

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 20th / 21st January 2024

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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

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, Margaret Sweeney and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Anniversaries: Pauline Garvie, Tommy Barr, Philip Sweeney, Catherine Lowrie, John McMahon, Frank Reynolds and Nan Lucas.

Month's Mind: Gillian McGourlick, Thomas Simpson, Willie McKenna, Annie Muggins, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe and Tommy Fulton.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection.

Next Weekend we will have the opportunity to contribute to the 'White Flower Appeal' of SPUC - postponed from last weekend. This year SPUC are lobbying the Government to prevent the Abortion Pills by Post Policy, which as well as ending the lives of unborn children, is also physically and psychologically dangerous to women. There is a variety of literature available and marked baskets at the front and back of the Church.

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.

Sunday Tea Will Not Be Available In The Hall after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday, 28th January.

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.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 4th February 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

Western Catholic Calendars: These are available to buy at the back of the Church for £3.50.

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: 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.

Think Vocation: The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1:14-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

St. Aidan's Is Having A Parish Fundraiser in their Hall on Friday, 2nd February. Maureen O'Kelly will be singing original songs and classic covers. Tickets are priced at £15.00, BYOB, age 16+ and can be bought from margaretmcgregor58@icloud.com or tel. 07946038523, Parish House tel. 01505 320900 or email: staidan@rcdop.org.uk or MaureenOKelly.com/tickets

Young Adults: The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr. Ryan Black, who will explore God's covenant with David. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Office on Wednesday, 7th February. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Contact Fr. Ryan or Fr. Joe, email: ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk or joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk for more information and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day: This Diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday, 18th February from 2.00pm until 5.30pm in St. Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the Church Hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form which can be obtained from your Parish or Primary School, or by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the Diocesan website.

Spiritual Bouquet: On the Feast of the Holy Innocents (28th December), SPUC and the Knights of St. Columba launched a year long Spiritual Bouquet called "Let Life Flourish". During this year of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025, you are encouraged to pray that the dignity of human life - from conception until natural death - be upheld and defended. During 2024, there will be monthly special intentions. A website will be launched in mid January, where you can notify the organisers of prayer activities you have organised or been involved in. At the end of the year, bound books detailing these activities will be presented to the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences of Scotland, and of England and Wales, and to the Papal Nuncio. Examples of prayer activities include Holy Masses, Rosaries, Holy Hours, etc.

Additional Teaching Qualification In RE For Catholic Schools: ATQRE consists of two 40 credit (Level 10) courses that are recognised by the GTCS and which can be used to apply for Professional Recognition in the subject. The courses are taught by staff of the St. Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education at the University of Glasgow, with support seminars from Bishop Keenan. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yvnsbs6c>