

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Eleanor McMahon and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Marie McGowan (Family Funeral on Monday, 15th February at 10.00am), Catherine Campbell, Robert ('Gilly') Gilroy and Annmarie Pandelus.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Gerry Cavanagh, Joe Mason, Alan Gray, Margaret Garvie, May Anderson, John McMahon, Bill McMillan and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins, Mason Family, Cavanagh Family, David Tannocks, Betty Dunnion and Mary Ferguson.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for SPRED. Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities: a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a parish community. Twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our Church Halls and Additional Support Needs Schools, allowing two hundred parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love. Sadly, our groups have not been able to meet in the past year due to the pandemic. Paisley SPRED supports three employees. In 2018 SPRED merged with the Diocese bringing in one-off restricted reserves of £95,492. Our SPRED boxes and Friends Campaign raised an additional £20,834 bringing the total income to £116,326. The Diocese also contributed £44,131 from our General Fund (pre-merger) and Papal and Episcopal Funds. With our expenditure of £72,221, SPRED restricted reserves ended the year at £88,235.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statements. If you would like a copy of the Bulletin or any of these forms, but cannot get out to collect them, please email the Parish with your address and you can have them delivered by email or by hand. New sets of weekly Gift Aid Collection Envelopes will be delivered around 4th April.

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.

Following The First Minister's Announcement extending lockdown to mid-February, we will continue to Live Stream Mass without a Congregation on Tuesday at 10.00am, Thursday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.30am. Fr. Michael can continue to celebrate Funerals (with a maximum of 20 Mourners) and Weddings (similarly restricted). No Congregations are otherwise permitted and Churches are to remain closed, so please do return - or continue - to celebrate virtually online. Our Live Stream is easily accessed on any electronic device with internet compatibility simply Google 'St. Conval's Church Linwood YouTube' or paste the following link into your search engine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyfCJEhpkW4> Please continue to pray for the other members of the Parish Community as we go through another period of enforced isolation from one another, especially for those who find these periods of isolation so difficult.

Financial Support: Thanks to your ongoing generosity in January, Fr. Michael received £1,454 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for Justice and Peace (£242), Sick and Retired Priests (£291), Building Fund (£227). Crib donations amounted to £82 for St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Many thanks to those who have moved their contributions to Standing Order or made Donations to the Parish through the Diocesan Debit / Credit Card Portal. Your ongoing generous support is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Parish week to week despite not being able to attend in person during this difficult time.

Various Lenten Resources From SCIAF (including a 'Wee Box') for everyone are available in Fr. Michael's Porch, they are inside an illustrated envelope with various other communications from SCIAF. These are to aid our Lenten Observances of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please come and help yourself. If you would like any of these but cannot get out to collect them, please email the Parish (with your address!) and Fr. Michael will deliver them to you. The Day of Prayer for SCIAF and their work will be held on Friday, 12th March and the Special Second Collection for the work of SCIAF will be, as usual, on the 4th Sunday of Lent (14th March). As previously, the UK Government will match with a £1 every £1 we give to SCIAF before 11th May, so please let Fr. Michael have all your Donations (Wee Boxes and other Donations) by the end of April to allow him to count them and send the money to SCIAF.

Adult Education Talks: You are invited to our next talk on Monday, 15th February 2021 at 6.30pm on The Dignity of the Human Person by Fr. Matthew Carlin. Please use this link to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/93728594532?pwd=RXFvNzRHOHlxHZZb1VtTXJjUUNvUT09> Passcode: 886983.

Online Theology Thursdays: Monthly from 5.00pm until 6.00pm starting on 25th February 'Will the Sacraments change my life?' integrating the sacramental and moral dimensions of Christian living. Fr. Martin Delaney: 25th March: Forming intentional disciples in our Catholic schools. Mary O'Duffin: 29th April: Reading St. Mark: The Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Fr. Andrew Garden: 20th May: Holy Disobedience: Catholic Political Witness and Resistance: Anna Blackman. Theology Thursdays is a programme of seminars aimed at non-experts and beginners. Each seminar has a theological focus, lasts for one hour and is taught by an expert in the field. It may be of interest to teacher educators, teachers, parents, catechists, students and senior school pupils. To book your place and receive the ZOOM link, please email: education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk

Think Vocation: "Let us go elsewhere... so that I can preach there too; for that is why I came." Jesus' mission continues in the Church and in the world in the lives of priests and religious. Do you have a desire to share the Good News with others too? Call Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Craig Lodge, Dalmally - Mission House For Young Adults: Craig Lodge Community is offering a new opportunity to young Catholics on how to live a life of mission. Craig Lodge Mission House is a nine-month residential programme for any young adult between the ages of 18-30 who desires to become a passionate lover of Jesus and become Spirit-filled evangelisers for the renewal of the Church," (Pope Francis). Community, prayer and studying of the Catholic faith and learning to proclaim the Good News to others". The Mission House will begin in September 2021 and applications are now being accepted. Visit the Craig Lodge website: www.craiglodge.org/missionhouse for more details.