

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Advent (B) 9th / 10th December 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 | Service of the Word with Holy Communion 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 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 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: Tommy McGrory and Eileen Tutty (Funeral on Tuesday, 19th December at 11.30am, Woodside Crematorium at 1.00pm).

Anniversaries: Kathleen McMillan, Thomas McGourlick, Danny Drummond, Mary Barr, Peggy McKendrick and Thomas Flood Snr.

Month's Mind: John and Mary McGrory, Sean O'Neill and Dennis O'Neill.

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.

Jesse Tree: Please take a label from our Parish Giving Tree and donate the item requested. The items gathered will go to families in need in our area.

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. This will be the last Sunday Tea until after the festive season.

Monday Morning: There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion as Fr. Michael has to take his aunt for treatment in Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow.

Tuesday Tea: Please join us in the hall after the 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome. This will be the last Tuesday Tea until after the festive season.

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

The Stall now has a selection of Christmas Cards and 2024 Calendars.

Thank You for your ongoing generosity and support for our food bank. All Donations are very welcome and badly needed. We have distributed over 477 bags of food so far!

Appeal From St. Benedict's High School for Underwear and Socks; any donations of Black Tights (Girls aged 11-18) and Underwear and Socks (Boys and Girls aged 11-18) would be most gratefully received! Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Our Lady Of Peace Christmas Show: We have our yearly Pensioners Christmas show on Tuesday, 12th December. Doors open at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. Please call the school office, tel. 0300 300 0173 on Monday, 11th December to place your name on the register that we need for catering purposes.

We Need Volunteers to help with 'The Big Clean' for Christmas. This will take place after the 10.00am Mass on Friday, 22nd December.

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

Children's Rosary Group will continue on the first Sunday of each month. We will next meet in the Church on 7th January after the 10.30am Mass. Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. All are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be available afterwards.

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.

Advent Talks: A series of talks for the Season of Advent will be given by Fr. Maurice Callaghan in St. Joseph's Church, Greenock at 7.00pm on Tuesdays 12th and 19th December. The talks will each be of 30-40 minutes duration with an opportunity for questions followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome.

Advent Scripture Talks: Join Fr. Ryan Black for Scripture classes on Thursdays in Advent. These classes will be introductory and suitable for everyone. They will include Lectio Divina and exegesis. Talks begin at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, with tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

Christmas Masses: The Diocesan website has details of Mass times for all Parishes in the Diocese. The following Masses will be celebrated in the St. Benedict's Cluster:

| Parish | Christmas Vigil Mass / Midnight Mass | Christmas Morning Mass |
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| St. Conval's, Linwood | 8.00pm | 10.30am |
| St. Aidan's, Johnstone | 6.00pm | 11.00am |
| St. Margaret's, Johnstone | 4.00pm and 12midnight | 10.00am |
| St. Fillan's, Houston | 3.30pm (infants and children) and 8.00pm | 9.30am and 11.00am |
| Christ the King, Howwood | 6.00pm and 12midnight | 10.00am |

Carols In The Cathedral: Our annual Diocesan event in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday, 27th December at 2.30pm. This is a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a Diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All donations will go towards SPRED.