

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Pauline Garvie, Eleanor McMahon, John McLachlan 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:** May Fox (Family Funeral on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.30am), Francis McGinniss (Family Funeral on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am) and Kenneth Donald (Family Funeral on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January - 1.30pm from St. Conval's to Paisley Crematorium), Peter Gray, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Bishop Vincent Logan and Canon Brendan Healy.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Patricia Duffy Graham, Marian Donald, Maria O'Neill, Catherine Lowrie, Tommy Barr, Grace Moore, Hugh Burns and for the month's mind of Mary Ferguson, Maria Devlin, John and Mary McGrory, Gillian McGourlick and Davie Dunnion.

**This weekend's** second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

**Second Collection:** There will be a special second collection next week for Sick and Retired Priests.

**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.

**We Received News** on Wednesday morning of the sudden and unexpected death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, aged 70, at his home in Glasgow. Please remember him, his family and the Archdiocese in your prayers. You may remember he was our Bishop here in the Diocese of Paisley from 2005 - 2012, and he was very happy to be our 'Father in God' for those years. His funeral will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow at 12noon on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January and will be live streamed from there, details on the Archdiocesan Website and Facebook.

**We Received News** on Thursday of the death of Bishop Vincent Logan, the retired Bishop of Dunkeld - please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**Canon Brendan Healy** had been in the IRH for the past week and his condition had been deteriorating somewhat. Though he did not have Covid-19, he was weak, had difficulty breathing and had been put on oxygen. Unfortunately Fr. Michael received news on Saturday morning that he had died RIP. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**Fr. Michael** again thanks you for your prayers for his Mum - she has made remarkably good progress and he hopes to move her for Respite Care for a few weeks to the Little Sisters in Greenock, this is as a stepping stone to going home. A remarkable recovery indeed.

**Following The First Minister's Recent Announcement** re-imposing lockdown, we will go back to Live Streaming 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.

**Adult Education Talks:** You are invited to our next talk on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6.30pm on The Teachings of Saint John Paul II by Bishop John. Please use the link below to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/96974935970?pwd=b04ya2pUOEIxeXJhREIkdXIHVXlwQT09> Passcode: 758071

**Catholic Erskine** would like to invite you to register for our next online Alpha which commences on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm. Alpha is a 10-week series of video presentation and informal conversation for people searching for a deeper understanding of their faith and for those who are searching for a way to return to their faith. To register please visit: [www.catholicerskine.website](http://www.catholicerskine.website) Once registered we will issue you with details of accessing the first session, which will be delivered via Zoom. Please invite someone to come along with you. Relatives and friends are very welcome.

**Marriage Preparation Courses In 2021:** We are very pleased to announce dates for these courses which will take place over two evenings (to best comply with Covid protocols) on Wednesdays from 7.00pm until 8.30pm (dates and locations below). Couples should attend both evenings. Places are available for a minimum of 10 couples on each course; we will accommodate more if Covid restrictions allow. There is a £30 charge per couple to cover materials and administration. Couples should register online on the Marriage and Family Page of the Diocesan website, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ybja68rj> Registration will be confirmed and instructions provided directly to the couples. Should we need to modify these events in light of new restrictions we will update the couples. We are glad to again be able to share our Church's vision for marriage and family life, which is always very well received.

St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley: Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

St. Mary's, Greenock: Wednesdays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

St. John's, Barrhead: Wednesdays, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 - 7.00pm until 8.30pm

We intend to provide an additional course in September, the format of which may be different depending on prevailing conditions and this will be announced at a later date.

**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.

**Vocations:** Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness and love. Can you bring the Gospel to families in your community? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon or sister, contact Fr. John Morrison, email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 0141 889 5056.

#### **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>