

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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

**Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently:** Ellen Alexandria, John Gibb, Robert Bain and Charles Flynn (whose body will be received into the Church on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 immediately prior to his Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Canon Nolan, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Peggy McKendrick, Thomas Flood Snr, Elsie Muggins, Danny Drummond and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion and Elizabeth McAdam.

**Last Week's Collection** amounted to £876.07 of which £402.50 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

**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.

**SPRED Advent Boxes:** Please take away your SPRED Advent Boxes and bring them back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our Diocese, as well as in our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000.00. We will be holding our annual SPRED Parish collection in February which, last year, raised £23,000.00. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation in our Diocese to spread and grow from strength to strength. Along with our *Friends Fundraising Campaign* and our annual collection our Advent Boxes pay for just over 50% of this ministry.

**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!

**Christmas Season Masses:** Flyers with the times of all the Masses over the Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourselves and others to give to friends or neighbours.

**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 this weekend 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £150.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is up. 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, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 so they can be distributed in time for Christmas. Many thanks for your support.

**Poinsettias:** Would you help us to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias? Please bring in your donations next weekend - and thank you!

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

**The S.V.D.P:** We will be hosting an afternoon of soup, sausage rolls, cakes and fun to celebrate Christmas and invite our senior parishioners to join us in the Church Hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 1 o'clock. Tickets are available from any member of the S.V.D.P. Donations of raffle prizes are most welcome.

**Parish Recipe Book:** We are planning to publish a parish recipe book. If anyone has any recipes they wish to be included, please put them in the box provided at the back of the Church.

**Parish Website:** Please visit: [www.stconvals.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com) or tel. 07874007136 or 01505 674782.

**All Night Vigil** of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Reparation and in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Opening Mass 8.00pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Closing Mass 6.00am on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY. For information, email: [liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com) or tel. 07806517383 or Facebook - Glasgow Vigils Events. All welcome.

**Centenary Recruitment Drive - Knights Of St. Columba:** 'Serving God by serving others'. If you are over 16 and a practicing Catholic and wish to join an organisation to promote the Catholic Faith and help others in need, please contact: John O'Donnell, tel. 07854886425 or email: [john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk)