

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent (A) 7th / 8th March 2020

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Mass Times 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	Confessions Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm
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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson, Sheila Reilly and Gerry Sheerin.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: David O'Brien (whose body will be received into the Church on Wednesday, 11th March 2020 immediately prior to his Funeral Mass at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Edward Flood, Cathie Lawson and Mary McNally.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £827.06 of which £379.85 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Sick and Retired Priests.

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.

First Holy Communion: The Rite of Enrolment takes place this Sunday morning for the children of Primary 4 in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Coronavirus (Covid-19): This poses a danger particularly to vulnerable members of our community. It is spread by physical contact. We have a duty to protect each other by good general hygiene, especially washing hands frequently and thoroughly. If we have coronavirus or cold / flu like symptoms, we should stay away from gatherings. The Diocese of Paisley will implement the following from Friday, 6th March 2020 for parishioners:

- (1) Holy water fonts will be emptied;
- (2) The Sign of Peace will be suspended;
- (3) Distribution of the Precious Blood among the faithful will be suspended;
- (4) Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand or tongue. If receiving on the tongue, present yourself with mouth wide open and tongue extended to minimise finger contact from the minister. If receiving by hand, thoroughly wash your hands and extend them wide open for the host to be placed with minimum contact.

Other guidelines are in place for parish workers and volunteers. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lenten Appeal: This Lent we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless and non perishable food for the Food Bank. Many thanks for your generosity.

The S.S.V.P. in this Parish now meet at 7.00pm on a Monday night in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along and join us.

Adult Formation: All are invited to the third Scripture talk (of a series of three) in St. Conval's, Linwood on Tuesday, 31st March 2020 - Liturgies of Easter Triduum. Starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

Church Cleaning: When we come into the Church, we expect it to be clean and tidy. Thanks to the parishioners who have, over many years, carried out the cleaning. Unfortunately, due to illness and old age we have lost some of them and are now very short of cleaners. Please consider helping to solve this problem. Leave your name in the Sacristy and we will contact you.

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.

Parish Website: Please visit: www.stconvals.com to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

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.

40 Hours Adoration starts on Sunday, 8th March 2020 in St. Charles', Paisley and St. John's, Barrhead.

Taize Evening: The Diocese of Paisley will be facilitating a 'Taize Evening' for our youth (S1 upwards) at St. Fergus', Paisley on Tuesday, 10th March at 7.00pm. Led by Bishop John and two volunteers from the Taize community in France. The evening will be modelled on the practices of the Taize community in France, the evening will consist of communal prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing. Under 16s should bring a completed consent form. These can be obtained from your parish or from Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Lent Retreat: A Lenten Retreat Group will again meet weekly in St. Columba's Oratory, Renfrew. Following the theme: 'Journey into Freedom: A Retreat based in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola' you are invited to meet together from 7.00pm until 8.30pm on Tuesday each week to share reflection and prayer. A free Retreat book with readings, pictures and prayer suggestions will be available on the first evening. All welcome.

Singers Wanted: If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Choir as we prepare for the Chrism Mass, please join us as we rehearse in St. Charles', Paisley at 2.30pm on Sunday, 15th March 2020. All welcome!

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at 7.00pm in St. Fillan's, Houston on Wednesday, 18th March 2020. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day to allow our priests and people to join him. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe some will make your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses.

Taize Lenten Reflections: In St. Aidan's, Johnstone on Tuesday, 24th March 2020 at 7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions available during the hour. St. Mirin's Cathedral Choir will lead the singing. Teas afterwards in Hall. All welcome.