

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent (A) 14th / 15th March 2020

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Mass Times Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	Confessions Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm
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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson, Sheila Reilly and Gerry Sheerin.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Jim Campbell (from the village).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Betty Sillars, John and Mary McGovern, Arlene Duffy, Kathleen McCormack, Robert Beggs, Davie McFarlane, Fiona Scott and for the month's mind of Davie Dunnion and John McGrory.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £1,003.93 of which £422.00 was gift aid and the second for Sick and Retired Priests amounted to £596.50 of which £226.80 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for SCIAF.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you pay tax please consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration so that your contribution will be increased by a further 25%. The annual refund which the Parish receives from HMRC makes a massive difference to our funds. Please call into the Sacristy after Mass if you would like to become involved in the Gift Aid Scheme.

Sunday Teas And Coffees: Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass each week. Everyone is very welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Coronavirus Update: The UK has moved from the Containment to Delay phase and we have updated our clergy with further instructions around containment protocols in our parishes. Our strategy is to make the safety of our people and the interests of public health paramount, to act according to advice issued by the UK and Scottish governments, and to keep updated on the best scientific advice around the safe celebration of our Masses, Services and Functions. The Bishop has dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Those with symptoms consistent with having caught the virus should stay away from Church services. Should the government act to close schools etc we will obviously, at that point, make a prudential judgement on the celebration of public Masses. In the meantime, we encourage you to pray: for a minimisation in the negative effects of the virus; that those vulnerable be kept safe; that our wider society remains stable; and that a vaccine is soon found.

Remember if you are unwell at any time, you are not duty bound to attend Mass. Fr. Michael is very grateful to those parishioners who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, who now receive in the hand. For hygienic reasons it is better to receive Holy Communion on the hand.

Lenten Appeal: This Lent we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless and non perishable food for the Food Bank. Many thanks for your generosity.

Adult Formation: All are invited to the third Scripture talk (of a series of three) in St. Conval's, Linwood on Tuesday, 31st March 2020 - Liturgies of Easter Triduum. Starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

Weekly Parish Bulletin: Any items for inclusion in the bulletin (including names for the sick, month's mind and anniversary lists) should be put through the letter box of the Parish House or sent by email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk by **12noon on the Thursday** before publication.

Parish Website: Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

The Hall: Please note that no one in the Parish House can open or close the hall, take bookings or organise functions. The Hall Keeper - Bridget Macfarlane - has the keys and the Bookings Diary, she has the Booking Forms and the Contract that all users are required to complete for insurance purposes. All these matters will be attended to by her, and by her alone, to avoid double bookings and other confusions. She may be contacted by email: bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com or tel. 07874007136 or 01505 674782.

Singers Wanted: If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Choir as we prepare for the Chrism Mass, please join us as we rehearse in St. Charles', Paisley at 2.30pm on Sunday, 15th March 2020. All welcome!

Jesus Heals: A Healing Mass, Adoration And Homily: This Mass has now been cancelled until summer / autumn due to the fast spreading Coronavirus. This was due to take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Tuesday, 17th March 2020 from 5.30pm until 8.30pm. Led by Fr. George Anthony OP, who has been involved in Charismatic Renewal since 1983 and holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies from the Angelicum, Rome.

Rosary Service For End To The Coronavirus: "The most Holy Virgin in these times has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. She has given this efficacy to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the praying of the rosary." Sr. Lucia. A rosary service will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Tuesday, 17th March 2020 at 7.00pm for an end to the Coronavirus and in intercession for all those affected by it. This service is open to all.

Pro-Life Mass: On Wednesday, 18th March 2020 in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6.00pm, followed by Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Dominic Quinn.

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at 7.00pm in St. Fillan's, Houston on Wednesday, 18th March 2020. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day to allow our priests and people to join him. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe some will make your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses.

St. Francis And St. Clare Prayer Group: Are you aged between 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invite you to a night of prayer intercessions, talks and sharing and something to eat. Please join us at between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Ingle Street, Paisley on 19th March 2020.

Taize Lenten Reflections: In St. Aidan's, Johnstone on Tuesday, 24th March 2020 at 7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions available during the hour. St. Mirin's Cathedral Choir will lead the singing. Teas afterwards in Hall. All welcome.

Safeguarding - Thought For The month: Each month we will have a safeguarding thought for the month to help us continue the focus on this important priority. The Safeguarding thought for March is: Families need to know that the Catholic Church is making every effort to protect their children. Pope Francis.