

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Masses

Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday:	11.00am	Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
Tuesday:	10.00am	St. Conval's.
Thursday:	6.00pm	St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.
Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Bernard McIlvennie 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: Patricia McCredie (Funeral Service on Monday, 7th February at 12.15pm), Danny Gill and Charlie Ward.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Alan Gray, May Anderson, Arthur Carroll, James McMahon, John McMahon Jnr, Margaret Garvie and for the month's mind of Sean O'Neill, Betty Dunnion and Elsie Muggins.

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

Mission Appeal: Sr. Anne McAllister from Moredun Convent will make an appeal on behalf of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa at all Masses next weekend (12th and 13th February). The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa were founded by Mother Mary Kevin in Uganda in 1903. We are engaged in ministry in five countries in Africa: South Sudan; Uganda; Kenya; Zimbabwe and Zambia. The Sisters of the Congregation are engaged in a wide variety of ministries including: education / nursing and HIV Aids projects / prison ministry / care of the elderly / women and youth development / formation of young African Religious / visually impaired children. Perhaps this will give you an overall view of the types of ministries we are involved in and when Sr. Anne McAllister visits your parish she will share some stories that will make the people and their lives real.

Second Collection: The special second collection for SPRED scheduled for next weekend will now take place on 26th and 27th February.

Post COVID-19 we continue our journey to what will be our new normality with care for ourselves and each other. Accordingly, we will not pass the Collection Basket from hand to hand during Mass at the Preparation of the Gifts (and for Second Collections to avoid interrupting everyone's Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion). So the Basket for the Main Offertory Collection will be in the Porch as you enter and the Basket for the various Second Collections - which will be named - will be on the Altar Rail as you leave. Many of you now support the Parish by Standing Order or Electronically (for which Fr. Michael is most grateful) though for many causes the physical collection is their only opportunity for you to offer your financial support. Please continue to offer these causes your support. (If you forget the Offertory Collection on the way in, please leave your donation *beside* the Second Collection Basket as you leave). Thank you!

Live Streaming: All Masses are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Masses are available for up to 12 hours after they are finished "live". Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later. Please feel free to stay at home if you are anxious about mixing with others. There is still no obligation to attend Mass and our own safety and that of others is paramount.

The Scottish Catholic Calendar is now available priced £3.20.

Tuesday Tea: Please join us in the hall after 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

RCIA: Together with other local Parishes we are going to begin this year's experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the way in which the Church receives new adult members whether Baptised in another Christian Tradition or Unbaptised. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic this is the moment to have a word with Fr. Michael to begin the process (which leads to Easter!).

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in January, Fr. Michael received £2,637 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £301 for Justice and Peace, and £433 for Sick and Retired Priests. The Annual Crib Appeal for St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society amounted to £316. Your ongoing generous support of the Parish by envelopes, donations, standing orders or through the Diocesan debit / credit card portal is greatly appreciated as it enables us to continue to function despite all the challenges that these days bring.

Many Thanks to BD Decorators and Painters who completed work on the Sanctuary, Sacristy, meeting room and porches in record time.

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.

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.

The Diocese has been advised that we should maintain our Covid safety restrictions and you will now notice that many other venues have reintroduced the restrictions which we had been maintaining. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. Social distancing rules have been relaxed to one metre and we have no restrictions to numbers at Mass apart from that. We are still required to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

For entering and leaving the Church, please remember that it is important to maintain social distance of at least one metre so bunching up coming in or going out is unwise. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. The Stewards have been brave and generous with their time for many months now and it is appropriate that they should be allowed to attend Mass as well as everyone else. It would be generous of you to come in good time to register allowing us to begin Mass on schedule.

We are using the same sign up lists for Masses week to week. If you were at Mass any time last week you will be on the list for that day this week, next week and so on, so there is no need to sign up every week. If your name is not on the sign up list for a specific Mass, you can either book in as normal, OR scan our unique QR Code on your phone as you enter - laminated posters with the QR Code are in the Entrance Porch - please let the Stewards know your preferred method of registration. Please also pass the word that we are now fully open and able to welcome all who wish to come!

We will continue to ventilate the Church well. The Procession for Holy Communion will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please bear in mind that the current strain of the virus is highly contagious and very easily transmissible and act with generosity and consideration to those around you. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Canon Benny O'Keefe RIP: Please continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Canon Benny O'Keefe. Bishop John, together with Archbishop Leo Cushley, Bishop Joseph Toal, Bishop Brian McGee and many priests of our Diocese and beyond celebrated Canon Benny's Funeral Mass, together with Canon Benny's family and many lay faithful from our Diocesan Community on Friday, 28th January. If you wish to view the Funeral Mass for Canon Benny then please use the following link: <https://youtu.be/7ssMeWzBLgk>

SYNOD 2023 - Responses Required: The worldwide invitation to all the faithful is the first phase of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, whose theme is "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." Synodality is not so much an event or a slogan as a style and a way of being by which the Church lives out her mission in the world. The objective of this Synodal Process is not to provide a temporary or one-time experience of synodality, but rather to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long term. The Diocese wants to hear YOUR views, and a consultation document with questions that *may* help direct your response can be found at: <https://rcdop.org.uk/synod-2021-2023> To respond, there is an online questionnaire OR you can send any responses to: synod23@rcdop.org.uk before 8th April 2022 - all responses will be acknowledged.