

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Toni Cassidy, Kathy Ralph, Dom Hamilton, John Kelly and Helen Reid (whose body will be received into the Church on Monday, 13th May 2019 immediately prior to her Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Harry Sheerin, Charles Pringle, William Gourlay, Peter Gorman, William Ferguson, Marie McKenzie, Marie Butler, Willie and Cathie O'Rourke, John Inglis, Janette O'Connor and for the month's mind of Janie Lavery, John Anderson, Elsie Muggins, Robert Hunter and Danny Hunter.

Last Week's Collections: The first amounted to £1,023.96 of which £442.06 was gift aid and the second for Sick and Retired Priests amounted to £607.93 of which £246.40 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

Second Collection For Our Seminarians On 11th / 12th May 2019 - Good Shepherd Sunday: This collection pays for our Paisley Seminarians studying in Rome. In Autumn 2018 our number increased to four, whose seminary fees are around £20,000 per year. This collection also assists the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome. In 2018 we received £27,000 in funds (£17,000 from today's Second Collection and £10,000 from our Friends Fundraising Campaign). The total costs for the year were £84,000 which means a shortfall of £56,619 or 66%, which had to be found from reserves. Due to an increase in the number of our Seminarians, we anticipate this expenditure will remain high for some years to come.

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.

Arts And Crafts: In the hall on Monday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm, except Bank Holidays. Class by Impact Arts.

Fr. Michael will be talking at the Catholic Secondary Heads Conference this week so there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession or Mass on Thursday evening. There will be Mass on Thursday morning as usual at 10.00am.

First Holy Communion will be this Saturday at 11.00am. There will be no 10.00am Mass or Confession that day. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Quiz Night In Aid Of Fr. Michael And St. Benedict's Trip To Malawi will take place on Friday, 17th May 2019 in the Church Hall. Please show your support and come along. Tickets cost £3.00 and are available after Mass.

Dance With Pace: Learn all the Strictly dances! Latin and Ballroom dancing in St. Conval's Church Hall. Classes begin Monday, 13th May 2019 from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. Under 65s - £8.00, Over 65s - £5.00. To book your place contact Tom, email: dancewithpace@gmail.com or tel. 07711812444.

Gift Aid Declarations: Fr. Michael is in the process of preparing a Gift Aid claim for our Parish for the tax year ending 5th April 2019. If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration (either recently or a number of years ago) but you did not pay tax in the 2018-2019 tax year, then please contact Fr. Michael before Friday, 31st May 2019 so that the Diocesan Finance Office does not make a claim on your Gift Aid Declaration.

Save The Date: On Saturday, 1st June 2019 in the afternoon, St. Benedict's High School will be hosting @A Prosecco Afternoon Tea@ in the Church Hall. Come along and support our Malawi fundraising, enjoy a glass of prosecco, a lovely afternoon tea and help our friends in Malawi at the same time. A raffle and live entertainment will also be available. Tickets costing £5 will be on sale shortly. If you feel you could contribute home baking or prizes for the raffle we would be very grateful. Further details to follow. There will also be a Star Raffle, with some great prizes running over the next few weeks. Tickets will be on sale as soon as they are printed. Please support this very worthwhile cause and enjoy a pleasant social afternoon.

Lenten Appeal: We have received a letter of thanks from the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul for your generous donations of toiletries and warm clothing which were taken to the St. Barnabas Centre in Paisley for distribution to those living on the streets. Without your help this vital service could not function. Thank you everyone for your support.

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.

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.

Ryan Black: This Sunday Ryan, one of our students for the Priesthood, will be ordained a Deacon at the Scots College in Rome by Bishop John. Please keep Ryan and our other students in your prayers at this time. If you would like to know more about the Diocesan Priesthood please contact our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Marian Holy Hours: On each of the four Sundays in May, there will be a Marian Holy Hour from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in St. Laurence's, Greenock. All welcome.

Fatima Vigils At Howwood: This year's cycle of Vigils starts on Sunday, 12th May at 7.30pm. The Vigil is always celebrated on the 12th of the month. The Vigil begins with the Rosary (with procession, weather permitting), continues with the celebration of Mass and concludes with a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. Tea / coffee available in the hall from 7.00pm and again after Benediction. All welcome.

Hawkhead Cemetery Mass: The Hawkhead Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday, 19th May 2019 at 2.00pm. The main Celebrant will be Fr. Oliver Freney, Administrator of St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley.