

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Thomas McGourlick, Danny and John Gibb, Connie Roche and Frank Murray.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Pat Hynds.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Jack Dooley, Jim Clark, Patrick and Mary Quinn, Franciszek Tretkowski, William Wishart, George Wilson and for the month's mind of Davie Dunnion, Alex Williamson, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, James Cunningham and Willie McKenna.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £931.81 of which £437.00 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Catholic Education. This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic Schools in issues of national significance and supports our Schools, Parishes and Dioceses. The national office supports two employees. In 2017 this collection and our Friends Campaign raised £17,469, which represents 59% of our expenditure of £29,500, resulting in a shortfall of £12,031, which was made up 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.

Thursday Evening: Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession or Mass this Thursday evening and next Thursday evening as Fr. Michael will be in South Africa with family. Fr. Michael had booked in February with Fr. Gerry his friend to go for a holiday with his brother as it is the Summer there. Unfortunately his brother has since died, but they have decided to go and have the holiday with Fr. Michael's niece, her husband and their little boy. You may recall Fr. Michael celebrated their marriage there in August 2017. While he is away Mgr. Tom Monaghan will assist Canon Crawford in caring for the Parish. Please make him welcome.

Readers: Please take a copy of the new roster (30th November 2019 to 23rd February 2020) from the notice board at the side door of the Church.

Bingo every Tuesday morning in the hall after the Tuesday Tea. Money raised goes towards the Building Fund.

Christmas Fayre in the hall on Saturday, 30th November 2019 from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Please support this cause. Entry to Fayre £1.00. Santa's Grotto entry £2.00. See you all there.

SCIAF's Christmas Real Gifts make great presents for family and friends while helping people in poverty to build a better future. The parish catalogue is now available at the back of the Church. Alternatively, you can visit: www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts or tel. 0141 345 5555 to find out more.

Diocesan Fundraising Team Coming To Our Parish: Fr. Oliver Freney and the Diocesan Fundraising Team will be coming to our Parish on 23rd and 24th November 2019 to launch our Diocesan *Friends Fundraising Campaign*. The Diocese is running an annual deficit of £300K and Bishop John has approved a plan to put us in surplus from now on. Our Friends Campaign is the heart of this and so the Team will ask you to sign up to become a Friend of your chosen Diocesan project by making a regular contribution. If every member of our Diocese gave just £5.00 a year as a Friend, we would be in surplus. So bring your bank details if you want to sign a standing order, or your cheque books, or just your wallets and purses. Please think about it and give thoughtfully and generously. Thank you.

Catholic Education Week: Next Sunday is Education Sunday when a representative of St. Benedict's High School will speak at all Masses. It also marks the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this week we are asked to reflect on how we are 'Promoting Gospel Values' in our homes, Schools and Parishes. If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic Schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service, email: mail@sces.uk.com

The Advent Jesse Tree: Our Parish Giving Tree for Advent will go up on Sunday, 1st December 2019. In addition to the items requested on the labels hanging from the Tree, hats and scarves and gloves are always wanted. Please take a label from the Tree and donate the item requested. The items gathered will go to families in need, and particularly to refugees, in our area. If possible, please return all presents by Sunday, 15th December 2019 so they can be distributed in time for Christmas. Many thanks for your support.

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.

Pro Life Mass will be on Wednesday, 20th November 2019 in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6.00pm, followed by Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gerard Byrne.

St. Francis And St. Clare Prayer Group: Are you aged between 18-35? Come along to the Diocesan Offices, Ingle Street, Paisley on Thursday, 21st November 2019 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invite you to an evening of prayer, intercessions, formation, talks and sharing our reflection this month is The Apostle of good example.

Migrant Help For Local Victims Of Modern Day Slavery. Can You Help? Paisley Diocese has teamed up with our local Migrant Help UK to help find basic provisions for local victims of modern day slavery - men, women and children - being kept safe around our Diocese. We are urgently appealing for the following items: clothes for a 7 year old boy and 4 year old girl, back packs, 2 pairs of ladies winter boots (size 8 and 6), ladies waterproof winter jacket (size 18 / 20), ladies trousers (size 6), ladies tops / jumpers (size 6), male hooded winter jackets (any size), gloves, socks (any sizes), umbrellas, nail clippers, toiletries and toilet paper. If you can help them, please drop in your donations to our Diocesan Offices between Monday and Friday by the end of November. Many thanks.