

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (B) 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Pauline Garvie, 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:** Frances Reid (Family Funeral on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am), May Fox (Family Funeral on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.30am), Francis McGinniss (Family Funeral on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am) and Kenneth Donald (Family Funeral on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45pm).

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Robert Gray, May Vaughan, Jadwiga Tretkowski, Angela Adams (Logue), Agnes Scarff, George Drummond and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion and David Tannock.

**Next Weekend** there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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

**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.

**Fr. Michael** is most grateful for the prayers and good wishes for his Mum, who continues to make - slow but sure - progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

**Financial Support:** Thanks to your ongoing generosity in December, Fr. Michael received £2,841 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for the Building Fund (£840). 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.

**At The First Minister's Announcement In Parliament On Monday** she informed us that lockdown would be re-imposed from midnight on Monday but that Places of Worship would not lockdown until Thursday at midnight, which seemed a little odd. But it did mean that we were able to gather (20 of us) for Mass on Tuesday morning. The Bishops of Scotland then received a message from our Parliamentary Office late on Tuesday evening 'clarifying' that Places of Worship were included in the Monday midnight lockdown - so many Parishes had to cancel Wednesday Morning Mass at very short notice. Wondering how this occurred Fr. Michael has worked out that the shocking levels of ignorance with regard to Religious Belief and Practice in the Scottish Government and Civil Service resulted in them now knowing that the Catholic Tradition Celebrates weekday Mass together in our Parishes (a Thursday night closure of Places of Worship would intend to prevent the Muslim Holy Day - Friday, the Jewish Holy Day - Saturday, and the Christian Holy Day - Sunday, from being observed and celebrated). We look forward to seeing who resigns or is sacked as a result!

So we will go back to Live Streaming 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

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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.

**Adult Education Talks:** You are invited to our next talk on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6.30pm on The Teachings of Saint John Paul II by Bishop John. Please use the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96974935970?pwd=b04ya2pUOEIxeXJhRElkdXlHVXlwQT09> Passcode: 758071

**Catholic Erskine** would like to invite you to register for our next online Alpha which commences on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm. Alpha is a 10-week series of video presentation and informal conversation for people searching for a deeper understanding of their faith and for those who are searching for a way to return to their faith. To register please visit: [www.catholicerskine.website](http://www.catholicerskine.website) Once registered we will issue you with details of accessing the first session, which will be delivered via Zoom. Please invite someone to come along with you. Relatives and friends are very welcome.

**Marriage Preparation Courses In 2021:** We are very pleased to announce dates for these courses which will take place over two evenings (to best comply with Covid protocols) on Wednesdays from 7.00pm until 8.30pm (dates and locations below). Couples should attend both evenings. Places are available for a minimum of 10 couples on each course; we will accommodate more if Covid restrictions allow. There is a £30 charge per couple to cover materials and administration. Couples should register online on the Marriage and Family Page of the Diocesan website, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ybja68rj> Registration will be confirmed and instructions provided directly to the couples. Should we need to modify these events in light of new restrictions we will update the couples. We are glad to again be able to share our Church's vision for marriage and family life, which is always very well received.

St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley: Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm  
St. Mary's, Greenock: Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm  
St. John's, Barrhead: Wednesdays, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

We intend to provide an additional course in September, the format of which may be different depending on prevailing conditions and this will be announced at a later date.

**Community Circle Of Prayer:** Every Friday evening people gather online at 7.00pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09> Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.

**Vocations:** Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness and love. Can you bring the Gospel to families in your community? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon or sister, contact Fr. John Morrison, email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 0141 889 5056.

### **Postponement Of Diocesan Lourdes And Youth To Lourdes Pilgrimages To 2022:**

Unfortunately, due to present circumstances and the uncertainty facing us all over the next few months, it is with deep regret that we must inform you that the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Youth to Lourdes has now been postponed to June - July 2022. We are fully aware that the Shrine of Lourdes means so much to so many in our Diocese and understand how disappointing this news will be. However, we know that we will all work together and look forward to being welcomed back in 2022. If you already have a place on the Pilgrimage carried over from this year on Joe Walsh Tours, their representatives will be contacting you in writing to confirm our decision to reschedule and to explain how your booking can be carried forward.