

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C) 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

**Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently:** Evan Doyle (Sligo), Mary Teresa Simpson and Jack Govan.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Mick and Agnes Docherty, Jack Main, Betty Beaton, Patrick Clarke, James Lowe, Peter and Helen McGourlick, Patrick Patton, Philis Taney, Rita Inglis and for the month's mind of Michael Deighan, Madge Lowe, Tommy Fulton, Daniel Patton, A Muggins and Josephine Gray.

**Please Pray For The Special Intention:** Joseph Alan McLaren.

**Last Week's Collection** amounted to £916.93 of which £361.06 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

**Special Collection On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 For SCIAF And St. Mirin's Fund:** The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St. Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees. In 2017 this collection for SCIAF and the St. Mirin Fund raised £28,013.

**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.

**During The Season Of Lent In Term Time** as well as the Friday Mass at 12.25pm in St. Benedict's, there will be 8.30am Mass too on Monday and Wednesday and the school welcomes parents, families and Parishioners to these Masses.

**On Thursday Of This Week (28<sup>th</sup> March)** Canon Crawford is not available for morning Mass. There will therefore be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only from 10.00am until 11.00am. There will of course be Mass in the evening at 7.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Benediction beforehand as usual.

**Please Pray For The Children Of The Parish** enrolled as candidates for First Holy Communion last Sunday and who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday.

**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.

**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.

**Our New Parish Website** is now up and running! 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.

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

4<sup>th</sup> April: Parables and Narratives

11<sup>th</sup> April: Acts of the Apostles

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

**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 weekends of 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**We Have Received A Letter Of Thanks** from Sister Olga and Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent after their recent visit. Dear Father and all Parishioners of the Parish, We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit your Parish. We heartily thank Lord for you and your parishioners' hospitality and help during the visit of our sisters. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern, assistance and kindheartedness greatly. Our sisters are most grateful for the donation collected in your parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programs for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life ( the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter and clothing distribution) Let us assure that You are always welcome here at St. Elizabeth Convent. With deep gratitude and love in Christ.

**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.

**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.

**Lenten Station Mass:** To prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter, Bishop John will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in St. Francis', Port Glasgow at 7.00pm.

**Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions And Holy Mass** will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Fr. Jude Okorie. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

**The Light Is Everything:** Opening Ourselves to Jesus' Healing Touch (based on the Gospel of the man born blind). This quiet morning will take place in St. Columba's Church Oratory, Renfrew on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It begins at 10.30am (teas available from 10.00am) and will finish about 1.30pm (includes Mass and light lunch).