

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: David Henderson, Margaret McShane and Nualla Breslin.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Paul Spence, David Spence, May Dooley, Jamie Lavery, Mary and John McCormack, Beatrice and James McKee, John Cairns and for the month's mind of Maria Devlin, Gillian McGourlick, John and Mary McGrory, Flo and Malkie Orr, Minnie and Andrew Noble, Betty and Kenneth Donald, Margaret and Bill Duff, Angela Adams and Betty Dunnion.

Prayerful Congratulations to Michelle Dalgarno and Thomas Scarff who celebrated their marriage on Friday.

Praying For You: For any parishioners interested in promoting and praying for those within the Diocese who have asked for prayers, please visit: <https://rcdop.org.uk/prayingforyou> ⁽¹⁾

This Weekend's Special Second Collection Is For The Holy Places: The Holy Places of the Holy Land are the concrete, historical witness on earth of the story of our Biblical Faith and the sites Our Lord lived among during His life, death and resurrection. From there the Good News spread throughout the world. A Christian community has remained there continually till now through trials, sacrifices and martyrdom. This Papal Collection allows this community to survive as a local Church, to preserve the sacred sites of our Catholic faith and to keep the Christian message of peace and hope alive.

Next Weekend there will be a special second collection for Sick and Retired Priests.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Mass Sheets, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statement.

The Weekly Illustrations Competition for the young people of the Parish will take a break for August and re-start in September. Winners of the best illustrations from previous weeks are: 'Holy Spirit' - Mia Kidd, 'Last Supper' - James, 'Jeremiah' - Joseph, 'Peter and Paul' - Shannon, 'Jesus and the Children' - Anna McIntosh, 'Parable of the Sower' - Joseph, 'Wheat and Weeds Growing Together' - Shannon Kidd, 'Treasure' - Harry Cavanagh, 'The Feeding of the 5000' - entries still being made... Nice big bar of White Chocolate in the Porch for each of you (one each!).

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.

On Tuesday Evening At 6.00pm Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass in St. Conval's with some of the pupils and staff of St. Benedict's High School to inaugurate the Academic Year. He will also Bless the pupils who are elected and chosen as Head Boy and Head Girl, House Captains and Members of the Leadership Team all of whom exercise important roles within the school community, supporting their fellow students. He will also Bless the pupils embarking on the 'Caritas Award' - including 8 young people from our own Parish and whom you will see in various roles in the Parish Community in the coming year. Please join the celebration online and pray for all those who participate in the life of our local High School.

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 12th September: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 13th September: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Tuesday, 15th September: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Tuesday, 15th September: Mass at 6.00pm, as noted above, Live Streamed

Thursday, 17th September: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 19th September: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 20th September: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

More volunteers for stewarding and sanitising would be most welcome.

The Diocese Has Advised Fr. Michael And All The Parishes As Follows:

Mass with a Congregation MAY now be celebrated in line with restricted congregation and with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals may be celebrated with restricted congregation, Churches continue to be open for private prayer with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place.

At Sunday or weekday Mass the maximum number of participants is 50 (we can accommodate 40 in St. Conval's)

At a celebration of Baptism the maximum number of participants is 50

At a celebration of Marriage the maximum number of participants is 20

At a Funeral the maximum number of participants is 20

Always subject to the physical distance rule of 2 metres

Face coverings must be worn at all public Masses or Liturgies

N.B. No congregational singing, no leaflets or hymn books, no Votive candles and Church buildings to be well ventilated

The offertory collection will be collected as the parishioners enter or exit the Church, placing the offerings in baskets or containers left for the purpose. (In St. Conval's, the offertory collections should be placed in the basket at the main door when entering and any second collections should be placed in the basket at the side door when leaving.)

So For Us In St. Conval's: We have set up an internet Booking Form to request a place at Mass in the coming week. Please use this link rather than emailing the Parish, we seem to have evolved a useful method and timings for booking, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec if you wish and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8> ⁽²⁾

this will centralise and manage booking for us in a way that will avoid errors and misunderstandings - we hope! If there is a place available, you will receive an email (normally 24 hours prior to the Mass) confirming your booking request. There is no Obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the moment. If you are assigned a place, please arrive in good time (as places still vacant at the time Mass is due to begin will be given to those not able to book in advance), please tell the Stewards who you are - to indicate your presence on the sheet that lists those attending. Please wear a face covering. Please follow the direction of the Stewards and occupy only the seat you are given. Please do not wander around the Church. At the end of Mass please leave by the side door following the direction of the Stewards, so that we can keep our distance as we leave. The Church will remain open after Mass for prayer. We will try to evolve our plans to accommodate the demand in the weeks ahead. The reason why there is not Mass daily at the moment is that we require to clean the Church between each Celebration and, as Fr. Michael has had two Funerals a week during lockdown, this will leave a couple of days in the week when Funerals can be celebrated with the family without having to call people who have booked to tell them they may not attend. If you have booked ahead and then discover you cannot attend, please call to inform us, and someone else can take your place. This has worked well through our first few weeks - so thank you for your co-operation, for your patience and understanding.

Mgr. James Cunningham Jubilee - 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination: Mgr. James Cunningham celebrates 60 years of priestly ordination on Friday, 11th September 2020. We thank God for his long and faithful service to the people of Paisley Diocese, wish him a happy day and many blessed years of retirement to come with the Little Sisters in Greenock.

Marriage Matters - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time: The call to forgive. How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse? (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21- 35).

Vocations Awareness Week: Sunday marks the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week, a time of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. Ordinarily, we would celebrate our Diocesan Vocations Mass at the Cathedral and host our Vocations Conference for S6 pupils. These events are not feasible this year. We have, however, developed out usual materials for secondary schools. Focused on the theme of 'Parable', these invite pupils to consider God's plan for their lives and include resources for prayer and reflection. The material is also designed to be augmented by a talk from the School Chaplain. All our resources are on the SCES Website and have been sent to our schools. Through the week there will be plentiful material on our social media channels, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y6bj4y2t> ⁽³⁾ Please remember to pray for Vocations this week.