

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 22nd / 23rd February 2020

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Mass Times	Confessions	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson and Sheila Reilly.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: William Simpson, Robert Collins, Mary McVeigh and John McLaughlin.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: : Alexander Barr, Stephen Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Frank Reynolds, Baby Esther MacFarlane, Hugh and Agnes Burns, John Graham Snr, Patrick Patton Snr, Nellie Patton, Daniel Patton, James Patton, Marie Nesbitt Patton and for the month's mind of Annie Muggins, Ann and William McAdam, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Tommy Fulton and Willie McKenna.

Please Pray For The Special Intentions Of A Parishioner.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £875.48 of which £415.30 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.

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.

Preparing For Lent: Our Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February 2020. It is a day of fast and abstinence, which means giving up one meal of the day and abstaining from meat for the whole of the day. The season of Lent is a liturgical season of forty days of fasting, prayer and penitence. The liturgical colour for Lent is violet, the Gloria and Alleluias are omitted, Masses are celebrated with simple music and our sanctuaries are more quietly adorned.

Ash Wednesday - Mass And Services:

St. Conval's: Mass at 10.00am

St. Benedict's High School: Services at 10.45am and 11.35am

St. Conval's: Service with Ashes at 6.30pm

Adult Formation: All are invited to the remaining two Scripture talks (of a series of three) in St. Conval's, Linwood starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

3rd March: Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for R.C.I.A.)

31st March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

Readers: Please take a copy of the new roster (29th February 2020 to 31st May 2020) from the notice board at the side door of the Church.

The S.S.V.P. in this Parish now meet at 7.00pm on a Monday night in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along and join us.

Church Cleaning: When we come into the Church, we expect it to be clean and tidy. Thanks to the parishioners who have, over many years, carried out the cleaning. Unfortunately, due to illness and old age we have lost some of them and are now very short of cleaners. Please consider helping to solve this problem. Leave your name in the Sacristy and we will contact you.

First Communion Prayer Partners: If anyone in the Parish is interested in partnering one of our First Communicants this year, please see Deirdre or tel. 326185. Prayer Partners only have to agree to pray for the child while they prepare to receive the Sacrament. In previous years both partners have found this a great way to involve the Parish and the School in our Catholic faith.

Stay In Scotland After Brexit: There are information cards in the porch for EU Citizens in Scotland wishing to apply for settled status. Please take one if this applies to you.

Parish Recipe Book: We are planning to publish a parish recipe book. If anyone has any recipes they wish to be included, please put them in the box provided at the back of the Church.

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.

Parish Website: 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.

Ignatian Online Lent Retreat: The Ignatian Spirituality Centre is offering a retreat in daily life this Lent. The retreat, based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, has prayers for every day with a daily Scripture passage, a picture and helpful suggestions for praying. It is available online, visit: iscglasgow.co.uk/index.html or as a book from the ISC in Glasgow, email: admin@iscglasgow.co.uk or tel. 0141 354 0077. There are groups available in Paisley Diocese meeting in weekly support groups.

A Quiet Morning In St. Columba's, Renfrew: All are welcome to a Lent Quiet Morning in St. Columba's Oratory, Renfrew from 10.30am until 1.00pm on Saturday, 29th February 2020. An opportunity for prayer, quiet time and sharing. The morning will end with Mass and a light lunch.

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at 7.00pm in St. Fillan's, Houston on Wednesday, 18th March 2020. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day to allow our priests and people to join him. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe some will make your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses.

Adult Formation Survey: The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and seeks your views. Please complete this survey on the Education Department page on the Diocesan website: www.rcdop.org.uk indicating topics which you would like to be presented / addressed by the Diocese, as well as preferred methods of presentation. Many thanks to those who have responded already - all responses will help to shape Adult Formation in the Diocese.