

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Barbara Harman (Australia).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Elizabeth Flood, Michael Deighan, John Garvie, Robert Moran, Bridget Gillespie, Mary Doherty and for the month's mind of Maria Devlin, Robert Flood, Jack Main, Angela Adams (Logue) and Gillian McGourlick.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

Second Collection For Missio Scotland On 18th October 2020: Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. This enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. In 2018 this collection raised £27,557 which is fully remitted to Missio Scotland. To date for 2019 you have raised £30,705. Missio Scotland in conjunction with the various National Offices of the Pontifical Mission Societies throughout the world have today launched our #WeAreStillHere initiative, which aims to not only shine a light on our missionaries who have continued to serve in the mission countries and territories in which they work in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also to encourage both prayers and generosity for their work, especially as we head towards World Mission Sunday next week. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxmsc5bq> or <https://tinyurl.com/y6az7g5a> for more information.

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

Fr. Michael brought back from Rome a number of little crucifixes blessed by the Holy Father Pope Francis. They are available in his porch for you to help yourself. Please remember the Holy Father in your prayers.

'Illustrate The Sunday Gospel' Competition: Fr. Michael has asked the young people of the Parish to contribute a sketch or drawing each week. The theme for next weekend is 'Taxes to Caesar ... and to God?'. Paper and pens are available in the porch of the house - help yourself. Please hand in by Friday evening and remember to put your name and class on the picture.

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.

Fr. Michael gave one of the pupils of St. Benedict's, along with the food delivery and some toiletries, a Tesco Voucher that had been donated by a very generous Parishioner - the young man wrote a letter to Fr. Michael - it read: Dear Father Michael, On behalf of my family, I would like to say thank you so much. Honestly this means so much. Since school started back, life wasn't going my way. But as September began things slowly improved even though I didn't know it and this kind act of yours really made my year so far. Thank you for that and even though I don't go to your parish, I just wanted to say I have been reading my bible and just recently started reading it from the beginning again and I must say things have been well for my family. We're hoping my step mum and little sister come early next year. My sister is one year old and I got to name her. Even though this isn't a gift card, I hope this poorly grammered letter can make your day like you made my year. Once again, thank you.

So we can make a big difference with a little...! In the light of that and with the way in which all these acts of charity are being so warmly welcomed we propose to have an ongoing collection of toiletries for delivery - both Men's and Women's, Boys and Girls. These are good items to donate as they are readily available in all the shops, non-perishable, all of us use them, and if money is tight perhaps they are among the first items to be considered 'Luxuries' and so get dropped from the shopping list - with a consequent drop in self-esteem and confidence. So the large plastic receptacles on the Sanctuary are for your donations of toiletries. Thank you for your generosity.

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the side porch of the Church and in the Porch of the House for us to remember in Prayer at Mass each day of November the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As is our custom, November is a month of special prayer for those gone to God and many of us wish our family members especially remembered. If you complete the list with the names of your dead and hand in the sealed envelope with your offering within it, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and together we remember them in Mass each day of the month.

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 10th October: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 11th October: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Tuesday, 13th October: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Thursday, 15th October: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 17th October: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 18th October: 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 Covid-19 Pandemic has presented the Church with unprecedented challenges. It has brought about the temporary closure of parish churches and, following the resumption of public worship, the introduction of rigorous health and safety measures to prevent transmission of the virus. Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection to ensure the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The tireless work and co-operation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic, has been commendable. We are now at a fragile point. The rate of Covid-19 infections appears to be on the rise and public anxiety is increasing. At this critical moment, Scotland's Bishops have written to all our parishes urging that they redouble their efforts to reduce the risk of transmission and ensure that we all adhere to the infection control measures that we have put in place. Our discussions with the Scottish Government assure us that they are aware of our excellent protocols and trust us to see to our public worship and parish life with the discretion of good citizens and partners. Although no evidence has emerged of cases or clusters connected to our churches, we are not blasé and continue to assure the Government that we employ discretion and caution in full co-operation with the intentions of their advice. On that basis, we have every confidence that, if parishes continue their high standards of infection control, then public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to be able to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation. Thank you for your co-operation, please be careful to respect our protocols for the safety of yourselves and your fellow Parishioners.

In St. Conval's we will continue to use 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.

Annual St. Conval's Cemetery Mass On Sunday, 1st November 2020 At 2.00pm: Bishop John will celebrate the Annual Cemetery Mass as usual this year but according to the Government's infection control guidelines which limit numbers to **200** for outside ceremonies, seating and socially distanced. We would ask as many of those attending to endeavour to come in cars and remain in them for the duration of the Mass. A small number of outside seating will be available. Mass will be a ticketed event and if you would like to book a place please go to our Eventbrite site: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-convals-annual-cemetery-mass-tickets-124527443937> Please bring your ticket to the Mass. Tickets are free and available from Monday, 12th October 2020 (limited to 2 tickets per application).