

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) in St. Conval's.
10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's.
Thursday: 7.00pm Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral.
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.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, David McNish, Winnie Deighan, John O'Donoghue, Anne Coote, Matthew Gilmour, Nellie McNamara, Clare Ghamrawi, Patsy Patton, Marie Shaughnessy 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: Janet English (Funeral on Friday, 16th September at 10.00am), Denis Algeo and Winnifred McFadden.

Anniversaries: Paul Spence, Catherine Simpson, Roger Simpson, Joe Sheerin, Hugh McColgan and Thomas Farrell.

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

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students.

Post COVID-19 we continue the final steps on 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 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). Please continue:

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving the Church.
- Please remember that you are asked NOT to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have symptoms of Covid.
- Thank you to 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!).

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.

Tea, Coffee And Cakes will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday. Everyone 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.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in August, Fr. Michael received £2,742 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £491 for Pro-Life. The Building Fund collection in August amounted to £554. 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.

Our Summer Schedule has now come to an end and we revert to our normal scheduling of Masses in both St. Conval's and St. Fillan's. Thank you for your flexibility over the past six weeks which allowed Fr. Michael (and Fr. Andrew) to get a holiday - Fr. Michael's longest holiday for 23 years! Fr. Michael would be happy to hear your feedback of how it all worked out for us - to tweak holiday planning in the future.

Tree Of Light And Plaque For Holy Souls: We are proposing to have a Tree of Light in November to remember our loved ones. It will cost £5.00 per light and this money will be donated to St. Vincent's Hospice in Howwood. A Memorial Book will be placed on the Sanctuary during November. A book will be in the entrance porch from next week to see who would be interested in purchasing a light in memory of their loved ones. This will be renewed every year.

Christmas Car Boot Sale: We hope to have a Car Boot Sale and Table Top Sale on 19th November from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. There will also be a pop up café in the hall. Tables and cars £7.50 each. All proceeds going to St. Conval's Church. Raffle drawn on day. If anyone would like to donate prizes or for more information, please see Bridie Macfarlane.

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, cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee at a cost of £5.00 per person. Please see Ann McGivern (tel. 01505 343223) for more details.

Weekly Parish Bulletin: In order to cut down on printing costs for the parish and to be more environmentally friendly as a parish, we would like to start an email mailing list to issue the Weekly Parish Bulletin. Printed copies will still be available for those who prefer a paper copy or who don't use or have access to email. If you would like to be part of the mailing list, please email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk

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.

Worried About Debt And Energy Costs? There are posters in the porch on how to save energy and get advice about debt and benefits.

Diocesan Vocations Mass And 75th Anniversary Of The Diocese: Bishop John will celebrate this special Mass on Thursday, 15th September on the Feast of St. Mirin in the Cathedral at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend, refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Please note there will be no Mass or Devotions in St. Conval's that evening.

Novena To Prepare For The Arrival Of St. Bernadette's Relics In Scotland: Happily the Relics of St. Bernadette have arrived safely in Britain and will soon be with us in Scotland. In prayerful anticipation, you are encouraged to pray the Novena available from your Parishes in the nine days leading up to the arrival of the Relics in Carfin. This would mean the Novena prayer should begin on Thursday, 15th September and finish on Friday, 23rd September, the day before the arrival of the Relics at Carfin on Saturday, 24th September.

National Pilgrimage To Carfin: There will be a National Pilgrimage to Carfin on Sunday, 25th September in the presence of the Relics of St. Bernadette to mark the Centenary of the Grotto. Holy Mass at 3.00pm followed by a Rosary Procession. Main Celebrant is Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal, Bishop of Motherwell. All welcome.