

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Holy Week And Easter Services

Palm Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Wednesday:	7.00pm	Chrism Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral.
Holy Thursday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with reception of Holy Oils and Veneration at the Altar of Repose in St. Conval's.
Good Friday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St. Conval's.
	6.00pm	Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross in St. Conval's.
Holy Saturday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
Easter Sunday:	8.00pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.

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, Fr. Oliver Freney, Gordon Finnegan, David McNish, 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: Jim McGregor (Funeral on Monday, 25th April at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Betty Horsburgh, Margaret Reynolds, Bridget McColgan, David Tannock and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion, Thomas McGourlick, Robert Gray and Peter Gray.

Special Collection: The retiral collection at the Services on Good Friday will be for the Holy Places.

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.

Stations Of The Cross is a popular Lenten Devotion and as restrictions continue to be eased, one which becomes easier to celebrate. You will doubtless have your own favourite texts for these which you may have been using for some years - if you follow the Stations around the Church, please be careful to maintain a distance that allows others to feel at ease. Fr. Michael has left a number of copies of this year's offering from SCIAF in the Porch - for use in the Church. If you take a copy as you arrive, please leave it as you leave the Church and we will sanitise and make it available again. Please don't take them home - allow others to use them. For home use please go to SCIAF's website or your own favourite prayer websites to find them. In addition to this provision for Private Devotions, Stations will be celebrated publicly after Mass on Monday mornings. The Rosary is recited each morning before Mass.

Children's Liturgy: As things begin to return to normal, we are hoping to restart the Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning. To do this we NEED more volunteers to commit to one Sunday a month. No experience necessary. For more information please contact Gemma, email: gemma.EYP@gmail.com

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in March, Fr. Michael received £2,638 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £657 for SCIAF and the Building Fund collection in March amounted to £565. 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.

Holy Week And Easter Services: Fliers with times of the Services are also available at the side door of the Church.

Church Clean For Easter: This will take place on Holy Saturday (16th April) after Morning Prayer. Anyone who can come along and help would be welcomed and much appreciated.

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.

The Parish have produced a Cookbook with many delicious baking recipes. Copies are available £1.50.

Collection Envelopes The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes for 2022-2023 can be uplifted from the Sacristy after Mass. 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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!).

The Lord's Passion For Young Adults - Palm Sunday At 3.30pm: The Little Sisters invite you to a re-enactment of the Lord's Passion in four parts: the Washing of the Feet; the Last Supper-Eucharist Memory; the Empty Tomb and the Joy of Resurrection. Everyone welcome. For information please contact Mother Anna Maria, tel. 01475 722465 or email: ms.greenock@lspscotland.com

Chrism Mass: Bishop John invites the Priests and people of the Diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass with him on Wednesday, 13th April at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. This celebration is a great opportunity for us to celebrate and express our faith together. Even more so this year as we have not been able to gather and celebrate this special Mass since the beginning of the pandemic. During the Mass the Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment and the oils will be blessed for use in the celebration of the Sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass. All welcome.