

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

6th Sunday of Easter (C) 25th / 26th May 2019

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Canon Michael McMahon and Canon Willie Crawford



Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie and Rob McMahon.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Francis O'Neill and Catherine Stevenson.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Patricia McCallum, Gerard Lavery, William McGuire, William McAdam, Fr. Hugh Ferguson, Liza McElhoney, Jim Tollan, Peter Reekes, Iain Thomson, Bridget Smith, Kevin Flood, Bobby Flood, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Charlie McKendrick, Annie McGovern and for the month's mind of Janie Lavery, Ann McAdam, Margaret Madden, Lorraine Gaffney, Thomas O'Malley and Annie Muggins.

Please Pray For The Special Intention: Joseph Alan McLaren.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £947.84 of which £431.82 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Second Collection For Communications On 1st / 2nd June 2019: This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The Office supports two employees. In 2017 this collection raised £15,072 which represents 86% of our expenditure of £17,444, resulting in a shortfall of £2,732, which was funded from Diocesan reserves.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you pay tax please consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration so that your contribution will be increased by a further 25%. The annual refund which the Parish receives from HMRC makes a massive difference to our funds. Please call into the Sacristy after Mass if you would like to become involved in the Gift Aid Scheme.

Sunday Teas And Coffees: Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass each week. Everyone is very welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Ascension Thursday: This Thursday is Ascension Thursday and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

10.00am and 7.00pm in St. Conval's

10.50am and 12.30pm in St. Benedict's High School

All are welcome at any / all of the Masses. Please note, there will be **no** Vigil Mass.

Readers: Please take a copy of the new roster (1st June 2019 to 25th August 2019) from the notice board at the side door of the Church.

Canon Crawford will be on holiday from 4th until 18th June 2019 so there will be no Thursday Morning Mass on 6th and 13th June. Mass will be at 7.00pm on those days.

Arts And Crafts: In the hall on Monday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm, except Bank Holidays. Class by Impact Arts. On 3rd June, Arts and Crafts will hold a special day, all day. Please note there will be no Qi Gong on this day.

Dance With Pace: Learn all the Strictly dances! Latin and Ballroom dancing in St. Conval's Church Hall. Classes on Monday evenings from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. Under 65s - £8.00, Over 65s - £5.00. To book your place contact Tom, email: dancewithpace@gmail.com or tel. 07711812444.

Tuesday Tea: This Tuesday will be the last Tuesday tea. The ladies are taking a well deserved break and will return after the summer holidays.

Gift Aid Declarations: Fr. Michael is in the process of preparing a Gift Aid claim for our Parish for the tax year ending 5th April 2019. If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration (either recently or a number of years ago) but you did not pay tax in the 2018-2019 tax year, then please contact Fr. Michael before Friday, 31st May 2019 so that the Diocesan Finance Office does not make a claim on your Gift Aid Declaration.

Save The Date: On Saturday, 1st June 2019 in the afternoon, St. Benedict's High School will be hosting @A Prosecco Afternoon Tea@ in the Church Hall. Come along and support our Malawi fundraising, enjoy a glass of prosecco, a lovely afternoon tea and help our friends in Malawi at the same time. A raffle and live entertainment will also be available. Tickets costing £5.00 will be on sale shortly. If you feel you could contribute home baking or prizes for the raffle, we would be very grateful. Further details to follow. There will also be a Star Raffle, with some great prizes running over the next few weeks. Tickets will be on sale as soon as they are printed. Please support this very worthwhile cause and enjoy a pleasant social afternoon.

Quiz Night In Aid Of Fr. Michael And St. Benedict's Trip To Malawi: Thank you to everyone who supported and attended this event which raised £400.00. A great night was had by all!

Mrs. Dick has left Our Lady of Peace Primary School to work as one of the advisors of schools for Renfrewshire Council. The new Head Teacher is Mr. Graeme Mothersall (you may remember him as a teacher previously). We thank Mrs. Dick and are delighted to welcome Mr. Mothersall.

Waterproofing was stolen off the Church roof this week, this has now been fixed. CCTV footage was acquired and this has now been passed on to the police. Please be vigilant, if you see anything suspicious, especially at night, please call the police.

Our New Parish Website is now up and running! Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

The Hall: Please note that no one in the Parish House can open or close the hall, take bookings or organise functions. The Hall Keeper – Bridget Macfarlane – has the keys and the Bookings Diary, she has the Booking Forms and the Contract that all users are required to complete for insurance purposes. All these matters will be attended to by her, and by her alone, to avoid double bookings and other confusions. She may be contacted by email: bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com or tel. 07874007136 or 01505 674782.

Weekly Parish Bulletin: Any items for inclusion in the bulletin (including names for the sick, month's mind and anniversary lists) should be put through the letter box of the Parish House or sent by email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk by **12noon on the Thursday** before publication.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions And Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday, 29th May 2019 at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Fr. Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

Pentecost Novena: "I invite you to join me in praying our Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit again this year when, as a Diocesan Family, we prepare ourselves for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Church and our mission." Bishop John +
The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation is promoting this online Novena for the 9 days from Ascension Thursday (30th May) until Pentecost Sunday (9th June). To sign up please visit: <http://eepurl.com/gpWxHP> or visit the Diocesan website: www.rcdop.org.uk each day.

Visa Changes Causing Problems For Clergy Summer Supplies: Please email your MP to sign an early day motion for the government to suspend its recent rule change for visas. They make it near impossible for parishes in Scotland to arrange summer clergy and entail an increase of 500% in costs. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y48mw2u7>

Mary Russell School - 50th Anniversary: The school would like to extend a warm invitation to any former pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school to join them at their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, 13th June 2019 at 1.00pm to give thanks for the 50 years of education and service provided by the school to the community of Renfrewshire. Main Celebrant is Bishop John Keenan. All welcome.

Day For Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion: This day will take place on Saturday, 15th June 2019 from 11.30am until 2.30pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall and the Church. There will be a time for prayer and talks on our understanding of the Eucharist, as well as practical points to help Extraordinary Ministers.