

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of the Epiphany (B) 2nd / 3rd 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 at 10.00am on Wednesday, 13th January), Margaret McIlvennie, Pauline McGeown, Kenneth Donald, Tommy Donald and Lesley Connell.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Anne Muggins, Maria Ferns (USA), Lizzie McGourlick, Ann McAdam, Joe and Margaret McGunnigal, Jane Quinn and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins and William McAdam.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Justice and Peace.

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.

As A Thanks for your Support for Malawi, there is a Christmas Card / Calendar to say thank you in the Side Porch of the Church and in the Porch of Fr. Michael's House.

Fr. Michael would like to thank the many Parishioners who sent him lovely cards, generous gifts and supportive messages for Christmas. He is also most grateful for Prayers and good wishes for his Mum, who continues to make - slow but sure - progress. Thank you!

Schedule For Masses:

Solemnity Of The Epiphany: Saturday, 2nd January Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday, 3rd January Mass at 10.30am. Both Masses celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed.
Tuesday, 5th January: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
Thursday, 7th January: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord: Saturday, 9th January Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday, 10th January Mass at 10.30am. Both Masses celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed.

Foodbank: Thanks to all who donated, managed and accepted help from the Foodbank which was available in St. Conval's Church Hall.

Western Catholic Calendars are available in the Church Porch - the cost is £3.20. Please put the money in the bag which is in the box.

The Covid-19 Pandemic: Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection to ensure the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The tireless work and co-operation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic Churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic has been commendable. Although no evidence has emerged of cases or clusters connected to our churches, we are not blasé and continue to assure the Government that we employ discretion and

caution in full co-operation with the intentions of their advice. On that basis, we have every confidence that, if parishes continue their high standards of infection control, then public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to be able to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation. Thank you for your co-operation, please be careful to respect our protocols for the safety of yourselves and your fellow Parishioners.

In St. Conval's we will continue to use an internet Booking Form to request a place at Mass in the coming week. Please use this link rather than emailing the Parish, we seem to have evolved a useful method and timings for booking, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec if you wish and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

this will centralise and manage booking for us in a way that will avoid errors and misunderstandings - we hope! If there is a place available, you will receive an email (normally 24 hours prior to the Mass) confirming your booking request. There is no Obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the moment. If you are assigned a place, please arrive in good time (as places still vacant at the time Mass is due to begin will be given to those not able to book in advance), please tell the Stewards who you are - to indicate your presence on the sheet that lists those attending. Please wear a face covering. Please follow the direction of the Stewards and occupy only the seat you are given. Please do not wander around the Church. At the end of Mass please leave by the side door following the direction of the Stewards, so that we can keep our distance as we leave. The Church will remain open after Mass for prayer. We will try to evolve our plans to accommodate the demand in the weeks ahead. The reason why there is not Mass daily at the moment is that we require to clean the Church between each Celebration and, as Fr. Michael has had two Funerals a week during lockdown, this will leave a couple of days in the week when Funerals can be celebrated with the family without having to call people who have booked to tell them they may not attend. If you have booked ahead and then discover you cannot attend, please call to inform us, and someone else can take your place. This has worked well through our first few weeks - so thank you for your co-operation, for your patience and understanding.

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 with at least one course offered in each Deanery (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. We would encourage couples to attend the course in their own Deanery where possible to minimise travel, although if this is not possible, they can attend any of the other courses. 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> We will confirm registration and provide instructions directly to the couples. We will also notify you on their completion of the course.

Should we need to modify these events in light of new restrictions we will update you and 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, 10th and 17th February 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

St. Mary's, Greenock: Wednesdays, 10th and 17th March 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

St. John's, Barrhead: Wednesdays, 14th and 21st 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 will announce this at a later date. If you have any questions or concerns, please do let us know.

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