

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

4th Sunday of Lent (C) 30th / 31st March 2019

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Willie Scott, John Whelan, Rob McMahon, Maria McLafferty, Evelyn Tinney and Annie Welch.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Marie Greenslade and Brian Reid.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Phyllis McMillan, Grace Sheerin, George O'Sullivan, Helen Stewart and for the month's mind of Maureen O'Sullivan, Lorraine Gaffney, Thomas O'Malley and Janie Lavery.

Please Pray For The Special Intention: Joseph Alan McLaren.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £893.48 of which £338.52 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for SCIAF and the new St. Mirin's Fund.

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.

As Usual During Lent St. Conval's will be collecting for Charity. This year we have decided to collect toiletries and other things useful to homeless people. Please give generously.

Lenten Prayer And Learning In The School Of St. Luke: St. Conval's will be hosting the following talks on Thursday evenings during Lent.

4th April: Parables and Narratives

11th April: Acts of the Apostles

Exposition at 6.30pm, Mass at 7.00pm, Gathering at 7.30pm and Finishing at 9.00pm.

Holy Thursday Mass: We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday. If you can help please see Ruth Cearnas. Many thanks.

Please Pray For The Children Of P4 in Our Lady of Peace Primary School following their Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion. Please remember them and their parents in these last few weeks of their preparation for the Sacrament.

Our New Parish Website is now up and running! Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

Parish Trip: We are a couple of names short to run our own bus, so if anyone else is interested please let us know as soon as possible on 01505 326185. This will enable us to go forward with the group booking. Thank you.

Traffic Lights: There will be a meeting in the hall on Monday, 15th April 2019 with Renfrewshire Council and a Councillor to discuss traffic lights on Bridge of Weir Road after the death of Betty Dunnion. The meeting will take place between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Over 60's Line Dancing in the hall on Monday mornings from 10.30am until 12noon and chair exercises on Monday afternoons from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat. Support your Church Hall.

Collection Envelopes: As is the custom in all parishes at our Offertory collection we have envelopes which enable us through the Gift Aid Scheme to reclaim the tax on all contributions made to the Church. We received £5,763.56 from HMRC for the last Tax Year from the Gift Aid Scheme for Parish funds. Please consider signing up for Gift Aid if you are eligible (i.e. if you pay tax!) and have not already done so. As you can see, it is very valuable for the Parish. The system is simple and involves HMRC refunding to the Parish the tax (income tax, tax on your pension, etc., etc.) on the total annual contribution you make to the Parish – IF you use an envelope and we can record the amount it contains to give an annual total for your contribution. The refund to the Parish is 25% - so if you put £10.00 in the envelope, the Parish will get a total of £12.50, if you put in £20.00 the Parish gets £25.00, and so on. All that is required is a one off signature on a Gift Aid Declaration and that's it! No one in the Parish will know anything of your personal income or tax situation as the envelope record is 'blind' to those who count the weekly envelopes – only Fr. Michael will know who has which envelope number. The refund from HMRC makes a massive difference to our Parish funds. Confidential, convenient, simple – and money from the Tax Man, what could be better?

Any parishioners who would like to use Gift Aid envelopes and those parishioners who currently use them can uplift their box of envelopes for 2019-2020 from the meeting room after the Saturday Vigil Mass or after the Sunday Morning Mass during the weekend of 30th / 31st March.

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.

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.

UWS Chaplaincy: Our present programme of Masses will be suspended after this Sunday until Monday 15th April 2019 due to University holidays.

Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice at 7.30pm on Monday, 1st April 2019 in St. Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome.

Lenten Talks At UWS: This week's topic 'Do Catholics Worship Mary' and the speaker is Fr. Jim Duggan. Talk is on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7.00pm in the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. All welcome!

You Are Warmly Invited To Join St. Aidan's Parish For The Following Lenten Services:

16th April at 7.00pm in St. Aidan's: Stations of the Cross - Meditations on the Way of the Cross.

19th April Good Friday Walk with the Cross from Johnstone Station at 11.30am to Houston Square, Johnstone at 12noon with readings from the Passion Narratives.

SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run: On 4th May 2019, Strathclyde Country Park, 10.00am for 11.00am run start. Let's unite to end poverty. Millions of people around the world continue to struggle to support themselves and their families because of extreme poverty, war and natural disasters. Your entry fee and sponsorship will help fund our life changing work. Every step you take will bring someone living in poverty a step closer to supporting themselves and living with dignity. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run can help raise money so the poorest can survive and thrive. Sign up online, visit: www.sciaf.org.uk to show solidarity with people in need around the world.