

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 19th / 20th September 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: John Sutherland and May Campbell.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: May and Jim Murray, Cornelius McColgan and for the month's mind of Willie McKenna, Tommy Fulton, Davie Dunnion, Mary Ferguson, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Annie Muggins and Jim Clark.

Praying For You: For any parishioners interested in promoting and praying for those within the Diocese who have asked for prayers, please visit: <https://rcdop.org.uk/prayingforyou>

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection. We have fifteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, six in houses throughout the Diocese, three in Parish Presbyteries, and five at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £76,426, which represents 60% of our expenditure of £128,381, i.e. a shortfall of £51,955, which was met by the Sick and Retired Priests Investment income. You can give to this Second Collection either in Church or through our online portal, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y4mokde7>

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Mass Sheets, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statement.

The Weekly Illustrations Competition for the young people of the Parish will take a break for August and re-start in September. Winners of the best illustrations from previous weeks are: 'Holy Spirit' - Mia Kidd, 'Last Supper' - James, 'Jeremiah' - Joseph, 'Peter and Paul' - Shannon, 'Jesus and the Children' - Anna McIntosh, 'Parable of the Sower' - Joseph, 'Wheat and Weeds Growing Together' - Shannon Kidd, 'Treasure' - Harry Cavanagh, 'The Feeding of the 5000' - entries still being made... Nice big bar of White Chocolate in the Porch for each of you (one each!).

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.

Thank You for joining us for Mass and for your prayer for the Community of St. Benedict's High School who celebrated their Opening Mass on Tuesday Evening. We also blessed for service the Head Boy and Head Girl, the House Captains, the School Captains and Leadership Team as well as all those who will participate in Caritas this year - you will see them doing various tasks and ministries around the Parish in the forthcoming weeks as they learn - you can help them especially with your words of encouragement.

Fr. Michael is also planning with Our Lady of Peace to celebrate the postponed First Holy Communions and with the R.E. Department of St. Benedict's to celebrate the postponed Confirmations.

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 19th September: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 20th September: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Tuesday, 22nd September: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Thursday, 24th September: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 26th September: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 27th September: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

More volunteers for stewarding and sanitising would be most welcome.

The Diocese Has Advised Fr. Michael And All The Parishes As Follows:

Mass with a Congregation MAY now be celebrated in line with restricted congregation and with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals may be celebrated with restricted congregation, Churches continue to be open for private prayer with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place.

At Sunday or weekday Mass the maximum number of participants is 50 (we can accommodate 40 in St. Conval's)

At a celebration of Baptism the maximum number of participants is 20

At a celebration of Marriage the maximum number of participants is 20

At a Funeral the maximum number of participants is 20

Always subject to the physical distance rule of 2 metres

Face coverings must be worn at all public Masses or Liturgies

N.B. No congregational singing, no leaflets or hymn books, no Votive candles and Church buildings to be well ventilated

The offertory collection will be collected as the parishioners enter or exit the Church, placing the offerings in baskets or containers left for the purpose. (In St. Conval's, the offertory collections should be placed in the basket at the main door when entering and any second collections should be placed in the basket at the side door when leaving.)

So For Us In St. Conval's: We have set up 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.

Children's Liturgy Day: Apologies from the Liturgy Commission for those who tried to access the Zoom meeting last Saturday. There was an issue with the meeting id. The talks have been recorded and we hope to have these available soon. Thanks to all those who managed to access the meeting after seeing the new link on social media. We will be better prepared for mishaps next time!

Hour Of Mercy 2020: Bishop John Keenan and The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to an Hour of Mercy and Reconciliation on Tuesday, 29th September 2020 at The Diocesan Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Mary's Parish, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN at 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who have not gone for confession since the lockdown. Priests will be available for confession. To book your ticket visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yyz9kxbd> or email: stmarypaisley@rcdop.org.uk or call the Church House, tel. 0141 889 2602.

Invitation From Bishop John To Join Novena To St. Therese: 'I encourage you to join me in asking the Little Flower's intercession so that in these unprecedented times, in her words, we may both 'trust God that we are exactly where we are meant to be' and, at the same time, 'not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.' With every prayer and blessing +John To sign up for the Novena, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y65kqwx> The Novena is over 9 days from 22nd September till the eve of her feast on 1st October 2020. When you sign up you will receive an email with a meditation and prayers for that day.

Marriage Matters - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts'. God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St. Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50 / 50 arrangement but a 100% / 100% unconditional commitment. (Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16)