

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Sheila McCann 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: Jackie Borthwick and Margaret McBrearty.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: David Spence, Thomas Anderson, Josephine Gray, Margaret Deighan, Michael Deighan, Jimmy McGourlick, Jack Main, Isa Parsons, James McGourlick, Tommy Clarke, Jean McKinney and for the month's mind of May Anderson, Tommy Fulton, Angela Adams (Logue), John and Mary McGrory, Thomas Simpson, Gillian McGourlick and Jim Clark.

Collection Envelopes: If any parishioners would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, sealed sterile Gift Aid Packs - which are all the same - containing a box of envelopes, a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form, a Standing Order Form, a Thank You Letter and Statement of Account are available in the House Porch. Please take the sealed sterile pack home with you. The Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form should then be completed and the signed GAD Form posted in the Parish House.

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Census Forms and Standing Order Forms. If you would like a copy of the Bulletin or any of these forms, but cannot get out to collect them, please email the Parish with your address and you can have them delivered by email or by hand. There are also Memorial Cards for Canon Healy.

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 from the Porch or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/1bo24gqv> to download the Form for printing. Completed Forms should be returned to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

As Many Of You May Know, due to the age and design of the roof of the Church Building - 55 years old, flat concrete slabs - is prone to leaks. The worst affected area is the Sacristy to the left of the Sanctuary. Fr. Michael has, in the last few years - in common with his predecessors - had numerous contractors repair it. The repairs seem to last only a short period and leaks occur again. Over the last 6 months we have had people working on it consistently and hope that a solution has finally been achieved. The torrential rain of two weeks ago certainly stress tested the latest repair! So in the next few weeks the painters will redecorate the Sacristy and the left hand wall of the Sanctuary which is shared with the Sacristy. The water penetration also results in salt leeching from the brickwork on the right hand rear wall of the Sanctuary which will also be cleaned.

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: Thanks to your generosity we have already collected enough to allow us to continue to provide, throughout the School Summer Holidays, 200 meals to local families every week through St. Conval's Parish Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing to provide food parcels for local families. You can leave your food for parcels in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm> As we look to the future we are concerned that the return to school and the end of 'Furlough' will provoke something of a crisis for those with least to cushion them financially, so we will continue to provide this practical charity - with your help! Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

As Churches can move from a cap of 50 to the capacity of the building that allows the 2 metre spacing, St. Conval's has moved to 75 places (a couple, for example, is one space) so we will be able to accommodate almost everyone who wants to attend on a normal week. Obviously we are feeling our way forward very gingerly as we do not want to go backwards again. So please be careful to observe the protocols of not coming if you feel unwell or have a cough, 2 metre spacing, signing up for the weekends (Track and Trace is still required), following the direction of the Stewards, maintaining our distance throughout (especially when we are leaving after Mass), sanitising on entry and exit. Our care has resulted in none of our Parishes being responsible for a single case of transmission - as far as we know - so your heroic efforts and patience have borne great fruit. Let's encourage one another to maintain our high standards of hygiene and self-discipline!

Masses This Week:

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Tuesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 6.00pm

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Advance booking is not required for weekday Mass, only for the weekend. The booking facility will be there which will make it easier for the Stewards, it is not required. If you are coming without a booking, please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not prevent the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass.

Internet / Telephone Booking System: Rather than emailing the Parish, the useful method and timings for bookings that have evolved will be used, 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 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>

Think Vocation: "He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Do you feel called to bring people a sense of Jesus's pastoral love as a priest, deacon or religious? Speak to Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

The Third Evening For The Year Of St. Joseph will take place on Thursday, 5th August in St. Mirin's Cathedral at 7.00pm to pray for our Clergy and Religious commending them to St. Joseph. All welcome to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. Please use the Eventbrite link below to book your tickets. Alternatively call Angela to book a place, tel. 0141 237 3584.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941>

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course: Our final course for 2021 takes place in September. Two Zoom sessions will be held at 7.00pm on 1st and 8th September, followed by a Relationship Skills Workshop in the Diocesan Centre on 18th September from 12noon until 3.00pm. Couples should attend all three sessions. Cost per couple is £30, including lunch at the workshop and information / resources pack. Booking is open via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yruhx7vy>