

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Eleanor McMahon 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: Canon Brendan Healy (whose Funeral took place on Saturday, 23rd January at 9.00am in St. Mirin's Cathedral), Francis McGinniss (Family Funeral on Tuesday, 26th January at 10.00am), Peter Gray (Family Funeral on Wednesday, 27th January at 10.00am), Kenneth Donald (Family Funeral on Thursday, 28th January - 1.30pm from St. Conval's to Paisley Crematorium), Mary McGowan (Family Funeral on Monday, 15th February at 10.00am), Ann Marie Pandelus and Pauline Garvie.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Nan Lucas, John McMahon and for the month's mind of Tommy Fulton, Willie McKenna, Jimmy McGivern, Annie Muggins, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe and James Lowe.

Please Continue To Pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and of Bishop Vincent Logan whose families (both Diocesan and Familial) are very grateful for our prayers for them.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection. We have fourteen retired Priests of our Diocese, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two living in Chile, five in houses throughout the Diocese, three in Parish Presbyteries, three 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 The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statements.

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.

Following The First Minister's Recent Announcement extending lockdown to mid-February, we will continue to Live Stream Mass without a Congregation on Tuesday at 10.00am, Thursday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.30am. Fr. Michael can continue to celebrate Funerals (with a maximum of 20 Mourners) and Weddings (similarly restricted). No Congregations are otherwise permitted and Churches are to remain closed, so please do return - or continue - to celebrate virtually online. Our Live Stream is easily accessed on any electronic device with internet compatibility simply Google 'St. Conval's Church Linwood YouTube' or paste the following link into your search engine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyfCJEhpKW4> Please continue to pray for the other members of the Parish Community as we go through another period of enforced isolation from one another, especially for those who find these periods of isolation so difficult.

Community Circle Of Prayer: Every Friday evening people gather online at 7.00pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link:
<https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09> Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.

Edinburgh Jesuit Centre - Light In The Darkness: On the Feast of Candlemas, the Iona's Community John Bell explores ways of coping with the COVID crisis. Tuesday, 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom. John Bell is a Church of Scotland Minister of the Iona Community and an occasional broadcaster on BBC Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' Programme. Join us on Zoom on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> Meeting ID: 236 509 2814 or join us on Facebook where we will be streaming live. To join Facebook live, search for 'Edinburgh Jesuit Centre' on Facebook. For more information, email: edinburghjesuitcentre@jesuit.org.uk

Postponement Of Diocesan Lourdes And Youth To Lourdes Pilgrimages To 2022:

Unfortunately, due to present circumstances and the uncertainty facing us all over the next few months, it is with deep regret that we must inform you that the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Youth to Lourdes has now been postponed to June - July 2022. We are fully aware that the Shrine of Lourdes means so much to so many in our Diocese and understand how disappointing this news will be. However, we know that we will all work together and look forward to being welcomed back in 2022. If you already have a place on the Pilgrimage carried over from this year on Joe Walsh Tours, their representatives will be contacting you in writing to confirm our decision to reschedule and to explain how your booking can be carried forward.

St. Andrew's Foundation For Catholic Teacher Education has launched a brand new blog called The Cloisters. The aim is to stimulate discussion, debate and collaboration in the area of Catholic Religious Education and Catholic Education more widely. Contributions to the blog are invited from academics, teachers, alumni, students, parents, clergy, and all interested in the mission of Catholic Education. The blog can be found at: <https://thecloisters.blog>

Think Vocation: The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1: 14-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Urgent - Act Now To Stop 'DIY' Abortion Services Being Made Permanent In Scotland:

The Scottish Government is currently deciding on whether to make the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in Scotland permanent. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger. It is vital that as many people as possible contact their MSPs to ask them to write to the First Minister and other relevant Ministers laying out the serious dangers with 'DIY' home abortions and ask them to ensure that the temporary order allowing 'DIY' home abortion is revoked as soon as possible and not made permanent. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MSPs in less than one minute. This tool can be easily accessed, visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/notodiyabortion