

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A) 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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Canon Michael McMahon and Canon Willie Crawford



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

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Robert Gray, George Drummond, Patricia Duffy Graham, May Vaughan, Marion Donald, John Mullan and for the month's mind of John McGrory, Isobel Sheerin and Margaret Garvie.

**Last Week's Collections:** The first amounted to £855.24 of which £326.10 was gift aid and the second for Justice and Peace amounted to £469.30 of which £187.84 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

**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** will resume this week. Please join us in the hall after Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

**Crib:** The Collection Box at the Crib is for St. Margaret's Adoption and Family Care Society, which does wonderful work in the provision of care and adoption for the very young in Scotland. If you wish to support them financially, this is the last opportunity to do so as the Christmas Season ends today and the Crib will be dismantled.

**SPRED Advent Boxes:** Please bring back your filled Advent Boxes as soon as you can. Thank you for helping this wonderful organisation in our Diocese.

**Tuesday Tea** will resume on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 after the 10.00am Mass. Please join us in the hall for a cuppa and a chat.

**Canon Crawford** is leaving us to enjoy the next stage of his retirement in The Holy Rosary Residence of The Little Sisters in Greenock. He has been to see his new accommodation and is very pleased. This will happen as soon as he gets packed. The process has already begun.

**Many Thanks** to the Choir who have enhanced our liturgies with song and music. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work and to the contribution they make to the ministry. They are of course delighted should anyone wish to join them. Please speak to Fr. Michael or Lorna if you wish to do so.

**We Received A Lovely Letter Of Thanks** from those who received the gifts we gave as part of our Advent Jesse Tree. "The children have told me about the lovely clothes and toys that Santa had left them and how they were so excited and happy during the Christmas holidays. This reminded me of a tweet that Pope Francis sent to us on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 'The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour'. The families that you have supported over Christmas have told me how grateful they were to receive such wonderful gifts for their children. Many of them spoke of the difference your gifts have made, making Christmas easier this year and how Christmas morning was a wonderful experience for them and their children."

**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.

**Annual Safeguarding Report:** The Annual Diocesan Safeguarding Report will be read out by Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators in all Parishes at Masses this weekend. Paisley Diocese and our Parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our Safeguarding Team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by Fr. Dominic Allain about the 'Grief to Grace' Retreat. 'Grief to Grace' has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing as the testimonies on their website report, visit: <https://www.griegtograceuk.org> The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called 'In God's Image' which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our Diocesan Trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as PSCs and clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church's system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.

**For The Attention Of All Church Volunteers With PVG Certificates Or Pending PVG Certificates:** Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both should complete the Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1. The next session will be on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, tel. 0141 847 6138 or email: [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) to register.

**Safeguarding Training Part 2:** The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level One, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, tel. 0141 847 6138 or email: [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) to register.

**Pro-Life Mass:** On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6.00pm, followed by Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Joseph McAuley.

**Prayer Group:** Are you aged between 18-35 years old? St. Francis and St. Clare welcomes you to an evening of prayer, intercessions and a wee something to eat together on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 7.00pm until 9.00pm in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley. We look forward to welcoming you to our prayer group. Thank you!