

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (A) 13th / 14th June 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Maria Devlin, Betty Dundas, David Hannah, George Cowan and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Frances Whyte (Requiem Mass at 10.00am on Tuesday, Private Family Burial thereafter) and Robert Hamilton.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Robert McMahon, Jan Duffy, Helen Liney, Jimmy Gilligan and for the month's mind of John and Mary McGrory and Gillian McGourlick.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Mass Sheets, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Special Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Packs, Paper and Pens.

Fr. Michael Will Celebrate Mass Alone Each Day praying for the members of the Parish Community and their intentions. Fr. Michael is still available in emergencies but is observing the Government's advice on social distancing.

St. Mirin's Cathedral And Local Parishes are livestreaming their privately celebrated Masses:

St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/qv7uqhl>

St. Charles', Paisley - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/r2gww7a>

St. Margaret's, Johnstone - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/qv5wde5>

This Weekend - The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - in response to requests Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday (No Sunday Morning Mass in St. Conval's - you tell me there are many available online). Sunday Evening 5.30pm Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer.

Funeral Mass on Tuesday 10.00am and on Friday at 10.00am - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thanks Also To Your Great Generosity so quickly provided Fr. Michael has been able to pay the whole Bill for the purchase and installation of the equipment to enable live streaming - he is also investigating the possibilities of having the Live stream pictures available in the Hall simultaneously which would increase our capacity for Sunday by 35% which might make a big difference if we are allowed to gather for Mass while 'Physically Distancing'. So many, many thanks and we look forward to St. Conval's being an online presence for the foreseeable future and continuing to minister to the good people of Linwood - even in a virtual way. Last Sunday's Mass seems to have overcome our sound issues and Mass through the week has also been clear - your feedback really helps! All your feedback and comments are welcome!

Remember Fr. Michael has asked the young people of the Parish to contribute a drawing or sketch on a given topic. Fr. Michael realises that he asked you to do this as if you would have easy access to paper and coloured pens, but as you are not in school, perhaps you don't! So paper and pens now available in the porch of the house - help yourself! Theme for the Children to illustrate this weekend is 'The Last Supper'. Next Weekend - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 'The Prophet Jeremiah'. Please hand in by Friday Evening and remember to put your name and class on the picture.

Subject To The Announcement to be made by the First Minister on Thursday, it may be possible to open our Churches for Personal Prayer in the near future - though not for the Public Celebration of Mass. Fr. Michael is ensuring that the Church environment is suitable for the Public Health requirements - this will involve a one-way system for entering and leaving the Church, sanitising hands on entering, maintaining social distancing, etc. We will need to have times when the Church is open and cleaning after each open period. Fr. Michael is therefore seeking volunteers to undertake these cleaning and sanitising tasks. The Parish will provide all the necessary supplies - these are all ordered already. It will be important for us ALL, while we rejoice to be back in Church, to ensure that our Churches do not become a source of infection spread, so we will err on the side of caution always. Please be patient so that we do not undo the steps we have made in these long weeks of lockdown, which have been so testing for us all in so many ways.

Fr. Michael is attempting to compile a database of the Parish to help us stay in touch with one another - there were no records kept by previous Parish Priests. Please take a Census Form and complete it, returning it to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

St. Conval's customarily hosts the end of the year Mass for St. Benedict's High School. We will do so again online this year. This will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd at 10.00am. Please join us to pray for the School Community as the Education of our Children and Young People is challenging for them and their Teachers in these days.

Throughout The Diocese all parishioners are invited to contribute to a Spiritual Bouquet the Diocese hopes to present to our two hospitals. The link below takes people to the web page where they can indicate their spiritual contribution i.e. rosaries, prayers, acts of charity. These will be added together and a presentation made to the hospitals. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ffcunp>

Afternoon Of Reflection For Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host an afternoon series of talks on Saturday, 27th June 2020 from 1.00-2.30pm. It will be held on Zoom. The talks will deal with developing a spirituality of the Eucharist, using scripture to pray before the Blessed Sacrament as well as input on Eucharistic devotion. This will finish with a time of Adoration and Benediction. More information will follow next week or see the Diocesan website on how to access the online meeting. All welcome.

Prayer For The Feast Day

Thank You, Lord, because in our Celebrations of the Last Supper You divide the consecrated bread and wine into infinite pieces to satiate our hunger and thirst.

Thank You, Lord, because in the consecrated bread and wine you give us Your life and fill us with Your presence.

Thank You, Lord because You loved us to the end, to the extreme that one can love: to die for another, to give one's life for another.

Thank You, Lord, because You willed to celebrate Your surrender around a table with Your friends, to that they would be a community of love.

Thank You, Lord, because in the Eucharist You make us ONE with You, You unite us to Your Life, in the measure that we are willing to surrender ours . . .

Thank You, Lord, because the whole day can be a preparation to celebrate and share the Eucharist . . .

Thank You, Lord, because I can begin again every day . . . and continue my journey of fraternity with my brothers, and my journey of transformation in You . . .

Thank You Lord because though I cannot, at the moment, receive you in the physical sense, I can still follow the celebration of Mass online and still receive you in an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Responses To Our Second Question...

Looking back at the past couple of months, what didn't you do that you wish you had done?

- More exercise!
- I didn't understand the difference between 'Saying Prayers' and 'Praying', I do now!
- As I sit at my "home office" of an exercise ball and a card table, I wish I would have had a slightly more comfortable set-up for remote work.
- On the spiritual side of things, I would have liked to participate in Mass from different parishes sooner. Also, I would have liked to try streaming a chapel for prayer to help me focus more during prayer time since I could not get to Church.
- My daughter and I were to go to Holy Land in May 2020. Wish I had done it last year! I have been putting off visiting family and friends even locally in the past year - wish I had done it. Wish didn't put off doing things that needed to be done.
- The crown of my tooth came off in the first week of the lockdown. The dentist told me that he could be fined if he were to put it back on since the government didn't consider that enough of an emergency. This has involved some pain for me, finally got the emergency dentist to give temporary solution.

Please let Fr. Michael have your thoughts on 'What are you looking forward to most after things open up?' For next week...