

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (A) 1st / 2nd February 2020

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Mass Times Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	Confessions Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm
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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick and Mary Ferguson.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Maria O'Neill, William Orr and Sadie Mellon.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Virginia Burns, Robert James McGourlick, Gerry Cavanagh, Maureen Haney, Kathleen and John McGeown, Nan and Hughie Lennon, Nellie and Jack Muir, Greta and John Moore, Alice and Frank Morgan, Stephen Ferris and for the month's mind of May Anderson, The Cavanagh Family, The Mason Family, Elsie Muggins, Elizabeth McAdam and Margaret Keir.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £955.38 of which £347.37 was gift aid and the second for the Building Fund amounted to £440.91. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for SPRED. Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities: a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a Parish community. Twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our Church Halls and Additional Support Needs Schools, allowing two hundred parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love. Paisley SPRED supports three employees. In SPRED I feel that I belong and everyone is my friend. In 2018 this collection, with our Advent SPRED boxes and our Friends Campaign, raised £40,000 resulting in a shortfall which was made up from Diocesan reserves. Your support as always is very much appreciated.

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.

SPRED Advent Boxes: If you have a SPRED Box, could you please return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

This Sunday We Celebrate The World Day For Consecrated Life: Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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.

Adult Formation: All are invited to a series of three Scripture talks in St. Conval's, Linwood starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

4th February: Matthew's Gospel (Cycle A)

3rd March: Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for R.C.I.A.)

31st March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

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.

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.

White Mass: For Catholic Healthcare Professionals and the work of Healthcare in Scotland. Sunday, 9th February 2020 at 10.30am. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. A Reception with Bishop Toal will take place in St. Bride's Hall (across the road from the Cathedral) following the Mass. R.S.V.P. to book spaces and for more information email: scottishcma@gmail.com

The Community Variety Show Fundraiser - Paisley Diocese: Come along to our great fun Community Variety Show Fundraiser in St. Stephen's High School, Port Glasgow on Friday, 21st February 2020 at 7.00pm. This event is a fundraiser event for our Diocesan St. Mirin's Fund and is organised in collaboration with the Diocese. For tickets, £5.00, please email: varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk We are holding back one slot in the show for any person or group in the Diocese who want(s) to perform as singers, dancers or any other suitable variety act. For information please email: varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tejvxlx>

Una Voce Tridentine Mass: This will take place in St. Margaret's, Johnstone at 12noon on Saturday, 22nd February 2020 the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. With the blessing of Bishop Keenan, Fr. Byrne of St. Brigid's, Toryglen will offer a sung Mass. The music will be provided by Schola Una Voce. All welcome. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/sytobju>

Join Bishop John For Our Diocesan Lourdes Dinner Dance Fundraiser: Our Diocese is rightly proud of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, where parishioners through the year and across the Diocese help our fundraising efforts to provide hospitality and youth services to our sick and frail pilgrims. Come along to what promises to be a great Diocesan night out and help support a terrific Diocesan cause. Saturday, 22nd February 2020 in Greenock Town Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (Carriages 12midnight). Fizz on arrival, three course meal, live band and dancing. Dress Formal. Includes return bus from Renfrewshire / East Renfrewshire. For tickets £35.00 and further information, please email: lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com or tel. 07950483042. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.

Adult Formation Survey: The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and wants to gather together views on preferred topics and styles of presentation. Please complete our survey on the Education page on the Diocesan website: www.rcdop.org.uk by 30th April 2020.

SCIAF - Volunteers Wanted: We need you! Could you do a short talk in your Parish about our WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal during Lent? Please email: getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk

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