

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 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.
Saturday: 11.00am First Communion in St. Conval's.

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, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Fr. Andrew Coleman, Fr. Oliver Freney, Gordon Finnegan, David McNish, Eleanor McMahon 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: Isobel McFlynn (Funeral on Monday, 9th May at 10.00am) and Gerry McEwan.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Irene Carroll, Lorraine Gaffney and Harry Sheerin.

Please Pray For The Children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 7th May at 11.00am and also the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 12th May at 6.00pm.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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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!

Live Streaming: All Masses are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Masses are available for up to 12 hours after they are finished "live". Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

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 each Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

Children's Liturgy: As things begin to return to normal, we are hoping to restart the Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning. To do this we NEED more volunteers to commit to one Sunday a month. No experience necessary. For more information please contact Gemma, email: gemma.EYP@gmail.com

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 Parish have produced a Cookbook with many delicious baking recipes. Copies are available £1.50.

Fashion Show: Many thanks to all the parishioners for their kind support and donation contributions towards the fundraising Fashion Show. £400 was raised and all monies went to Fr. Michael for the Church.

Collection Envelopes: The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes for 2022-2023 can be uplifted from the Sacristy after Mass. If you pay by Standing Order, please still uplift a box of envelopes for two reasons; some feel embarrassed at not putting anything in the Collection Basket and though the Standing Order supports the Parish week to week, boxes of envelopes contain an envelope for the Special Second Collections - you may wish to support a particular one of them in a particular way.

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, 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.

Sunday Mass And Holy Days: The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days has now been reinstated. There will, of course, be some people who do not have the confidence to return yet, but Bishop John encourages those who are fit and healthy, and confident, to return to Mass if they have not yet done so.

So, we are moving to the next stage of this long story which we have lived together over the past two years, and we are able to ease more of our protective measures. The following measures will still remain in place (for the time being):

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving Churches.
- One-way system of entering and leaving the Church.
- Stewarded Procession for Holy Communion.
- Continued good ventilation: we will continue to do what we reasonably can to allow good air circulation around the building - it will feel cool in the Church!
- Please remember that you are asked **NOT** to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have the symptoms of Covid.
- Please be aware of those around about you, especially those who may be more vulnerable.
- The sanitising of Church buildings after each Mass is not now required, infection control reverts to our personal responsibility, but we will continue an enhanced cleaning regime in the Church.
- Thank you to you all for your patience, tolerance and understanding for many long difficult days.
- Thank you to those who helped in particular ways to offer the extraordinary help that has been required to allow us to continue to function in the various stages of restriction and lockdown - COVID free (Deo Gratias!).

A Series Of Talks On The Divine Praises For Young Adults: The next talk of the series Blessed Be Jesus Christ: True God by Fr. Matthew Carlin will take place on Wednesday, 18th May at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral and will be followed by Benediction and an opportunity to socialise over drinks. A list of all other talks can be found on the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdop.org.uk/>

Carfin Day: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will take place on Sunday, 22nd May. Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 3.00pm followed by the Rosary Procession which will take place at 5.30pm. Catering facilities are available at the Shrine.

Important Safeguarding News: Please take some time to read the most recent issue of Safeguarding Matters, the newsletter of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency which can be found on the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdop.org.uk/> It introduces the members of the SCSSA Board, advertises two full time vacancies in the Agency and announces details of the National Safeguarding Conference that will take place on Saturday, 1st October.