

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

4th Sunday of Advent (A) 21st / 22nd 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: Frank McCartney, Margaret Clemit and Rebecca Conway (whose body will be received into the Church on Friday, 27th December 2019 immediately prior to her Funeral Mass at 10.00am) and Mary Crawford (whose body will be received into the Church on Monday, 6th January 2020 immediately prior to her Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Vincent John Marron, Ann McAdam, James Rae, Angela Kennedy, Nina Correia, Brian McCartney, Willie McKenna and for the month's mind of William McAdam, Jimmy McGivern, Robert Graham, Margaret Lee, Alex Williamson, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Isobel Sheerin, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Gillian McGourlick, Robert and Helen Graham, Annie Muggins, Tommy Fulton and Jim Clark.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £910.14 of which £409.76 was gift aid. Thank you for your 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.

Please Note There Will Be No Sunday Teas And Coffees to allow our volunteers time with their families. Normal service will be resumed on 12th January 2020.

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.

Church Cleaning: The Christmas Clean will take place on Monday (23rd) after 10.00am Mass. All cleaners and volunteers required for this essential task. We have a shortage of cleaners for normal work throughout the year. Please consider taking part.

Fr. Michael will Bless the Crib at the end of the Christmas Morning Mass - he invites the Children of the Parish to bring to Mass with them the Baby Jesus from their own Crib at home to be Blessed also (we'll sing 'Away in a Manger' together too!).

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

St. Benedict's Raffle: A big congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. McGovern who won the top prize of £500.00 in the raffle. Many thanks to all those who bought tickets.

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.

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!

Annual Safeguarding Report - Sunday 12th January 2020: The Annual Diocesan Safeguarding Report will be read out by Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators in all Parishes at Masses on Sunday, 12th January 2020. Paisley Diocese and our Parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our Safeguarding Team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on Saturday, 9th May 2020 by Fr. Dominic Allain about the 'Grief to Grace' Retreat. 'Grief to Grace' has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing as the testimonies on their website report, visit: <https://www.griefftoGraceuk.org> The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called 'In God's Image' which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our Diocesan Trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as PSCs and clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church's system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.

For The Attention Of All Church Volunteers With PVG Certificates Or Pending PVG Certificates: Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both should complete the Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1. The next session will be on Monday, 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Ince Street, Paisley. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, tel. 0141 847 6138 or email: safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk to register.

Safeguarding Training Part 2: The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level One, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on Tuesday, 21st January 2020 at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, tel. 0141 847 6138 or email: safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk to register.

*A blessed and peaceful Christmas season
to everyone and our prayers and best
wishes for health and happiness in the New Year*

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Masses Times for Christmas and New Year 2019 / 2020

Monday 16th to Tuesday 24th December

All Masses as usual

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