

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Sheila McCann, Thomas McGourlick, Eleanor McMahon 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: Catherine Cunningham, Helen Craig, Lynn Wright and John Donnelly.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Danny Liney, Danny McMahon, Mary Wishart, Susan Coyle and for the month's mind of Margaret Lee and Elsie Muggins.

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

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.

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 Fr. Michael has met with the Painters and they in the next few weeks 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 left 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!

The Diocese has been advised that the First Minister has relaxed some of the Covid safety restrictions and we will be able to implement those changes gradually from NEXT Sunday. Please sanitise on entry and exit, please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. We require to maintain a record for Track and Trace so you will need to book and / or sign in for Mass for the time being and we must continue to wear masks or face coverings while indoors together. However, our safe spacing goes down to one metre and so we will be able to adjust our seating arrangements. As long as we are able to ventilate the Church well, we will also be able to resume reciting the Gloria and Creed (when the schools return) and we will restore the procession for Holy Communion this week. The procession will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion section by section as they direct. Please remember to maintain the minimum of one metre distance at all times.

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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 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

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: "I am the Bread of Life." Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Could you be called to priesthood, to bring the presence and power of Jesus to his people in the sacraments? Speak to our local Vocations Director, 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 2021 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 Day Pilgrimage To Carfin: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will be held on Sunday, 29th August 2021. 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.

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/yruxh7vy>

March For Life UK: This will take place on Saturday, 4th September 2021 in Central London from approximately 10.00am until 4.30pm. The Diocese of Paisley together with SPUC Glasgow are organising an overnight coach which will leave from St. Mirin's Cathedral at midnight on Friday, 3rd September picking up at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Gretna Green. The coach will return from Parliament Square at approximately 5.30pm with an ETA of midnight. The cost per person will be £30. To book a seat, please use our Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/march-for-life-september-2021-coach-tickets-163611601705> We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information on the day's event is available at: Home - March for Life UK For all other enquiries please contact Marianne, email: curia@rcdop.org.uk or Louise, email: lgrant@spucscotland.org Thank you.

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>