

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of All Saints (A) 31st October / 1st November 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Frances Reid, Pauline Garvie 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: Annie King (Family Funeral on Wednesday), Sadie Dahlstrom and Rose Chesney.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: David Ferris, Chrissie Hillan, Mary Lynch, Alex Muggins and for the month's mind of Robert Ure, Bobby McColgan, Elsie Muggins, John Hendrie, Michael Reilly and Thomas Keenan.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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

'Illustrate The Sunday Gospel' Competition: Fr. Michael has asked the young people of the Parish to contribute a sketch or drawing each week. The theme for next weekend is 'The Ten Wise Bridesmaids'. Paper and pens are available in the porch of the house - help yourself. Please hand in by midday on Saturday and remember to put your name and class on the picture.

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.

Sunday Of This Week is the Solemnity of All Saints and sees us begin our prayer for those gone before us 'Marked with the Sign of Faith' and we remember the Holy Souls in the Month of November. If you have not yet let Fr. Michael have your completed November List, please do so and he will remember them all at Mass each day of the month. Please hand your completed list in with your donation to the House Porch or the Collection Baskets in the Church.

Monday, 2nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ('All Souls Day'). Mass will be Live Streamed at 10.00am as Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass alone in the Church.

Financial Support: Thanks to your ongoing generosity in October, Fr. Michael received £2,530 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for the Building Fund (£723) and Missio Scotland (£378). Many thanks to those who have moved their contributions to Standing Order or made Donations to the Parish through the Diocesan Debit / Credit Card Portal. Your support is greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 31st October: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 1st November: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Tuesday, 3rd November: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Wednesday, 4th November: Funeral, as noted above, with 20 members of the family ONLY allowed to attend

Thursday, 5th November: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 7th November: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 8th November: 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.

Making A Big Difference With A Little: We have been overwhelmed with your generous support of our Appeal for Toiletries to go with our Meal distribution service - thank you. As the Council are now offering Toiletries at the Food Banks, we can perhaps focus our charity in a slightly different direction for the next few months. St. Benedict's High School have an annual appeal for Christmas Parcels which will be sent to Malawi as part of our Partnership with St. Patrick's School. As ever with crises it's the poorest who suffer most so Malawi has been hard hit with the effects of

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the Pandemic. Perhaps we could appeal to you - our generous Parishioners - for donations to add to the parcels, yours are the only gifts these children will receive and many of them have absolutely nothing. But as our Partnership is based on Education and our Partners in Malawi are so focused on study and learning as a path out of poverty, they are looking for donations of Pencils, Pens, Pencil Cases, Toothbrushes, Candy Canes(!), Socks, Wrapping Paper / Christmas Cards. Perhaps we could donate these items in the month of November as donations will be shipped early December, so our deadline is the end of the month. Please leave them in the receptacles on the Sanctuary steps and if you would be so kind, please remove them from plastic shopping bags which are a potential source of cross-infection.

That same risk means that we should not, as normally we do in Advent, collect Christmas Presents for disadvantaged children. Fr. Michael would love to have any suggestions you might have for any alternative - Gift Cards perhaps? All helpful suggestions welcomed.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has presented the Church with unprecedented challenges. It has brought about the temporary closure of parish churches and, following the resumption of public worship, the introduction of rigorous health and safety measures to prevent transmission of the virus. Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection to ensure the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The tireless work and co-operation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic, has been commendable. We are now at a fragile point. The rate of Covid-19 infections appears to be on the rise and public anxiety is increasing. At this critical moment, Scotland's Bishops have written to all our parishes urging that they redouble their efforts to reduce the risk of transmission and ensure that we all adhere to the infection control measures that we have put in place. Our discussions with the Scottish Government assure us that they are aware of our excellent protocols and trust us to see to our public worship and parish life with the discretion of good citizens and partners. Although no evidence has emerged of cases or clusters connected to our churches, we are not blasé and continue to assure the Government that we employ discretion and caution in full co-operation with the intentions of their advice. On that basis, we have every confidence that, if parishes continue their high standards of infection control, then public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to be able to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation. Thank you for your co-operation, please be careful to respect our protocols for the safety of yourselves and your fellow Parishioners.

In St. Conval's we will continue to use 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>

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.

Zoom Music Day: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a Zoom music day on Saturday, 7th November 2020 at 11.00am finishing at approx. 1.00pm or before. The group will look at learning some Mass parts to be used by cantors during these Covid times and for parish choirs to use once restrictions are lifted. Everyone is invited to join the meeting. Musicians, cantors and choirs are all welcome. Details of the zoom meeting are below. Please click on the link, or use the meeting id, if required. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/7247466974> Meeting ID: 724 746 6974

Annual Holy Mass - Hawkhead Cemetery: Fr. Joe Burke will celebrate Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral for the souls of the faithful departed of Hawkhead Cemetery on Sunday, 8th November 2020 at 12noon. Unfortunately, due to COVID, Mass will not be in the Cemetery itself this year. All those with loved ones resting there are invited to join him online or in Church through Eventbrite booking. Mass will be Live Streamed and available via the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOpDi2GliU0&feature=youtu.be>