

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Tracy Gallagher, Marie Murphy, Ryan Murray 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: Raymond Parker.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Janette O'Connor, Willie and Cathy O'Rourke, Irene Carroll, Harry Sheerin and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is 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.

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: St. Conval's Parish Linwood now has its meals project up to full speed and is now providing 200 meals to local families every week through their Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing their Project to provide cooked meals and food parcels for local families. They have already collected enough to get them through until June and hope your donations will help them continue at least until the School Summer Holidays. 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> Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

As Churches can move from a cap of 50 to the capacity of the building that allows the 2 meter spacing, St. Conval's has moved to 75 places (a couple, for example, is one space) so we will be able to accommodate almost everyone who wants to attend on a normal week. Obviously we are feeling our way forward very gingerly as we do not want to go backwards again. So please be careful to observe the protocols of not coming if you feel unwell or have a cough, 2 meter spacing, signing up for the weekends (Track and Trace is still required), following the direction of the Stewards, maintaining our distance throughout (especially when we are leaving after Mass), sanitising on entry and exit. Our care has resulted in none of our Parishes being responsible for a single case of transmission - as far as we know - so your heroic efforts and patience have borne great fruit. Let's encourage one another to maintain our high standards of hygiene and self-discipline!

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>

BBC Sunday Mass: Mass from St. Andrew's Parish in Galashiels will be broadcast on BBC Scotland at 12noon on 2nd May 2021. The broadcast can be viewed on Freeview 9 and 108; Sky 119; Freesat 106 and subsequently on iPlayer. Please encourage views and downloads which are recorded by the BBC and can support efforts by SCMO to commission Catholic programming in future.

Chrism Mass: Bishop John will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the clergy of the Diocese on Friday, 7th May 2021 at 3.00pm. This will be only open to the clergy, however, parishioners can join in the liturgy via the live stream at the Cathedral. Visit: <https://youtu.be/WKesnTNWowA> to follow the Mass.

SPUC Scotland: This month, SPUC Scotland is launching a new initiative to commemorate the gift of life and to particularly call to mind the many lives that have been lost in our country due to abortion. Our usual White Flower Appeals in parishes have been unable to take place for the last year. This is an important means to raise vital funds allowing us to defend the right to life, but it is also an opportunity for us to inform parishioners of the current issues around abortion.

SPUC knows that each baby is the primary victim of abortion, but we also understand that there are so many others affected by it. The medics and politicians who put the framework in place to end life are themselves damaged in conscience by what they do, we also know that women who are put under pressure to have an abortion can often suffer mentally and/or physically for many years after the event. Our aim is to create a display of 14,000 flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display on Saturday, 22nd May 2021 at Carfin Grotto when we create our 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'.

We are hoping that individuals will be willing to sponsor a virtual flower and these can be purchased online, visit: <http://www.whiteflower.org.uk/> SPUC would be most grateful if you are able to support this initiative and pray for its success.

Think Vocation: "Saul went round preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord." Could you have the zeal of Saul for sharing the power of the Gospel and the love of Christ? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Care Not Killing: 'We need to improve how we care for people, not kill them.' Please contact your election candidates, visit: tinyurl.com/2rn9swnw to ask them to support palliative care for the dying.

Scottish Catholic Observer: The Catholic Herald has notified that the Scottish Catholic Observer was wound up at the end of December 2020.