

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Easter (A) 15th / 16th April 2023

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Services

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| 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

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| Saturday: | 5.00pm | Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass. |
| Tuesday: | 9.45am | Available in the Meeting Room before 10.00am Mass. |
| Thursday: | 6.30pm | Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required. |

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Gary Danks, John Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Eileen Hicks, Philip Tony Quigley 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: Stephen Grimes (Funeral on Tuesday, 2nd May at 10.00am), John Thom and Anna O'Hara.

Anniversaries: Margaret Reynolds, Grace Collins, Mary Mitchell and Mary McGrory.

Month's Mind: Gillian McGourlick, Pat Clark, John McGrory and Angela Adams.

Please Remember In Your Prayers the Children of our Parish who will celebrate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Eastertide this year.

Post Covid-19: 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: 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.

Stall: The Stall is open at the weekend. If there is anything you would wish the Stall to stock, please speak to Ann McGivern or Marie Sheerin.

Sunday Tea: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

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.

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: Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2021-2022 - HMRC gave the Parish £10,102.78. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2023-2024 can be uplifted from the Sacristy. If you pay by Standing Order, please still uplift a box of envelopes for two reasons; some feel embarrassed at not putting anything in the Collection Basket and though the Standing Order supports the Parish week to week, boxes of envelopes contain an envelope for the Special Second Collections - you may wish to support a particular one of them in a particular way. If any members of the Parish Community would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please call into the Sacristy to collect a Gift Aid pack.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 7th May 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

Fashion Show: The date of the Fashion Show has changed from Sunday, 30th April to Sunday, 4th June. All tickets purchased to this date are still valid. Please keep your tickets. If anyone would like a refund or to buy tickets, please see Margaret Gardner or Barbara Anderson.

Hall Bookings And Enquiries: Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, 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 £5.00 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.

St. Conval's Cemetery Mass: The Easter Cemetery Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John at 2.00pm on Sunday, 16th April, Divine Mercy Sunday. All welcome. There will be a link available to watch from home if you cannot participate in person.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration On 16th April: Please come and celebrate this wonderful Feast Day with Bishop John Keenan, Mgr. Joe Burke, Fr. Michael Kane and Fr. Chido Ezeribe in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. There will be a Holy Hour at 4.00pm led by Fr. Michael Kane. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour and then Holy Mass will be celebrated after the Holy Hour by Bishop John Keenan at 5.00pm. In one of the most extraordinary homilies of his pontificate, Pope John Paul II repeated three times that St. Faustina is "God's gift to our time." She made the message of Divine Mercy the "bridge to the third millennium." The Lord is offering you forgiveness of your sins if you recite the Novena to the Divine Mercy from Good Friday until Holy Saturday, attend confessions, venerate the picture of Divine Mercy and attend Holy Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. What a promise from the Lord. All are welcome.

Diocesan Young Adults (18-35): Our series of talks, In God's Image: A Defence of Catholic Moral Teaching, continues on Wednesday, 26th April. In the next talk, Male and Female He Created Them, Fr. Emmet O'Dowd will discuss the Catholic understanding of the human person and some contemporary ideological challenges. Please arrive at the Diocesan Office before 7.00pm. The talk will be followed by an opportunity to socialise over drinks in a local bar. Details of future talks in the series can be found on Facebook.