

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A) 29<sup>th</sup> February / 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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Mass Times	Confessions	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson, Sheila Reilly and Gerry Sheerin.

**Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently:** Jim Campbell (whose body will be received into the Church on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 immediately prior to his Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Bernard Patterson, John Stewart, Jean Keevins, John McMahon, Marie McGourlick Ward and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins and Elizabeth McAdam.

**Last Week's Collections:** The first amounted to £817.89 of which £424.50 was gift aid and the second for the Building Fund amounted to £562.84. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

**Second Collection For Sick And Retired Priests On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** We remember our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese with great love and affection. We have eighteen retired Priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two in Chile, six in houses throughout the Diocese, three in Parish Presbyteries and six at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these Priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2019 our three special collections and Friends Campaign and rental income raised £78,985, which represents 37% of our expenditure of £211,116. i.e. a shortfall of £132,131, of which £93,359 was met by the Sick and Retired Priests Designated Fund Investment income.

**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.

**Adult Formation:** All are invited to the remaining two Scripture talks (of a series of three) in St. Conval's, Linwood starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.  
3<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for R.C.I.A.)  
31<sup>st</sup> March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

**First Holy Communion:** The children of Primary 4 will be having their Rite of Enrolment next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

**Lenten Appeal:** This Lent we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless and non perishable food for the Food Bank. Many thanks for your generosity.

**The S.S.V.P.** in this Parish now meet at 7.00pm on a Monday night in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along and join us.

**Church Cleaning:** When we come into the Church, we expect it to be clean and tidy. Thanks to the parishioners who have, over many years, carried out the cleaning. Unfortunately, due to illness and old age we have lost some of them and are now very short of cleaners. Please consider helping to solve this problem. Leave your name in the Sacristy and we will contact you.

**First Communion Prayer Partners:** If anyone in the Parish is interested in partnering one of our First Communicants this year, please see Deirdre or tel. 326185. Prayer Partners only have to agree to pray for the child while they prepare to receive the Sacrament. In previous years both partners have found this a great way to involve the Parish and the School in our Catholic faith.

**Letter From Sister Olga And Sisters Of St. Elisabeth Convent:** Dear Father and All Parishioners of the Parish, We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit your Parish on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We heartily thank the Lord for you and your parishioners hospitality and help during the visit of our Sisters. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern assistance and kindheartedness greatly. Our Sisters are most grateful for the donation collected in your Parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programmes for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter, and clothing distribution. Let us assure you they are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth Convent. With deep gratitude and love in Christ, Sister Olga and Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**World Day Of Prayer** takes place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Linwood Parish Hall at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

**40 Hours Adoration:** The new dates for 40 Hours Adoration begins next weekend, with St Charles', Paisley holding theirs. Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March - Adoration from 1.00pm, Holy Hour at 4.00pm with a break for their evening Mass. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Adoration after 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour each evening at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend.

**Government Consultation On Changing Legal Gender:** The Scottish Government is consulting on new legislation around the ability to legally change gender. Consultation closes on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a four page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. The briefing can be accessed via: <https://tinyurl.com/snxo5ff> Please consider responding to the consultation. Anyone can access and respond to the consultation via: <https://tinyurl.com/w33gbl0>

**Lenten Station Masses:** Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at 7.00pm in St. Fillan's, Houston on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day to allow our priests and people to join him. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe some will make your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses.

**Adult Formation Survey:** The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and seeks your views. Please complete this survey on the Education Department page on the Diocesan website: [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk) indicating topics which you would like to be presented / addressed by the Diocese, as well as preferred methods of presentation. Many thanks to those who have responded already - all responses will help to shape Adult Formation in the Diocese.