

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent (B) 17th / 18th February 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.
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, Charlie Deighan, Margaret Sweeney, Renato Edoni 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: Nicola Laurenson.

Anniversaries: Thomas Simpson, Robert Collins, Michael Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell, Neil McColgan, Robert Graham, William Lee and Geoff Gardyne Snr.

Month's Mind: Gillian McGourlick, Maxie McColgan, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, John and Mary McGrory, Catherine Lowrie and Tommy Fulton.

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, 25th February.

Stations Of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on Mondays during Lent after morning Mass. This year's Stations of the Cross from SCIAF (the Diocese of Paisley were involved in their preparation) can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/mrwzvp29> There are a few copies of these available in the Church - if you use them please leave them in the Church for others to use! Thank you!

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 on Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

Calendar For Lent: Calendars for our younger parishioners are available (free) in the porch.

Lenten Prayer Books are available in the porch (cost £1.00). These contain a daily prayer and reflection for the Holy Season - it may be a useful aid as part of your Lenten observance.

Thinking About taking the short term pledge for Lent? Please see the poster and prayer cards in the Church entrance for more information.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 3rd March 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

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!

Gift Aid Envelopes 77 And 89: Fr. Michael wishes to contact the parishioners using these envelopes to match Gift Aid Donations to Gift Aid Declarations. Could they please write their name, telephone number or email address on their envelopes during February or contact him by email or phone? Thank you.

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.

A Fashion Show will be held in the hall on Sunday, 14th April - 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced £3.00. Cake, tea and coffee included in the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets £1.00 per strip. Raffle prizes accepted. Please see Barbara Anderson for tickets.

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.

The Monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 21st February at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards - all welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Paul McAlinden.

Synod 2023-2024: The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the Diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments, etc. on these documents to: synod23@rcdop.org.uk or Synod Response, c/o Diocesan Offices by 23rd February. All responses will contribute towards the official Diocesan response.

Young Adults' Pilgrimage: The Diocesan Young Adults Office hopes to arrange a pilgrimage to Poland from 5th to 12th August for those aged 18-35 years old. We will stay in Krakow with visits to the St. John Paul II Centre, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Salt Mine Museum, Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum and the Czestochowa Sanctuary. Flights from / to Edinburgh. Estimated cost: £600-800pp. To book, please attend a meeting on Sunday, 25th February at 4.00pm in the Diocesan Office. For more information, email Fr. Ryan Black, ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk or Fr. Joe McGill, joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk

Marriage Preparation Courses 2024 - Diocese Of Paisley: We invite all couples due to be Married in 2024 to register for one of our three courses this year. Each course will consist of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. The cost for the course per couple is £50.00 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. Once couples have registered, we will contact them directly regarding attendance at the course and a certificate will be issued upon completion. This course fulfils church requirements regarding preparation before marriage and is a wonderful opportunity to meet other couples and share in fellowship. You can follow the link: <http://tinyurl.com/2k85hh4m> to access further information or to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!