

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 14th / 15th September 2019

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Isa McClellan, Jackie Robson, Dominic Gallagher, Helen Gallagher, Connie Roche, Margaret Fitzpatrick and Thomas McGoldrick.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Mildred Herron.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Flo and Malky Orr, John and Mary McCormack, Beattie and Jim McKee, Nelius McColgan, Joe Sheerin, John Kelly and for the month's mind of Andrew and Minnie Noble, Betty and Kenneth Donald, Flo Ogilvie, Margaret and Bill Duff, John McGrory, Davie Dunnion, Willie McKenna and Margaret Garvie.

The Graham Family would like to thank everybody for all their prayers, Mass Cards and support received on the loss of their brother Robert. We are also very grateful for the generous collection of £1,000.00 for St. Vincent's Hospice.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £821.63 of which £362.60 was gift aid and the second for Pro-Life amounted to £598.36 of which £250.76 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

Special Collection - 21st / 22nd September 2019: We remember our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese with great love and affection. We have sixteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two in Chile, five in houses throughout the Diocese, five in Parish Presbyteries and three at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £63,060.00, which represents 52% of our expenditure of £122,357.00, i.e. a shortfall of £59,297.00, which was met by the Sick and Retired Priests Investment income.

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.

Fr. Michael will be walking the next section of the Camino De Santiago this week. All Masses will be as normal as Fr. Willie and Fr. Daniel will be here. Please pray for Fr. Michael on his Pilgrimage. Fr. Michael will pray for the parishioners too.

Line Dancing will be on in the hall this Monday from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Please come along.

Bingo will continue in the hall on a Tuesday morning after the usual Tuesday Tea.

St. Benedict's High School - P7 Open Evening: This will take place on Wednesday, 25th September 2019 from 7.00pm. All P7 pupils and parents are invited to attend. The evening has been organised to provide pupils and parents with an opportunity to see, first hand, the excellent facilities available at St. Benedict's High School and to give them a chance to sample a range of curricular activities in a number of departments. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions on general or individual issues over a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the formal part of the evening.

Christmas Fayre will be in the hall on Saturday, 30th November 2019 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Entry £1.00, Santa's Grotto £2.00, Tables, Hot Chocolate, Raffles.

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.

The Relics Of St. Therese Of Lisieux have arrived in the Diocese. The basic Itinerary is:

Saturday, 14th September

5.30pm Reception and Vigil Mass St. Mary's, Greenock followed by private and Parish visits.

Sunday, 15th September

12midnight-5.00am - All night Vigil, 9.30am Mass and departure for St. Mirin's Cathedral.

12noon Mass at Cathedral. Polish Mass 2.30pm. 5.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Parish and private visits between Liturgies.

Monday, 16th September

12midnight-6.00am - All night Vigil followed by Masses. Mass at 12noon - open to all, followed by our farewell to the Relics.

See leaflets and Paisley Diocese website for more details. Both Churches will be open at all times while the Relics are present.

Veneration Of The Relics Of St. Therese Of Lisieux: Bus to Cathedral for 10.00pm on 15th September. Bus will leave St. Aidan's, Johnstone at 9.15pm and then St. Conval's, Linwood at 9.30pm to arrive at Cathedral at 9.45pm. Bus will leave Cathedral at 11.15pm to St. Conval's and then St. Aidan's. £2.00 per adult for bus.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre: Sunday Mass will resume at 5.00pm on 15th September 2019. From Monday, 16th September 2019 Mass will be available at 12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Pro-Life Mass Cancelled: The Pro-Life Mass in Duns Scotus on Wednesday, 18th September 2019 coincides with the Mass for the Sick with the Relics of St. Therese in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow so we've decided to cancel our Mass and encourage everyone to go to the Cathedral instead. Our next Pro-Life Mass will resume as usual on Wednesday, 16th October 2019.

Are You 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invites you to an evening of prayer, talks, sharing and a wee something to eat afterwards. Our reflection this month is "The Gift of the Spirit" on 19th September 2019 from 7.00pm until 9.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Ince Street, Paisley. Hope you can all make it!

Safeguarding Training - Induction 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. Sessions in 2019 are available on:

Thursday, 19th September at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's, Paisley

Tuesday, 22nd October at 7.00pm in St. Thomas', Neilston

Monday, 28th October at 7.00pm in St. Conval's, Linwood

Tuesday, 29th October at 7.00pm in St. John's, Barrhead

Thursday, 7th November at 10.30am in St. Mirin's, Paisley

Tuesday, 12th November at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's, Clarkston

Please speak to Ann Stevenson (our Parish's Safeguarding Co-ordinator) to register for any of the above sessions.

Marian Holy Hours: On each of the four Sundays in October, there will be a Marian Holy Hour from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in St. Laurence's, Greenock. All welcome. Please enter by the main door of the Church.