

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Feast of the Holy Family (B) 26th / 27th December 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Frances Reid, Pauline Garvie, Marie Murphy, Tracy Gallagher, Eleanor McMahon, Margaret McIlvennie, Annette Adams 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: Frances Reid, James Feely and Janet Cullinane.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Thomas O'Malley, Helen McColgan, Tom McIlvennie, Catherine McIlvennie, Betty McIlvennie, David Spence, Paul Spence, Rena Symington, Ann Monday, Vincent John Marron and for the month's mind of George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Bobby McColgan, Robert Graham, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe and William McAdam.

Kathleen Gerraghty would like to thank Parishioners of St. Conval's and other residents of Linwood for their Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards and support on the sad death of her sister Bernadette Gray.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Justice and Peace.

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.

As A Thanks for your Support for Malawi, there is a Christmas Card / Calendar to say thank you in the Side Porch of the Church and in the Porch of Fr. Michael's House.

Schedule For Masses:

Feast Of The Holy Family: Saturday, 26th December Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday, 27th December Mass at 10.30am. Both Masses celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Tuesday, 29th December: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Solemnity Of Mary Mother Of God: Thursday, 31st December Vigil Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Solemnity Of The Epiphany: Saturday, 2nd January Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday, 3rd January Mass at 10.30am. Both Masses celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed.

Foodbank available in St. Conval's Church Hall every day from 11.30am until 1.30pm. Please come along (with a bag) and help yourself. Thanks for all the donations so far.

Christmas Dinner Appeal: Thanks to your generosity, the project provided 100 parcels containing a Three Course Turkey Dinner, a snack for Boxing Day, a Chocolate Santa, some Christmas Crackers, Fresh Fruit, Homemade bar of Fudge or Tablet. Colouring Books and Pens, Large pouch of 'Celebrations' and a Board Game for every family and a Lucky Bag for every child. Special thanks to Stephanie and Chris for the Tablet and Fudge, Smiths Toys for the donation of some Board Games, Gowanlea Nursery for Potatoes and Vegetables, Tesco for the Fresh Fruit and Phoenix Hyundai for their support. Your generosity has been overwhelming and most humbling...! Yet again the Parish Community proves it looks outward, rather than inward, is sensitive to the needs of others and is generous in its response - the true spirit of Christmas at work in you. As man that tries to draw it together and put those who can give in touch with those in need, Fr. Michael is so grateful to you all.

Western Catholic Calendars are available in the Church Porch - the cost is £3.20. Please put the money in the bag which is in the box.

The Covid-19 Pandemic: Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection to ensure the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The tireless work and co-operation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic Churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic has been commendable. Although no evidence has emerged of cases or clusters connected to our churches, we are not blasé and continue to assure the Government that we employ discretion and caution in full co-operation with the intentions of their advice. On that basis, we have every confidence that, if parishes continue their high standards of infection control, then public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to be able to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation. Thank you for your co-operation, please be careful to respect our protocols for the safety of yourselves and your fellow Parishioners.

In St. Conval's we will continue to use an internet Booking Form to request a place at Mass in the coming week. Please use this link rather than emailing the Parish, we seem to have evolved a useful method and timings for booking, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec if you wish and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

this will centralise and manage booking for us in a way that will avoid errors and misunderstandings - we hope! If there is a place available, you will receive an email (normally 24 hours prior to the Mass) confirming your booking request. There is no Obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the moment. If you are assigned a place, please arrive in good time (as places still vacant at the time Mass is due to begin will be given to those not able to book in advance), please tell the Stewards who you are - to indicate your presence on the sheet that lists those attending. Please wear a face covering. Please follow the direction of the Stewards and occupy only the seat you are given. Please do not wander around the Church. At the end of Mass please leave by the side door following the direction of the Stewards, so that we can keep our distance as we leave. The Church will remain open after Mass for prayer. We will try to evolve our plans to accommodate the demand in the weeks ahead. The reason why there is not Mass daily at the moment is that we require to clean the Church between each Celebration and, as Fr. Michael has had two Funerals a week during lockdown, this will leave a couple of days in the week when Funerals can be celebrated with the family without having to call people who have booked to tell them they may not attend. If you have booked ahead and then discover you cannot attend, please call to inform us, and someone else can take your place. This has worked well through our first few weeks - so thank you for your co-operation, for your patience and understanding.

The Diocese Of Paisley invites you to our Virtual Carol Service on Tuesday, 29th December 2020 at 2.30pm. Join us with, a mince pie, or something festive for afterwards. Please use the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/7247466974>

Vocations: "I shall look after my flock myself... I myself will pasture my sheep." Is the Lord asking you to share in his pastoral love for his people, perhaps in diocesan priesthood, diaconate or religious life? Contact Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

*A blessed and peaceful Christmas season
to everyone and my prayers and best
wishes for health and happiness in the New Year*