

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 5th / 6th September 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: David Henderson (Family Funeral on Monday, 7th September 2020), Frank Fleming and Bernard Kerr.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Hugh McColgan, Susan Muggins, Margaret and Harry Emonds, Frank and Peggy Murray, Catherine and Roger Simpson, Mary Frances Craig and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins, Jean (Simpson) Campbell and David Tannock.

Praying For You: For any parishioners interested in promoting and praying for those within the Diocese who have asked for prayers, please visit: <https://rcdop.org.uk/prayingforyou> ⁽¹⁾

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for SCIAF. This Collection was originally to have taken place during Lent but due to lockdown could not be taken.

Second Collection For The Holy Places On 12th / 13th September 2020: The Holy Places of the Holy Land are the concrete, historical witness on earth of the story of our Biblical Faith and the sites Our Lord lived among during His life, death and resurrection. From there the Good News spread throughout the world. A Christian community has remained there continually till now through trials, sacrifices and martyrdom. This Papal Collection allows this community to survive as a local Church, to preserve the sacred sites of our Catholic faith and to keep the Christian message of peace and hope alive.

Building Fund: As the second collection planned for 12th / 13th September 2020 will no longer take place (see above), the next collection will be on 10th / 11th October 2020.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Mass Sheets, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statement.

The Weekly Illustrations Competition for the young people of the Parish will take a break for August and re-start in September. Winners of the best illustrations from previous weeks are: 'Holy Spirit' - Mia Kidd, 'Last Supper' - James, 'Jeremiah' - Joseph, 'Peter and Paul' - Shannon, 'Jesus and the Children' - Anna McIntosh, 'Parable of the Sower' - Joseph, 'Wheat and Weeds Growing Together' - Shannon Kidd, 'Treasure' - Harry Cavanagh, 'The Feeding of the 5000' - entries still being made... Nice big bar of White Chocolate in the Porch for each of you (one each!).

Fr. Michael is attempting to compile a database of the Parish to help us stay in touch with one another - there were no records kept by previous Parish Priests. Please take a Census Form and complete it, returning it to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

Financial Support: Thanks to your ongoing generosity in August, Fr. Michael received £2,463.00 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. Many thanks also to those who have moved their contributions to Standing Order or made Donations to the Parish through the Diocesan Debit / Credit Card Portal. Your support is greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

Children's Liturgy Day: A Zoom meeting for Children's Liturgy group volunteers will take place on Saturday, 12th September 2020 from 11.00am until 1.00pm. There will be a series of talks about offering Children's Liturgy online, more resources and ideas for your Children's Liturgy meetings and an overview of the Gospel readings / themes for the coming Sundays. Please contact Fr. Paul Brady at St. Margaret's Johnstone, tel. 01505 320198 or email: stmargaret@rcdop.org.uk if you have any questions. Details of how to access the Zoom meeting:
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98109408120> ⁽²⁾ Meeting ID: 981 0940 8120

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 5th September: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 6th September: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Monday, 7th September: Funeral, as noted above, with 20 members of the family ONLY allowed to attend

Tuesday, 8th September: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Thursday, 10th September: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

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More volunteers for stewarding and sanitising would be most welcome.

The Diocese Has Advised Fr. Michael And All The Parishes As Follows:

Mass with a Congregation MAY now be celebrated in line with restricted congregation and with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals may be celebrated with restricted congregation, Churches continue to be open for private prayer with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place.

At Sunday or weekday Mass the maximum number of participants is 50 (we can accommodate 40 in St. Conval's)

At a celebration of Baptism the maximum number of participants is 50

At a celebration of Marriage the maximum number of participants is 20

At a Funeral the maximum number of participants is 20

Always subject to the physical distance rule of 2 metres

Face coverings must be worn at all public Masses or Liturgies

N.B. No congregational singing, no leaflets or hymn books, no Votive candles and Church buildings to be well ventilated

The offertory collection will be collected as the parishioners enter or exit the Church, placing the offerings in baskets or containers left for the purpose. (In St. Conval's, the offertory collections should be placed in the basket at the main door when entering and any second collections should be placed in the basket at the side door when leaving.)

So For Us In St. Conval's: We have set up an internet Booking Form to request a place at Mass in the coming week. Please use this link rather than emailing the Parish, we seem to have evolved a useful method and timings for booking, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec if you wish and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8> ⁽³⁾

this will centralise and manage booking for us in a way that will avoid errors and misunderstandings - we hope! If there is a place available, you will receive an email (normally 24 hours prior to the Mass) confirming your booking request. There is no Obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the moment. If you are assigned a place, please arrive in good time (as places still vacant at the time Mass is due to begin will be given to those not able to book in advance), please tell the Stewards who you are - to indicate your presence on the sheet that lists those attending. Please wear a face covering. Please follow the direction of the Stewards and occupy only the seat you are given. Please do not wander around the Church. At the end of Mass please leave by the side door following the direction of the Stewards, so that we can keep our distance as we leave. The Church will remain open after Mass for prayer. We will try to evolve our plans to accommodate the demand in the weeks ahead. The reason why there is not Mass daily at the moment is that we require to clean the Church between each Celebration and, as Fr. Michael has had two Funerals a week during lockdown, this will leave a couple of days in the week when Funerals can be celebrated with the family without having to call people who have booked to tell them they may not attend. If you have booked ahead and then discover you cannot attend, please call to inform us, and someone else can take your place. This has worked well through our first few weeks - so thank you for your co-operation, for your patience and understanding.

BBC Is Broadcasting Holy Mass This Sunday - Celebrant Is Archbishop Leo Cushley: The BBC will be broadcasting Holy Mass this Sunday from St. Bennet's Parish, Edinburgh and the Celebrant is Archbishop Leo Cushley. Mass begins at 12noon and can be viewed on Freeview Channel 9 / Sky 115 / Freesat 106 / Virgin 108.

Marriage Matters - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time: To listen is to Love Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together. (Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20).

Last Chance To Hand In SCIAF WEE BOXES: SCIAF is delighted to share with you that if you still have your WEE BOX at home, there is a second chance to hand them in or to donate your WEE BOX money direct to SCIAF during September 2020. Visit: www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox or tel. 0141 354 5555. Thank you.