

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

Saturday:	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday:	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Margaret Higgins, Lorraine Pollock, Joe Mitchell, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Stephen Hughes, Charlie Deighan, Margaret Sweeney 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: Anthony Henderson and Rosemary Hanley (Brennan).

Anniversaries: Arthur Carroll, Alice and Frank Morgan Snr, Francis Morgan Jnr, Betty Kerr, James Grimes, Margaret Garvie and Christina Holsgrove.

Month's Mind: Ann and William McAdam, Sean O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill, Patricia Graham and Alex Williamson.

This Weekend we will have the opportunity to contribute to the 'White Flower Appeal' of SPUC - postponed from 13th / 14th January. This year SPUC are lobbying the Government to prevent the Abortion Pills by Post Policy, which as well as ending the lives of unborn children, is also physically and psychologically dangerous to women. There is a variety of literature available and marked baskets at the front and back of the Church.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

Collection Baskets: We do 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 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.)

Live Streaming: Services are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Services will be available until 11.59pm on the day they are "live". Edited versions of Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

Sunday Tea: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat.

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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited each Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 4th February at the 10.30am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

Thank You: We received a lovely letter from Mrs. Mhairi McDonald - The Head Teacher of St. Fergus' Primary School in Paisley - thanking us for the great generosity you showed in the many gifts you left under our Giving Tree in Advent. (I gave Our Lady of Peace Primary School as many gifts as they needed and gave the remainder to St. Fergus'.) Thanks again for your great generosity.

Food Parcels: We will continue to collect cash, foodstuffs and toiletries for distribution. Many thanks for your generosity which is much appreciated by those worrying how to feed their families!

Collection Envelopes: If any members of the Parish Community would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, sealed sterile Gift Aid Packs - which are all the same - containing a box of envelopes for 2023-2024, 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.

Hall Bookings And Enquiries: Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, email: macfarlanebridget60@gmail.com or tel. 07874007136.

Funerals And Christenings can be catered for in the Church Hall. Catering includes sausage rolls, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee at a cost of £6.00 per person. Please see Ann McGivern (tel. 01505 343223) for more details.

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.

Think Vocation: The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1:14-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141_889_5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Monthly Devine Mercy Devotions: The next Divine Mercy monthly Mass is on Wednesday, 31st January at 7.00pm followed by Adoration in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. Fr. Justine from St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow is the Celebrant. All are welcome.

St. Aidan's Is Having A Parish Fundraiser in their Hall on Friday, 2nd February. Maureen O'Kelly will be singing original songs and classic covers. Tickets are priced at £15.00, BYOB, age 16+ and can be bought from margaretmcgregor58@icloud.com or tel. 07946038523, Parish House tel. 01505 320900 or email: staidan@rcdop.org.uk or MaureenOKelly.com/tickets

Diocesan Choir - New Members: The Diocesan Choir are looking to expand their ranks in the weeks ahead. We will start rehearsals for the Chrism Mass in a few weeks and are looking for new members to join us as we learn new repertoire. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Diocesan Offices. There will be an initial workshop for all new members who wish to join on 8th February from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Cathedral. Although being able to read music would be beneficial, it is not an absolute requirement to join our choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Hepburn, our Diocesan Director of Music, email: director.music@rcdop.org.uk

P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day: This Diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday, 18th February from 2.00pm until 5.30pm in St. Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the Church Hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form which can be obtained from your Parish or Primary School, or by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the Diocesan website.

Synod 2023-2024: The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the Diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments, etc. on these documents to: synod23@rcdop.org.uk or Synod Response, c/o Diocesan Offices by 23rd February. All responses will contribute towards the official Diocesan response.