

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Danny and John Gibb, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick and Frank Murray.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Gerard Graham, Annie McGill and Rosaline McCann.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Mary McGourlick, Patrick McGourlick, Danny McMahon, Susan Moran and for the month's mind of Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Tommy Fulton, Annie Muggins, Thomas Quinn, Paul O'Neill, Mary Theresa Simpson and Gillian McGourlick.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £955.48 of which £355.85 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Catholic Education.

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.

Diocesan Fundraising Team: Fr. Oliver Freney and the Diocesan Fundraising Team will be in our Parish this weekend to launch our Diocesan *Friends Fundraising Campaign*. The Diocese is running an annual deficit of £300K and Bishop John has approved a plan to put us in surplus from now on. Our Friends Campaign is the heart of this and so the Team will ask you to sign up to become a Friend of your chosen Diocesan project by making a regular contribution. If every member of our Diocese gave just £5.00 a year as a Friend, we would be in surplus. Please think about it and give thoughtfully and generously. Thank you.

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.

Thursday Evening: Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession or Mass on Thursday evening as Fr. Michael will be in South Africa with family.

Readers: Please take a copy of the new roster (30th November 2019 to 23rd February 2020) from the notice board at the side door of the Church.

Catholic Parliamentary Office: Please take a letter on your way out from the Catholic Parliamentary Office regarding the upcoming election.

Advent Prayer Books: These are available at the back of the Church to buy for £1.00.

Advent Calendars: These are available at the back of the Church for the younger members of our community and are FREE!

Bingo every Tuesday morning in the hall after the Tuesday Tea. Money raised goes towards the Building Fund.

Christmas Fayre in the hall on Saturday, 30th November 2019 from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Please support this cause. Entry to Fayre £1.00. Santa's Grotto entry £2.00. See you all there.

Grand Draw - St. Benedict's High School: Members of the Parent Council, staff and students of St. Benedict's High School will be available after most Masses on the weekends of 30th November / 1st December and 7th / 8th December 2019 to sell raffle tickets, priced at £1.00 each. Entry into the Grand Draw provides an opportunity to win one of three fantastic prizes, in the run up to Christmas. 1st Prize: £500.00, 2nd Prize: £150.00, 3rd Prize: A Luxury M&S Christmas Hamper. Please come to Mass prepared to give your support to our School's fund raising event.

The Advent Jesse Tree: Our Parish Giving Tree for Advent will go up on Sunday, 1st December 2019. In addition to the items requested on the labels hanging from the Tree, hats and scarves and gloves are always wanted. Please take a label from the Tree and donate the item requested. The items gathered will go to families in need, and particularly to refugees, in our area. If possible, please return all presents by Sunday, 15th December 2019 so they can be distributed in time for Christmas. Many thanks for your support.

Parish Website: Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

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.

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.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions And Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday, 27th November 2019 at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Fr. Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. The next monthly Mass will be on Wednesday, 29th January 2020.

Quiet Morning For Advent will be held on 30th November 2019 at St. Columba's Parish, Renfrew. Coffee at 10.00am, commencing at 10.30am. The morning will end at 1.00pm with Mass and a light lunch. All welcome.

St. Margaret's, Johnstone will hold a Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 1st December 2019 from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the Church Hall. There will be a table top sale, with various companies attending to sell their products, as well as raffles and tombola. All welcome to attend.

Lourdes Discipleship Group: A meeting will be held in St. Ninian's Church Hall, Gourock on Sunday, 1st December 2019 at 2.30pm. Those eligible for the Pilgrimage Group should be between 18-21. The Pilgrimage takes place from 26th June until 2nd July 2020. For more information please contact Fr. Gerry McNellis, email: stninian@rcdop.org.uk

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre: Please note there will be no 5.00pm Sunday Mass on 1st December 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Evening Prayer And Benediction: St. Margaret's, Johnstone, will celebrate Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction on Sunday, 1st December 2019 at 6.00pm. The music will be led by the Schola Benedicti. All welcome to attend this celebration of the start of Advent.

Advent Service: There will be an Advent Service on Tuesday, 3rd December 2019 at 7.00pm in St. Aidan's, Johnstone with St. Mirin's Cathedral Choir: hymns and readings for Advent. All welcome. Tea afterwards in the Hall.

Charis Conference 2019: Charis, the new service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, is holding its National Conference in St. Mirin's Hall on Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th December 2019. Speakers are Jean Luc Moens, Moderator for Charis (appointed by Pope Francis), Kenny Borthwick, Presbyterian Minister in Wester Hailes and Bishop John Keenan. Cost for full weekend is £20.00 (pay at the door). Each day begins at 10.00am. Email: tresanded1214@gmail.com for further information.