

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Advent (A) 14th / 15th December 2019

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick and Danny Gibb.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Mary Harkins.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Helen McMillan, James O'Shea Jnr, Davie Dunnion, Tommy Haney, Rev. Matthew Dillon, Catherine McGeown, Kathleen McMillan, Con Mulloy, Margaret Daniels, The Doherty Family, George and Cathy Rivette, Mary Barr, Margaret Drummond and for the month's mind of Margaret Garvie and Janie Lavery.

Destiny Tragedy: This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Destiny Tragedy off the coast of Gourock. Please remember Stuart Lindsay, Edward and Brian Garrity, Gordon Spence, James Tutty and William Irvine in your prayers. (16th December 1989)

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £833.33 of which £396.71 was gift aid and the second for the Building Fund amounted to £465.64. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

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: This is the last week to allow our volunteers time with their families. Normal service will be resumed on 12th January 2020.

SPRED Advent Boxes: Please take away your SPRED Advent Boxes and bring them back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our Diocese, as well as in our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners.

Christmas Season Masses: Flyers with the times of all the Masses over the Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourselves and others to give to friends or neighbours.

Poinsettias: Would you help us to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias? Please bring in your donations next weekend - and thank you!

Tuesday Tea is taking a break to allow our catering ladies time with their families. Normal service will be resumed on 14th January 2020.

The S.V.D.P: We will be hosting an afternoon of soup, sausage rolls, cakes and fun to celebrate Christmas and invite our senior parishioners to join us in the Church Hall on Thursday, 19th December 2019 at 1 o'clock. Tickets are available from any member of the S.V.D.P. Donations of raffle prizes are most welcome.

Christmas Fayre: The final sum raised was £690.00. Bridie apologises for a mix up in previous figures mentioned as outgoings had not been taken into consideration. Many thanks to all who helped.

Light Bulbs: You may have noticed over the past few months that we have had a number of light bulbs in the ceiling of the Church fail. Unfortunately they were a rare type installed 50 years ago when the Church was built and were not readily available. Our local supplier finally ran out and we have struggled to find replacements. Now, thanks to the wonders of the internet and Marie's ingenuity, we have a source for replacements. The first one, bought as a test, was fitted on Thursday and it works! Further supplies have been ordered and will be fitted next week. Let there be light!!!

Parish Recipe Book: We are planning to publish a parish recipe book. If anyone has any recipes they wish to be included, please put them in the box provided at the back of the Church.

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

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.

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.

Mass At UWS: Please note that weekday and Sunday Masses are now suspended until Monday, 6th January 2020.

Pro-Life Mass: On Wednesday, 18th December 2019 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. Eddie Highton OFM.

Are You Aged Between 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invite you to an evening of prayer, intercessions and formation and a wee something to eat and drink afterwards. Come and see! Everybody welcome. Thursday, 19th December 2019 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley.

Carols In The Cathedral: A Diocesan annual event. It is a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a Diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. St. Mirin's Cathedral on Friday, 27th December 2019 at 3.00pm. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All Welcome!

Diocesan Priesthood: Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

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Masses Times for Christmas and New Year 2019 / 2020

Monday 16th to Tuesday 24th December

All Masses as usual

All day confessions at St. Mirin's Cathedral on Friday 20th

Christmas Day Masses

Tuesday 24th December - Carol Service 8.30pm

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Night Mass 9.00pm

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Morning Mass 10.30am

Thursday 26th December - Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at Midday

No Evening Mass at 7.00pm

Friday 27th to Saturday 28th

All Morning Masses as usual

Sunday 29th December - Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm, 10.30am

Monday 30th to Tuesday 31st

Masses as usual

Wednesday 1st January 2020 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass at Midday

Then Masses as usual including

Sunday 5th January - Feast of the Epiphany

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5.30pm, 10.30am

Sunday 12th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5.30pm, 10.30am

This Feast ends the Christmas Season