

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Palm Sunday (A) 4th / 5th April 2020

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson, Sheila Reilly, Gerry Sheerin, Karen McKay, Giuseppe Frangipane and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Martha Drennan (Private Funeral to be confirmed) and Margaret Keir (Service held on Thursday, 2nd April 2020 at the Crematorium).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Thomas Flood, Annie Welsh and for the month's mind of Robert and Helen Graham and Betty Dunnion.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Mass Sheets and Blessed Palms.

Fr. Michael Will Celebrate Mass Alone Each Day praying for the members of the Parish Community and their intentions. Fr. Michael is still available in emergencies but is observing the Government's advice on social distancing.

Fr. Michael Will Take Several Minutes Each Day to reflect on the Scriptures and his Lent Reflections will be available on St. Conval's Church Linwood You Tube Channel - visit: <https://tinyurl.com/u2rtyra>

St. Mirin's Cathedral And A Number Of Parishes are livestreaming their privately celebrated Masses:
St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/qv7uqhl>
St. Charles', Paisley - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/r2gww7a>
St. Margaret's, Johnstone - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/qv5wde5>
St. Francis Xavier, Falkirk - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tsqelgo>
St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Lurgan - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tvfor3t>
EWTN - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/srfcgo4>

Financial Support: The Parish still requires your financial support to pay our bills so please continue to be generous. Electronic donations can be made to St. Conval's RC Parish Church at The Bank of Scotland, Johnstone Branch Sort Code 80-16-53, Account Number 00356472. Standing Order Forms for each Parish can be downloaded from the Diocesan website via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/wj3bone> Please complete the Form, post it in the Parish House and Fr. Michael will forward it to the Bank. Forms also available in the House Porch. Many thanks to those who have switched their donating to this method. Donation envelopes can be safely posted at the House.

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. Copies of the Bulletin will be available in the House Porch each week as well as online.

Coronavirus - Volunteering: The Covid-19 crisis has left many people isolated and vulnerable. The elderly, the infirm and the unemployed are just a few of the groups experiencing considerable difficulties at the present time. Thankfully there are many kind-hearted souls out there who are willing to give of their time to help those in need. A great number of people have engaged in voluntary work in recent weeks and some have created 'pop-up' community resilience groups, adding to the work already done by established groups such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. However, in providing this valuable support, volunteers must remain cognizant of Government guidelines on social distancing and hygiene.

Holy Week Services - St. Peter's Basilica:

5 th April	Palm Sunday Mass and Angelus	09:00 to 10:15 approximately UTC / GMT
9 th April	Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper	16:00 to 17:00 approximately UTC / GMT
10 th April	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	16:00 to 17:15 approximately UTC / GMT
10 th April	Way of the Cross	19:00 to 20:15 approximately UTC / GMT
11 th April	Easter Vigil	19:00 to 20:30 approximately UTC / GMT
12 th April	Mass of Easter Sunday followed by the Holy Father's Easter Message and Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'	09:00 to 10:15 approximately UTC / GMT

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rajg52f>

'Priest School' On Sunday, 19th April 2020 At 9.00pm - BBC Scotland Channel: Last year, the Bishops' Conference agreed to grant the TV production company Solus Productions access to the Pontifical Scots College in order to produce an hour-long documentary. The programme will give Scottish audiences an insight into the formation and faith journey of the class of 2018/2019, with special focus on five young seminarians at differing stages in their studies. NB: The programme WILL NOT be broadcast on BBC One Scotland, but on the new BBC Scotland Channel - (Sky and Freeview 115, Freesat 106 and Virgin Media 108).

Ready Scotland: Is the official Scottish Government resource providing information on how to safely and responsibly volunteer to help others during the Coronavirus crisis. The information, below, is taken directly from Ready Scotland and should prove to be a useful resource for anyone wanting to volunteer at this time and for those who would like to set up a community resilience group.

Only Help If You Are Well - Follow advice on the website: nhsinform.scot/coronavirus to ensure it is safe for you to help.

People Who May Be In Need Of Help - You can help:

- neighbours, friends or family who have to stay at home because someone in the household has coronavirus / symptoms.
- neighbours, friends or family who are 70 and over, or have and health conditions (that means you are offered the flu jab on grounds of health each year)

Providing Practical Help - There are simple ways you can help your neighbours without exposing yourself or them, if they cannot leave the house: You could:

- do some food shopping for them when you are doing your own.
- place an online shopping order for them or talk them through the process over the phone.
- pick up their prescriptions or arrange a pharmacy delivery where available.
- support with general errands such as posting letters or putting the bins out.

If you are helping with prescriptions, you should remind people that they must only order the medication they need in their usual quantities; nobody should be stockpiling.

How To Do This Safely - Try to limit the amount of time you spend outside of your home by picking up essential items for others only when you do your regular shop. You should not physically visit people who are self-isolating as this would put you at risk of infection, or risk spreading it to others. This means you shouldn't enter their house or go on a car journey with them. Keep a distance of at least 2 metres (3 steps) away from people you are helping - if you have to see them on the doorstep. Leave any shopping or other messages on the doorstep, but make sure that they have been collected before leaving. Remember to wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Do not place yourself in compromising positions where you may feel unsafe, for instance helping late at night. Be aware that if you are helping someone you don't know personally, they may not want to share personal details with you like phone numbers. You should also warn those you are helping not to let strangers into their home – and not to give strangers money under any circumstances.

What Should I Do If I'm Worried About Someone's Health? If the health of anyone you are in touch with or supporting is a cause for concern, encourage them to call their GP Practice or NHS24 on 111 if the GP is closed. Similarly, if they cannot cope with their symptoms at home, their condition gets worse or their symptoms do not get better after 7 days, please call NHS24 on 111. Call 999 immediately if you believe someone's life is at risk.