

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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Mass Times	Confessions	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm

**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, Cathie Barrett, Angela Adams, Maria O'Neill (whose body will be received into the Church on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 immediately prior to her Funeral Mass at 10.00am), Willie Orr (Reception of Remains on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm and Funeral Mass on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.00am) and Sadie Mellon (whose body will be received into the Church on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 immediately prior to her Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Margaret and Peter McGivern, Arthur Carroll, Nan Lucas, Patricia Graham, Tommy Barr and for the month's mind of Ann and William McAdam, Annie Muggins and Jimmy McGivern.

**Last Week's Collection** amounted to £811.83 of which £324.50 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

**This Weekend's** second collection is 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.

**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.

**SPRED Advent Boxes:** If you have a SPRED Box, could you please return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**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.

4<sup>th</sup> February: Matthew's Gospel (Cycle A)

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

31<sup>st</sup> March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com) or tel. 07874007136 or 01505 674782.

**Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions And Holy Mass** will take place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Fr. Jonathan Whitworth. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

**The Community Variety Show Fundraiser - Paisley Diocese:** Come along to our great fun Community Variety Show Fundraiser in St. Stephen's High School, Port Glasgow on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm. This event is a fundraiser event for our Diocesan St. Mirin's Fund and is organised in collaboration with the Diocese. For tickets, £5.00, please email: [varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk) We are holding back one slot in the show for any person or group in the Diocese who want(s) to perform as singers, dancers or any other suitable variety act. For information please email: [varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk) or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tejvxl>

**Una Voce Tridentine Mass:** This will take place in St. Margaret's, Johnstone at 12noon on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. With the blessing of Bishop Keenan, Fr. Byrne of St. Brigid's, Toryglen will offer a sung Mass. The music will be provided by Schola Una Voce. All welcome. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/sytobju>

**Join Bishop John For Our Diocesan Lourdes Dinner Dance Fundraiser:** Our Diocese is rightly proud of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, where parishioners through the year and across the Diocese help our fundraising efforts to provide hospitality and youth services to our sick and frail pilgrims. Come along to what promises to be a great Diocesan night out and help support a terrific Diocesan cause. Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 in Greenock Town Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (Carriages 12midnight). Fizz on arrival, three course meal, live band and dancing. Dress Formal. Includes return bus from Renfrewshire / East Renfrewshire. For tickets £35.00 and further information, please email: [lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com](mailto:lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com) or tel. 07950483042. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.

**Adult Formation Survey:** The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and wants to gather together views on preferred topics and styles of presentation. Please complete our survey on the Education page on the Diocesan website: [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk) by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.