

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
Tuesday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
Thursday: 6.00pm St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
12.25pm St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

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, Betty Kerr, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Helen Gallagher 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: Thomas McGourlick (Funeral on Tuesday, 21st December at 10.00am), Harry Elliot, Bishop John Cunningham, Joe McAleer and Jack Gillingham.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Danny Drummond, Patsy Muggins, John and Elizabeth Muggins, Helen McColgan, Mary Barr and for the month's mind of John and Mary McGrory, Robert Gray, Peter Gray and Angela Adams.

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!

Sunday Mass Obligation: A letter has been published from the Bishops' Conference regarding Sunday Mass Obligation. Please take a copy from the Church Porch or the House Porch. Thank you.

The Scottish Catholic Calendar is now available priced £3.20.

The Scottish Catholic Magazine is also now available priced £2.00.

Tuesday Tea: Please join us in the hall after 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

Thanks To Your Ongoing Generosity we have continued to provide 100 meals each week to families in need throughout the year and we will also offer our 'Christmas Dinner and Goody Bag' to 100 people in 30 families who find themselves in particular poverty this Christmas. Fr. Michael would therefore be delighted to receive donations of Food - to prepare, to include in parcels and to have for the Food Bank - or Cash to help with this. We are seeking donations from local firms also and so far Smiths have agreed to match anything we spend on Children's Toys 'Pound for Pound' - thanks to them! At the moment, thanks to your recent generosity, we have enough toiletries. Thank you!

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in November, Fr. Michael received £2,331 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £479 for Education Sunday. 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.

Christmas Mass Times

Thank you to those who shared their thoughts on Christmas Mass times with Fr. Michael - you were most helpful and understanding! So at the moment - aware that the Public Health and Government Advice is subject to change - we are planning as follows...

Week beginning Monday, 20th December - all weekday Masses as usual until:

Friday, 24 th December	No Morning Mass	8.00pm Christmas Vigil (Midnight) Mass
Saturday, 25 th December	10.30am Christmas Morning Mass	No Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, 26 th December	10.30am Sunday Morning Mass	6.00pm Evening Mass in St. Aidan's

Week beginning Monday, 27th December to Friday, 31st December - all weekday Masses as usual then:

Saturday, 1 st January	Midday Mass for the Feast Day	5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, 2 nd January	10.30am Sunday Morning Mass	

RCIA: Together with other local Parishes we are going to begin this year's experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the way in which the Church receives new adult members whether Baptised in another Christian Tradition or Unbaptised. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic this is the moment to have a word with Fr. Michael to begin the process (which leads to Easter!).

Collection Envelopes: If any parishioners 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.

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 Diocese has advised that we should continue to ease the Covid safety restrictions. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. We are still required to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

We are using the same sign up lists for Masses week to week. If you were at Mass any time last week you will be on the list for that day this week, next week and so on, so there is no need to sign up every week. If your name is not on the sign up list for a specific Mass, you can either book in as normal, OR scan our unique QR Code on your phone as you enter - laminated posters with the QR Code are in the Entrance Porch - please let the stewards know your preferred method of registration. Please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not cause the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass. Please also pass the word that we are now fully open and able to welcome all who wish to come!

We will continue to ventilate the Church well. The Procession for Holy Communion will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

The Monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 15th December at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm and Confession will be available throughout. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Ben Mournian.

Men On A Mission - Advent Evening: Following on from our successful evening for the Year of St. Joseph, we invite all men of the Diocese to join us for an Advent Holy Hour in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday, 16th December at 7.30pm followed by socialising over appropriate refreshments in the Diocesan Centre! To assist us in preparing for the evening, please register at: tinyurl.com/2nxjnnnu

Think Vocation: "What must we do?" The people ask John for guidance. Perhaps you are seeking advice on what God is asking of you too. Why not speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Marriage And Family Webpage: The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4>