

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent (C) 16th / 17th March 2019

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Willie Scott, John Whelan, Rob McMahon and Marie McLafferty.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Paul O'Neill, Fiona Scott, John McStay and Joseph Docherty (whose body will be received into the Church on Wednesday, 20th March 2019 immediately prior to his Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Bill Delaney, Frank Quinn, John Stewart and for the month's mind of Jack Main, Davie Dunnion, Annie Veronica Deveney, Willie McKenna and Gillian McGourlick.

Please Pray For The Special Intention: Joseph Alan McLaren.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £838.23 of which £364.50 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Collection On 31st March 2019 For SCIAF And St. Mirin's Fund: The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St. Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees. In 2017 this collection for SCIAF and the St. Mirin Fund raised £28,013.

The Rite Of Commitment For First Holy Communion And Confession takes place this Sunday for P4. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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.

From Sunday a selection of hand made greeting cards will be available, for a small donation. All money raised will go towards Fr. Michael's Malawi trip costs. A chance to be prepared for future birthdays etc. and help a good cause at the same time.

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 on Monday and Wednesday and the school welcomes parents, families and Parishioners to these Masses.

Holy Thursday Mass: We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday. If you can help please see Ruth Cearnas. Many thanks.

SCIAF: Please remember to pick up your WEE BOX from the back of the Church. By giving, reflecting and acting with SCIAF during Lent, you are helping people like Lydia from Uganda to work their way out of poverty.

Children's Lenten Calendars with helpful daily thoughts for the season of Lent are available at the back of the Church and are FREE.

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.

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

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.

Our New Parish Website is now up and running! Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

Collection Envelopes: As is the custom in all parishes at our Offertory collection we have envelopes which enable us through the Gift Aid Scheme to reclaim the tax on all contributions made to the Church. We received £5,763.56 from HMRC for the last Tax Year from the Gift Aid Scheme for Parish funds. Please consider signing up for Gift Aid if you are eligible (i.e. if you pay tax!) and have not already done so. As you can see, it is very valuable for the Parish. The system is simple and involves HMRC refunding to the Parish the tax (income tax, tax on your pension, etc., etc.) on the total annual contribution you make to the Parish – IF you use an envelope and we can record the amount it contains to give an annual total for your contribution. The refund to the Parish is 25% - so if you put £10.00 in the envelope, the Parish will get a total of £12.50, if you put in £20.00 the Parish gets £25.00, and so on. All that is required is a one off signature on a Gift Aid Declaration and that's it! No one in the Parish will know anything of your personal income or tax situation as the envelope record is 'blind' to those who count the weekly envelopes – only Fr. Michael will know who has which envelope number. The refund from HMRC makes a massive difference to our Parish funds. Confidential, convenient, simple – and money from the Tax Man, what could be better?

Any parishioners who would like to use Gift Aid envelopes and those parishioners who currently use them can uplift their box of envelopes for 2019-2020 from the meeting room after the Saturday Vigil Mass or after the Sunday Morning Mass during the weekends of 23rd / 24th March and 30th / 31st March.

Parish Trip: Due to the amount of interest expressed, we are considering another trip in August or September 2019. Again this would be dependent on the level of interest. If you would like to join us please put your name on the form at the back of the Church, at this point there is no commitment involved. We are just trying to gauge if the numbers interested would make a trip viable. Many thanks.

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.

Diocesan Choir: We would welcome new members as we prepare for the Chrism Mass. If interested, please join us in St Charles' Hall on Sunday, 17th March 2019 at 2.30pm. No experience necessary.

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. All Masses are at 7.00pm.

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