

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Mass Times

Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday:	10.00am	St. Conval's joined by a Class of Pupils from 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, Fr. Andrew Coleman, John McDaid, Fr. Oliver Freney, Gordon Finnegan 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: Bernard McIlvennie.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: David McFarlane, Kathleen McCormack, Rab Beggs, Betty Sillars, John and Mary McGovern, Walter Rankine and for the month's mind of John and Mary McGrory and Angela Adams.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is for the appeal recently launched by SCIAF for Ukraine. A cheque for £1,000 has already been sent but if more is contributed, Fr. Michael will send it to SCIAF.

Rite Of Enrolment: Next Sunday we will have the Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation and so the boys and girls of P7 and those others preparing for their Confirmation will ask God's Blessing on them and on their work - it's our opportunity to pray for them also.

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.

Lenten Calendars for our younger Parishioners are available (free of charge!) as you enter or leave the Church.

SCIAF Boxes for Lenten Alms are available as you enter or leave the Church.

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

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in February, Fr. Michael received £2,378 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £484 for SPRED, and the Building Fund collections in December, January and February amounted to £1,270. 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.

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.

Sunday Mass And Holy Days: The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days has now been reinstated. There will, of course, be some people who do not have the confidence to return yet, but Bishop John encourages those who are fit and healthy, and confident, to return to Mass if they have not yet done so.

So, we are moving to the next stage of this long story which we have lived together over the past two years, and we are able to ease more of our protective measures. The following measures will still remain in place (for the time being):

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving Churches.
- The wearing of face coverings.
- One-way system of entering and leaving the Church.
- Stewarded Procession for Holy Communion.
- Continued good ventilation: we will continue to do what we reasonably can to allow good air circulation around the building - it will feel cool in the Church!
- Please remember that you are asked **NOT** to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have the symptoms of Covid.
- Please be aware of those around about you, especially those who may be more vulnerable.
- There is no need for us to book Masses, to make the return to Mass as simple and easy as possible.
- There is now no legal requirement to maintain the track and trace protocols, so we will **not** continue this process.
- The sanitising of Church buildings after each Mass is not now required, infection control reverts to our personal responsibility, but we will continue an enhanced cleaning regime in the Church.
- Thank you to you all for your patience, tolerance and understanding for many long difficult days.
- Thank you to those who helped in particular ways to offer the extraordinary help that has been required to allow us to continue to function in the various stages of restriction and lockdown - COVID free (Deo Gratias!).

St. Aloysius' College: Gonzaga Lectures on 15th, 22nd and 29th March. Please visit: <http://www.stalloysius.org/> for more information and details on how to register for each of the virtual lectures.

The Lenten Station Masses celebrated by Bishop John, and joined by the Priests and Deacons of the area, continue at 7.00pm as follows:

Date	Venue / Parish	School Cluster
Wednesday, 16 th March	Holy Family, Port Glasgow	St. Stephen's
Wednesday, 23 rd March	St. James', Paisley	St. Andrew's
Thursday, 24 th March	St. John's, Barrhead	St. Luke's
Tuesday, 29 th March	St. James', Renfrew	Trinity High
Wednesday, 30 th March	St. Joseph's, Clarkston	St. Ninian's
Thursday, 31 st March	St. Aidan's, Johnstone	St. Benedict's

Please note the Station Mass for St. Benedict's Cluster is on Thursday, 31st March in St. Aidan's, Johnstone at 7.00pm. Therefore, there will be no Mass in our Parish that evening to enable as many as possible to attend.

Monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 16th March at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Eoin Patten.

The Acies: The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony, in which legionaries consecrate themselves to Our Blessed Lady for the year ahead, will be held in St John's, Barrhead on Sunday, 20th March at 2.00pm. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come along. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the hall.

St. Aloysius' College: Junior School Open Morning on Saturday, 26th March between 11.00am and 1.00pm. If interested, please visit: <http://www.stalloysius.org/> to register.

Think Vocation: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." Are you listening to him? Is he calling you to serve his people in priesthood or consecrated life? Why not speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk