

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Thomas McGourlick, Chrissie McIntyre 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 Coleman.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Neil McMahon, John McMillan, Jimmy McGivern, Alex Williamson, David Spence, Thomas Simpson Snr, James Whyte, Margaret Docherty and for the month's mind of Josephine Gray, Geoff Gardyne Snr, Annie Muggins, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Simmie, Willie McKenna and Tommy Fulton.

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/1bo24gvv> 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.

Masses: After consultation to help Fr. Michael be available to different parts of the Parish Community for the celebration of Mass, Weekly Masses will be at the following from Monday, 30th August:

Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School. Once restrictions are lifted parishioners will be welcome in the school. We will let you know when these have been lifted.

Tuesday: 10.00am St. Conval's followed by tea, coffee and cakes in the hall.

Thursday: 6.00pm St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm. Confessions will also be available during Exposition as required.

Friday: 10.00am St. Conval's.

12.25pm St. Benedict's High School. Once restrictions are lifted parishioners will be welcome in the School. We will let you know when these have been lifted.

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. Confessions available from 5.00pm in the Meeting Room.

Sunday: Mass at 10.30am.

Update On St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: Thanks to your generosity we have continued to provide, throughout the past 10 months, 200 meals to local families every week and we also continue to provide food parcels and toiletries as required. As we look to the future, we are hoping that restrictions and the employment situation continues to improve, we will be able to scale back this practical charity. Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure! It may be that we will launch a further Appeal for Christmas dinners in the Season of Advent. (Meantime you may leave donations, food for parcels or toiletries in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway.)

The Diocese has been advised that the First Minister has continued to ease the Covid safety restrictions and we have been able to implement these changes gradually over these weeks. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. From Tuesday, 10th August, a further relaxation of the Covid-19 Regulations came into effect. All social distancing rules have been relaxed and so there is no limit on our capacity for Mass in the Church and so there will be no need to book a place - Deo Gratias! We are still required, however, to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

So; 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, we will also be able to resume reciting the Gloria and Creed (when the schools return) and have restored the procession for Holy Communion. This procession will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion section by section as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please remember to maintain the minimum of one metre distance from those around you at all times. It would be worth bearing in mind that the pandemic is not over. The current strain of the virus is highly infectious and at the moment it seems that younger rather than older people are more vulnerable. So we will continue to be considerate to one another and careful when we gather. We will continue to ease restrictions as the situation permits. We will continue the restricted timetable for the celebration of Mass until the schools resume.

Masses This Week:

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am
Tuesday: 10.00am
Thursday: 6.00pm
Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

As advance booking is no longer required for weekend or weekday Masses, the booking facility will be there for the 'Track and Trace' System which will make it easier for the Stewards. If you are coming without a booking or do not plan to scan the QR Code in the Entrance Porch, 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, bookings for 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 made. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm your booking. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

The Year Of St. Joseph: Our fourth and fifth St. Joseph evenings will take place on Wednesday, 25th August at 4.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral and on Thursday, 26th August at 4.00pm in St. Mary's, Greenock. Mass will be celebrated at both evenings for all those involved in Education, asking the intercession of St. Joseph on the new academic year. All are welcome to attend and pray for our young people, the teaching and support staff involved in all levels of education. Please use the Eventbrite link below to book your tickets.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941> or call Angela to book a place, tel. 0141 237 3584. Alternatively, bring your name and contact number with you.

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage To Carfin: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will be held on Sunday, 29th August. 1.00 pm arrival for Personal Prayer and visit to the Shop and Tea Room; 2.30pm preparation for Mass; 3.00pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by a break for tea, toilets etc; 5.30pm Marian Procession; 6.00pm Departure of Buses. All welcome.

Think Vocation: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus is the only answer to our seeking. Could you be on to help people find him, as a priest, a deacon or a religious brother or sister? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Marriage And Family Webpage: The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4>