

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Tracy Gallagher, Marie Murphy 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: Denis Garrity.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Giuseppe Fragapane, Theresa and Charlotte McMahon, Lorraine Gaffney and for the month's mind of Pauline Garvie, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Ann and William McAdam, Thomas (Simmie) Simpson, Bobby McColgan and Annie Muggins.

Vocations And Ecclesiastical Students: This weekend's special second collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. Currently we have four students whose seminary fees are £20,000 each per year, costing the Diocese a total of £80,000 per year. As well as supporting them, this collection goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome that welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome.

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

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. There are also Memorial Cards for Canon Healy.

Fr. Michael is attempting to compile a database of the Parish to help us stay in touch with one another - there were no records kept by previous Parish Priests. Please take a Census Form from the Porch or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/1bo24gvv> to download the Form for printing. Completed Forms should be returned to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: St. Conval's Parish Linwood now has its meals project up to full speed and is now providing 200 meals to local families every week through their Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing their Lenten Alms Project to provide cooked meals and food parcels for local families. They have already collected enough to get them through Lent and hope your donations will help them continue. You can leave your food for parcels in the Parish House Porch or post donations through the doorway. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm> Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

From Monday, 26th April a variety of the Covid-19 regulations will change and some of these affect us - thank God in a helpful way - as we are able to loosen some of the most onerous and burdensome restrictions. Churches can move from a cap of 50 to the capacity of the building that allows the 2 meter spacing. This will enable us in St. Conval's to move to 75 places (a couple, for example, is one space) so we will be able to accommodate almost everyone who wants to attend on a normal week. Obviously we are feeling our way forward very gingerly as we do not want to go backwards again - we have all had more than enough of it!

So please be careful to observe the protocols of not coming if you feel unwell or have a cough, 2 meter spacing, signing up for the weekends (Track and Trace is still required), following the direction of the Stewards, maintaining our distance throughout (especially when we are leaving after Mass), sanitising on entry and exit. Our care has resulted in none of our Parishes being responsible for a single case of transmission - as far as we know - so your heroic efforts and patience have borne great fruit. Let's encourage one another to maintain our high standards of hygiene and self-discipline!

Masses This Week:

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Tuesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 6.00pm

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Advance booking is not required for weekday Mass, only for the weekend. The booking facility will be there which will make it easier for the Stewards, it is not required. If you are coming without a booking, please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not prevent the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass.

Internet / Telephone Booking System: Rather than emailing the Parish, the useful method and timings for bookings that have evolved will be used, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Fourth Sunday Of Easter: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Is that you? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel: 0141 889 5056.

The Scottish Parliamentary Elections: As you begin considering how to vote, please check out our Scottish Bishops Election Resource, visit: tinyurl.com/3ucpwzyk It lets you know where political parties stand on issues that impinge upon our Catholic faith and life and is also being updated with particular candidates' positions on these matters.

Care Not Killing: 'We need to improve how we care for people, not kill them.' Please contact your election candidates, visit: tinyurl.com/2rn9swnw to ask them to support palliative care for the dying.