

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 2nd / 3rd March 2019

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Margaret Donnelly Smith and Willie Scott.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Daniel Patton.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Mary Quinn, Margaret Furie, John McMahon, Jean and Daniel Keevins, Margaret and Peter McGivern, Edward Flood, Anna Cairns, Stephen Ferris, Teresa Newlands and for the month's mind of Janie Lavery, Lorraine Gaffney, Thomas O'Malley, Elsie Muggins, Robert Hunter and Danny Hunter.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £747.42 of which £306.95 was gift aid and the second for SPRED amounted to £501.59 of which £209.95 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Sick and Retired Priests.

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.

Ash Wednesday 6th March 2019:

Masses with Ashes - 10.00am and 7.00pm (St. Conval's)

Services with Ashes - 10.50am and 11.35am (St. Benedict's High School)

During the Season of Lent in term time, as well as the Friday Mass at 12.25pm in St. Benedict's there will be 8.30am Mass too, the school welcomes parents, families and Parishioners to these Masses.

On Thursday 7th March 2019 Sisters for the Russian Orthodox Convent of St. Elizabeth in Minsk, Belarus will visit for evening Mass. They support disadvantaged children in Minsk and make Icons and other Religious Artifacts. They will offer them for sale after Mass.

A Day Of Prayer For Victims Of Abuse: Following on from the request of Pope Francis last year the Catholic Church in Scotland is holding its first annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse on Friday, 8th March 2019. Various initiatives will be adopted across parishes, such as: a special Mass, offered for those who have suffered from abuse; Stations of the Cross; a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

St. Conval's will have exposition at 6.30pm concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm. A prayer service will follow.

As Usual During Lent St. Conval's will be collecting for Charity. This year we have decided to collect toiletries and other things useful to homeless people. Please give generously.

SCIAF - Wee Box, Big Change: This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who, with your support, are being helped to create a brighter future for themselves. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and make big changes happen with your WEE BOX.

Lenten Prayer And Learning In The School Of St. Luke: St. Conval's will be hosting the following talks on Thursday evenings during Lent.

14th March: How the Church Reads and Understands the Gospel

21st March: How Luke Teaches Discipleship

4th April: Parables and Narratives

11th April: Acts of the Apostles

Exposition at 6.30pm, Mass at 7.00pm, Gathering at 7.30pm and Finishing at 9.00pm.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Of The Sacred Heart is once again promoting the "Short Term Pledge for Lent", prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church, there is also a poster for further information.

Moo Markets: A sale of baby clothes, toys etc. will take place in St. Conval's Hall on Sunday, 3rd March 2019 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm.

Over 60s: Get out and celebrate. Monday, 11th March 2019 from 10.00am until 3.00pm in St. Conval's Hall. Refreshments and food, dancing, ongoing arts and crafts. There will be stalls.

St. Patrick's Night: On Saturday, 16th March 2019 in St. Conval's Hall. Come along for a bit of Irish Cheer and Craic. Tickets £5.00. 7.30pm – 12midnight. BYOB. 70 Tickets. Don't miss out.

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.

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.

Lenten Station Masses: To prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter, Bishop John will celebrate Station Masses with the people in our MATN cluster areas. At each Mass he will use the readings of the day to preach a short catechetical homily, *Walking With Mary*, on the spirituality of Lent. Please come along to your cluster Mass, or maybe your Lenten discipline could be to travel with the Bishop and attend all of them! All Masses are at 7.00pm.

Prayer: 7th March in St. Columba's, Renfrew

Fasting: 11th March in St. Charles, Paisley

Almsgiving: 12th March in St. Mary's, Greenock

Simplicity: 13th March in St. Ninian's, Gourrock

Chastity: 14th March in St. Joseph's, Clarkston

Obedience: 20th March in St. Margaret's, Johnstone

Reconciliation: 21st March in St. John's, Barrhead

Mother of the Redeemer: 27th March in St. Francis', Port Glasgow

"Let's Meet": Would you like to meet someone special? Let's Meet is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (aged 21-40). Browns Brasserie and Bar in Glasgow at 7.00pm on Saturday, 6th April 2019. Email: letsmeetscotland@gmail.com to find out more and buy a £10.00 ticket.