

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: James Keenan, Frank Murray, Winnie Deighan, George Cowan 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: Annie Johnstone.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Danny Linney and for the month's mind of Mary Ferguson, Maria Devlin, Tommy Fulton, Gillian McGourlick, Jim Clark, Alex Williamson, Willie McKenna, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Davie Dunnion, Tom and Norma Boyce, Irene Babington, Mary Wishart, Annie Barr and Joseph Barr.

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>

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

Remember Fr. Michael has asked the young people of the Parish to contribute a drawing or sketch on a given topic. Paper and pens available in the house porch - help yourself! Theme for next weekend's illustration is 'Treasure'. Please put your name and class on the picture. Fr. Michael is offering a prize for the best one! 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. This week 'Wheat and Weeds Growing Together' - ??? 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.

The Announcement made by the First Minister last Thursday has made it possible to open our Churches for the Public Celebration of Mass. This phase may be quite tricky as we will have to gather the details of those who come so that we can track and trace should any infections ensue. SO please continue to be patient and attend Mass online if you prefer, all public Celebrations of Mass will be live streamed. There is more information below and fuller details are on the back of the Bulletin.

Fr. Michael has ensured that the Church environment is suitable for the Public Health requirements - we have a one-way system for entering and leaving the Church, please enter by the main door sanitising hands on entering, maintaining physical distancing, etc.

Stewards will direct you down the main aisle to a seat, please stay in it and leave by the side aisles and the side door. When the Church has been open, we will require cleaning after each open period. Thank you for volunteering to help with these tasks of stewarding and cleaning. We now require more volunteers for both tasks to allow more opening times.

The Parish has provided volunteers with all the necessary supplies but if visiting please wear your own face mask and gloves.

It will be important for us ALL, while we rejoice to be back in Church, to ensure that our Churches do not become a source of infection spread, so we will err on the side of caution always.

Please be patient so that we do not undo the steps we have made in these long weeks of lockdown, which have been so testing for us all in so many ways, be patient with volunteers who steward and clean also - this is a steep learning curve for us all and a stressful time!

So the schedule for this week is:

Sunday, 19th July - Mass at 10.30am Live Streamed

Sunday, 19th July - CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 12noon until 3.00pm

Tuesday, 21st July - Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Thursday, 23rd July - Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 25th July - Sunday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Sunday, 26th July - Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

This will be the Timetable for the next two weeks.

We will increase our opening hours and public celebrations of Mass in the subsequent weeks when we have volunteers to steward and to clean afterwards, times in next week's Bulletin, Website, Facebook, etc.

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 (in St. Conval's at the moment 40 places (individuals or families) of which 34 online and 6 by phone, to be adjusted as demand is assessed)

At a celebration of Baptism the maximum number of participants is 50

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

To help with your forward planning you, as Priests, are reminded, and may remind your people, that Priests are not permitted to celebrate Mass more than once each day. We have the faculty, for a just cause, to celebrate Mass twice on a Sunday or weekday and for a pastoral necessity may celebrate a third Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation. Therefore, any individual Priest may celebrate, at most, three Masses on Sunday and two on a weekday, but the general rule is one Mass per day (Code of Canon Law c.905).

At this stage only the Priest should minister at Mass with a congregation.

For the Distribution of Holy Communion in St. Conval's Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time.

The Priest will pray the Act of Spiritual Communion for those who cannot receive Holy Communion, he will sanitise his hands immediately before distributing Holy Communion and again afterwards, both Priest and the communicant will wear a mask.

In place of the words "Body of Christ" for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he may say the words "May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life", to which the congregation responds, "Amen". Please remain in your place, standing if you wish to receive Holy Communion, or seated if you do not. In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, Holy Communion is to be received in the hand for the duration of the pandemic.

The communicant should extend his / her hands to receive the host the Priest will place the consecrated host in the communicant's hand.

The communicant should step 2 metres to the side, pull down their mask and consume the host.

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.

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, this link will go live by 4.00pm on Saturdays for Tuesday, Thursday, Vigil and Sunday Masses.

<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. Please only try to book one Mass in the week. 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 take a wipe to sanitise the seat you have occupied before you leave at the end. 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 an hour for prayer. Internet bookings will close 24 hours before Mass to enable phone bookings to be received. If you do not have access to the Internet, Fr. Michael has reserved some places in the Church, but you will require to Book these by phone. Please call the Parish but ONLY in the 24 Hours Prior to Mass and leave your request. This will ensure that Fr. Michael does not spend the week answering the phone non-stop! 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. Thank you for your patience and understanding.