

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent (C) 9th / 10th March 2019

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

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Margaret Donnelly Smith, John McStay and Marie McGourlick Ward.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: John Anderson, Arlene Duffy, Kathleen McCormack, Robert Beggs, Cathie Lawson, Betty Sillars, John and Mary McGovern, William McCallum and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion, Charles Pringle, William Gourlay and Margaret Garvie.

Please Pray For The Special Intention: Joseph Alan McLaren.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £858.09 of which £281.00 was gift aid and the second for Sick and Retired Priests amounted to £674.59 of which £203.07 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

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.

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.

SCIAF: Uganda has one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the world. However, the legacy of war and a high rate of HIV and AIDS, has left many orphans and a generation of young people without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Please remember to pick up your WEE BOX this Lent from the back of the Church. Together we can end 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Vespers And Benediction: For the First Sunday of Lent. The Schola Benedicti will lead sung Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. Margaret's, Johnstone on 10th March 2019 at 6.00pm. All welcome to attend.

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.

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

Back to Basics - Lent Chaplaincy Talks: The St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre welcomes you to our series of Wednesday 7.00pm Lenten Talks. Does God really Exist? Canon Tom Boyle (13th March), Was Jesus really God? Fr. John Morrison (20th March), Did Jesus mean to found a Church? Fr. John Morrison (27th March), Do Catholics worship Mary? (3rd April). 45 High Street, Paisley. Talks 40 minutes. All welcome!

Diocesan Music Day: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a day for musicians and singers on Saturday, 16th March 2019. The day will begin at 11.30am in the Cathedral itself, moving later on into the Cathedral Hall until 2.30pm to prepare for the Easter Triduum. There will be input on each of the three days of the Triduum, with suggestions and materials for these celebrations. All welcome to attend.