

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 18th / 19th January 2020

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

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Mary (May) Murray, Anthony Donald, Cathie Barrett (Reception of Remains on Tuesday, 21st January at 6.00pm and Funeral on Wednesday, 22nd January 2020 at 10.00am), Angela Adams (Reception of Remains on Thursday, 23rd January at 6.00pm and Funeral on Friday, 24th January 2020 at 10.00am), and Willie Orr (Reception of Remains on Tuesday, 28th January at 6.00pm and Funeral on Wednesday, 29th January 2020 at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Allan Ayr, Catherine Lowrie, Grace Moore, John McMahon and for the month's mind of Willie McKenna, Virginia McFarlane, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Gillian McGourlick, Davie Dunnion and Tommy Fulton.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £956.25 of which £506.78 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection 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.

Canon Crawford has now left us and is resident in The Little Sisters in Greenock. He celebrated Mass with us and bid us farewell on Wednesday. His new address is: Little Sisters Of The Poor, Holy Rosary Residence, 44 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DP.

This will be the first time in the history of the Parish when we have only one Priest resident and as Fr. Michael is Diocesan Director of Education and Chaplain to St. Benedict's (as well as to Our Lady of Peace), it will be difficult for him to manage his workload. Please be tolerant and forgiving if he is unable to do something you want him to do! After a discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, we decided to make some adjustments to the weekly schedule of Masses and Services. From now on a Thursday there will be Mass at 7.00pm with Exposition, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6.30pm ONLY - no Mass or Service in the morning though Bridie will recite the Rosary in the Hall as she begins her day's work at 9.30am and would welcome anyone to join her. Similarly on a Saturday there will be Mass (5.30pm) and Confessions (4.50pm-5.15pm) ONLY - i.e. no Mass and Confessions on a Saturday morning. These minor changes will make a huge difference to Fr. Michael's workload and ensure he gets some time off in the week. Fr. Michael thanks you for your understanding and tolerance!

This might also be the opportunity for you to take a more active part in the life of your Parish! We always need additional helpers in the Choir (most people are better singers than they think!), the Saint Vincent De Paul, cleaning the Church, providing tea and coffee on a Sunday, serving at the altar, reading, assisting with Holy Communion to the sick, housebound or at Mass. Sometimes people say 'it's the same people who do things' - that's because they are the people who have volunteered to help. No offer of help will be spurned! Please speak to Fr. Michael.

Thank You: The Crib Collection for St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society amounted to £210.57.

SPRED Advent Boxes: Please bring back your filled Advent Boxes as soon as you can. Thank you for helping this wonderful organisation in our Diocese.

S.V.D.P: A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent Christmas afternoon a great success. We were overwhelmed by the response for raffle prizes and everyone went home with a gift, what a great spirit our wee Parish has. Thank you.

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

4th February: Matthew's Gospel (Cycle A)

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

31st March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

There Will Be A St. Patrick's Night in the Hall on Saturday, 14th March 2020. Tickets priced £5.00. Please see S.V.D.P. for more details.

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.

Parish Website: Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

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.

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.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre At UWS: In addition to our programme of Masses, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays during term time from 4.00pm until 5.00pm.

St. Aloysius' College Romero Lecture 2020: Our annual Romero Lecture will be held on Tuesday, 28th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the College. This year, we are thrilled to welcome Julian Filochowski OBE, Chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust, as our keynote speaker with the lecture: Romero and Rutilio – the rocky road to sainthood.

White Mass: For Catholic Healthcare Professionals and the work of Healthcare in Scotland. 10.30am on Sunday, 9th February 2020. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. A Reception with Bishop Toal will take place in St. Bride's Hall (across the road from the Cathedral) following the Mass. To book spaces and for more information, email: scottishcma@gmail.com

Think Vocation: Like Isaiah in today's reading, God "formed you in the womb to be his servant." How will you serve Him? Perhaps in priesthood or religious life? Speak to your Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

St. Margaret's Children And Family Care Society: Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit our website: www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or email: info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or tel. 0141 332 8371.