

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

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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	Funeral Mass for Alexander Davren in St. Conval's.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Thomas Cassidy 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:** Alexander Davren (Funeral on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am) and Thomas Cassidy (Funeral on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am).

**Anniversaries:** William Stewart, Thomas Haney, David Hunter, Margaret Drummond, Elsie Muggins, Daniel McMahon and Cathie McColgan.

**Month's Mind:** David McGivern.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's second collection is 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.

**This Sunday** is The Mass of Enrolment for P4 pupils from Our Lady of Peace Primary School who are Candidates for celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place in the meeting room at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

**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.

**Jesse Tree:** Our Parish Giving Tree for Advent will be put up this weekend. Please take a label from the Tree and donate the item requested. The items gathered will go to families in need in our area.

**Sunday Tea:** Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat.

**Please Note:** There will be no Tuesday Tea this week. The final Tuesday Tea before Christmas will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Friday:** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after the 10.00am Mass.

**The Stall** now has a selection of Christmas Cards and 2024 Calendars.

**Thank You** for your ongoing generosity and support for our food bank. All Donations are very welcome and badly needed. We have distributed over 477 bags of food so far!

**Appeal From St. Benedict's High School** for Underwear and Socks; any donations of Black Tights (Girls aged 11-18) and Underwear and Socks (Boys and Girls aged 11-18) would be most gratefully received! Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**We Need Volunteers** to help with 'The Big Clean' for Christmas. This will take place after the 10.00am Mass on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Financial Support:** Thanks to your continued generosity in November, Fr. Michael received £2378 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £397 for Education Sunday. The Building Fund collection in November amounted to £470. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Advent Talks:** A series of three talks for the Season of Advent will be given by Fr. Maurice Callaghan in St. Joseph's Church, Greenock at 7.00pm on each of the three Tuesdays (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> December). The talks will each be of 30-40 minutes duration with an opportunity for questions followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome.

**Young Adults:** The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr. Jamie McMorris, who will explore God's covenant with Abraham. 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, 6<sup>th</sup> December. It will end with adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. For more information and to be added to the WhatsApp group email Fr. Ryan, [ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr. Joe McGill, [joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)

**All Day Confessions:** Come Home for Christmas! on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 8.00 pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am and 1.00pm.

**Advent Scripture Talks:** Join Fr. Ryan Black for Scripture classes on Thursdays in Advent. These classes will be introductory and suitable for everyone. They will include Lectio Divina and exegesis. Talks begin at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, with tea and biscuits. All are welcome.