

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

1st Sunday of Advent (A) 26th / 27th November 2022

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Services

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

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

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Clare Ghammrawi, Thomas Donald 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: Kim Morris.

Anniversaries: Isobel Sheerin, Eileen and Duncan Carroll, Daniel McMahon, David Hunter, Peter Harris and Catherine Degnan.

Month's Mind: Sean O'Neill, Ann and William McAdam, Michael Deighan, Jack Main and Willie McKenna.

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

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.

Advent Prayer Books: These are available at the back of the Church to buy for £1.00.

Advent Calendars: These are available at the back of the Church for the younger members of our community and are FREE!

Weekly Parish Bulletin: Are you interested in receiving the Bulletin to your email address? Please see Joanna on your way out after Mass.

A Leaflet is available in the Porch for anyone looking for help with energy bills, food or financial advice. It has information on various organisations that can help. Please take one.

Sunday Coffee Morning: There will be no coffee, tea and cakes after Mass on Sunday, 27th November.

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.

Car Boot Sale: Bridie would like to thank Barbara, Ruth, Susan and Tesco for all their help, and to everyone who donated to the Raffle and donated Tablet and Fudge. The total amount raised was £382.53.

Tree Of Light: Thank you for your support for the Tree of Light - one of the ways we remember our loved ones. Our illuminated tree will be the fir tree at the side door of the Church. A plaque will be displayed there too. Thanks to your generosity we have donated the £650.00 raised to St. Vincent's Hospice as part of their 'Light Up A Life' Appeal.

We Will Be Organising And Supporting Families With The Meal Service (including a Christmas Dinner and Goodies Parcel) again this year through St. Benedict's High School. If you know of any families who may need to be added to our list, please have a quiet word with Fr. Michael. Donations to support this will be welcome!

In Advent we will also be taking donations to the local Food Banks. They tell us they need 'Tins, Treats and Toiletries'. So, we will be delighted to start receiving donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, chocolate and snacks, and toiletries. Receptacles will be available at the front of the Church.

Fashion Show: There will be a Fashion Show in the Hall on Sunday, 27th November at 2.30pm. Tickets are £2.00 and there will also be a raffle. Please see Barbara Anderson or Margaret Gardner for tickets.

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.

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.

Think Vocation: "The time has come" (2nd Reading). Pray for those who are discerning what life God is calling them to. If that is you, why not speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 01418892602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Forty Hours At The Cathedral: This year sees the return of the 40 Hours Devotion at St. Mirin's Cathedral, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent and ending on the Solemnity of St. Andrew. St. Alphonsus wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us". Information about times of exposition can be found on the Diocesan website and social media. Holy Hours will be led by visiting Priests at 7.00pm on Sunday, 27th; Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th November. The concluding Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Keenan at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 30th November. Petitions to be placed before the Blessed Sacrament should be marked clearly as such and returned to the Cathedral House as soon as possible.

The Friends Of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration on Wednesday, 30th November which will be celebrated by Fr. Douglas Green who was ordained earlier this year and works in the Archdiocese of Glasgow. The Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. All are welcome. Fr. Douglas will give a first blessing after Adoration for anyone wishing this special blessing. Please note there is no Divine Mercy Mass in the month of December. The next Mass will be on Wednesday, 25th January at 7.00pm.

Carols At Cappielow: Come and join us at Greenock Morton's Cappielow Football Ground on Sunday, 4th December between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Come along and join Bishop John and other ecumenical leaders in preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Admission is free. Tea and coffee.

Christmas Fete At The Little Sister Of The Poor, Greenock: Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, 11th December between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in 44 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DP. There is plenty on offer for all the family including a bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Santa's Grotto and kiddie's corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tearoom and there will be an ice cream van in the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.