

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (B) 6th / 7th 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 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: Edward Taney (Funeral on Monday, 15th January at 10.00am) and Robert Rock.

Anniversaries: Jimmy McGivern, Clare El Ghammrawi, Hugh Keevins, Daniel Keevins, Jadwiga Tretkowski, Grace Moore, Agnes Scarff, May Vaughan and Josephine Nutt.

Month's Mind: Elsie Muggins.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Justice and Peace.

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

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.

Children's Rosary Group will meet in the Church this weekend after the 10.30am Mass. Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. All are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be available afterwards.

Sunday Tea is taking a break until after the festive season.

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The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited each Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

Children's Liturgy: The next session will take place in the meeting room on 4th February at the 10.30am Mass and not on 7th January as mentioned previously. 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: God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister (Isaiah 60:1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Young Adults: The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr. Paul Denney, who will explore God's covenant with Moses. 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, 10th January. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr. Ryan, ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk for more information and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

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.

Catholic Families For Life: You can now download the first issue of a newsletter from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Commission for Marriage, Family and Life. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/23ahhjd6> to download your copy.

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/yvnbs6c>