



ST. BERNADETTE'S RC CHURCH TULLIBODY



Newsletter

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6th Sunday of Easter

Sat	9 May	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10 May	8.30am 11.30am 12.30pm	Mass Mass ~ Children's Liturgy After Mass ~ brief meeting with volunteers for Teas & Coffees
Mon	11 May	9.30am 11.30am	Mass Meeting, Forebank, Dundee
Tues	12 May	~ ~ ~ ~	No services
Wed	13 May	9.30am 7pm	Mass Parish Pastoral Council
Thurs	14 May	9.30am 10.30am 7pm	Ascension Thursday ~ Holiday Obligation Mass with Primary School Mass, St Modan's Stirling Mass
Fri	15 May	2pm 7pm	Mass ~ Edinburgh Mass
Sat	16 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	17 May	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass
Sun	31 May	11.30am	First Communions

This Sunday's Readings	
First Reading	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
Psalm	66(65): 1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading	1 Peter 3: 15-18
Gospel	John 14: 15-21

Last Sunday's Collection	
Non Gift Aid	£409.57
Gift Aid	£452.00
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<b>Total</b>	£861.57

## 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, 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, Fr. Hutchinson, Margaret Smith, Kath Massanopoli, Bobby Williamson.

### 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, Seamus McShane, Annette Morgan, Canon Michael Milton, Cathy Whalen, Maeve Bain, Helen Martin

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

MAY 5, 2026 PRAYER

Today, millions of people continue to suffer from hunger. This threatens the dignity of the most vulnerable and questions the way we live and share our resources.

In his prayer intention for this month, Pope Leo invites us to pray that no one might lack the food they need and that we might learn to live more responsibly, recognizing that the earth's resources are a gift for everyone. He also encourages us to awaken a new awareness—one capable of gratitude, sharing and caring for others, thus promoting a culture of solidarity.

<https://youtu.be/-a60VaSe3tY?si=l9fdf8sb6Dj2s7Bz>

# MONTH OF MAY - MARY'S MONTH

The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

In contemporary Catholic tradition, the month of May remains a deeply significant time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, blending ancient devotion with modern, "lived" faith. While rooted in historical practices from the 13th-18th centuries, the modern view focuses on Mary as a relatable, active, and maternal figure for everyday life rather than a distant theological concept.



## Key Themes of Contemporary Marian Devotion

- The "First Disciple" & Model of Trust: Pope Francis and contemporary theologians emphasise Mary not just as a figure to be worshipped, but as the "first disciple of Jesus" who shows us how to trust God, even when life is uncertain.
- A "Yes" in Challenging Times: Her *fiat* (her "yes" to God) is seen as a source of strength for believers facing personal or global difficulties. She is often portrayed as the "Virgin of Promptness" who immediately acted to help others (e.g., in the Visitation).
- Not Worship, But Veneration: Modern teachings, especially in the context of interfaith dialogue, clarify that Catholics *honor* or *venerate* Mary, not worship her. She is loved as a mother and powerful intercessor who always points to her Son, Jesus.
- Mother of the Church: As confirmed by Pope Paul VI in 1964 and emphasised by subsequent Popes, she is seen as a living maternal presence watching over the church and providing comfort in the "here and now".

# FINANCES

**Jim Boyle will give a brief account of last year's finances at all masses on 9/10 May.**

There are many expenses we have that the majority are unaware of. For example:

Last week we paid £417 to CCLI. This covers us with our license for YouTube and the Copyright for the hymns we use on YouTube or are printed especially at requiem masses.

£90 was the cost of palms for Palm Sunday.

£127 we pay every 3 months to the Monastery for our hosts.

£288 was the costs of our Offertory envelopes.



## Tea & Coffee



It has been difficult to have someone offer to coordinate.

Elizabeth Watson to start off will take on the role. Big Thanks.

It is good to call attention to this as an experiment to see if people really want this. If it was decided to make teas and coffees permanent after a mass then many practical decisions can be made eg real cups or paper cups & plates; reform of the kitchen bringing it up to health & Safety standards etc.

**TO START:~**

**TEAS AND COFFEES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 11.30 am MASS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT.**

Children's Liturgy  
of the **Word**

The Children's Liturgy team are running the sessions during the 11.30am Mass on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month until the School Summer Holidays:~

**10th May / 24th May / 14th Jun**