible verses and messages of thanks to God.

The Manchester City winger Jérémy Doku, who is playing for Belgium, this week posted Proverbs 21.31 (“The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord”) and wrote: “Ready for the big stage. Ready for the challenge. Glory to Jesus always.” He was also photographed in training and wearing a wristband, produced by the group Ballers in God, that said “I Belong to Jesus”.

Noni Madueke, an Arsenal player, wrote on social media after his surprise selection for the England squad: “God, thank you for allowing me to fulfil the dreams you put in my heart. You’ve walked with me the whole way and I know you’ll continue to do so. I serve a God that opens door for his children. I’m nothing without you, please continue to have your hand over my life.” Mr Madueke is a member of Arsenal’s “Bible brothers”, who meet regularly to pray at the club’s training ground.

Players and coaches from the Dutch Caribbean island Curaçao, the smallest ever nation to qualify for the World Cup, gathered to pray and sing songs of praise last week before heading to the United States.

TryPraying, a Christian organisation based in Edinburgh, is seeking to capitalise on footballers’ professions of faith to reach fans with the gospel.

It has booked “four humorous and fast-moving ads”, made by the Christian charity SaltSellers UK, on Heart Radio and TalkSport to reach “combined weekly audiences of 3.83 million”. These “promote a special edition booklet containing personal faith stories from top international footballers”.

The Christian charity World Vision is drawing attention to how football brings hope and joy to children in countries that have qualified for the World Cup and that are affected by conflict and climate change.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which has qualified for the first time since 1974, the charity runs a Child Friendly Space, where children play football. The DRC has been riven with conflict in recent years. Rwandan-backed M23 rebels invaded the city of Goma last year ([News, 30 January](#)), and the country is in an Ebola-virus emergency ([News, 5 June](#))

Ruphin, a child who plays in the Child Friendly Space, said that playing football had helped him to “forget all the stress I used to carry” after his family were displaced by conflict.

“Playing football with other children helps me feel much better and gives me a sense of belonging,” he said. “This Child Friendly Space has supported us in many ways, especially through football activities. It has helped us learn how to interact positively with others and become active members of our community. Thanks to this space, I am not only learning new skills, but I am also discovering my potential and building confidence in my future.”