

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Eleanor McMahon, Tracy Gallagher 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: Margaret McMahon (Family Funeral on Tuesday, 2nd March at 10.00am) Ian Campbell, Bridie Shaw, Johnny Hart and John Airlie.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Michael Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell, Robert Collins, James McMahon, Agnes Burns, Pat Clark, Robert Graham, Gerald Graham, William Lee, Mary McVeigh (New Zealand) and for the month's mind of Alex Williamson, Tommy Fulton, Annie Muggins, Davie Dunnion, Pauline Garvie, Willie McKenna, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe and James Lowe.

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

In The House Porch there are copies of the Bulletin, Census Forms, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statements. 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. New sets of weekly Gift Aid Collection Envelopes will be delivered around 4th April.

There are also Lenten Prayer Calendars for Priests of the Diocese, Memorial Cards for Canon Healy and (hopefully) 'Day by Day' Lent Prayer Books. These were ordered but had not arrived so Fr. Michael chased up the order on Pancake Tuesday and they promised to get them to us ASAP, they are having 'Covid related delivery issues'!

Fr. Michael has been asked back to record another of the 'Reflections at the Quay' on BBC1 Scotland broadcast at 11.30am on Sundays. The recording is on Tuesday at 10.00am and Broadcast is on Sunday, 7th March. The recording clashes with the Live Stream of Tuesday Morning Mass this week which will now be celebrated at 9.00am for those who wish to attend live. If you come later in the day to St. Conval's Church Linwood YouTube Channel, the Mass will be available to watch.

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.

Following The First Minister's Announcement extending lockdown to mid-February, we will continue to Live Stream Mass without a Congregation on Tuesday at 10.00am, Thursday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.30am. Fr. Michael can continue to celebrate Funerals (with a maximum of 20 Mourners) and Weddings (similarly restricted). No Congregations are otherwise permitted and Churches are to remain closed, so please do return - or continue - to celebrate virtually online. Our Live Stream is easily accessed on any electronic device with internet compatibility simply Google 'St. Conval's Church Linwood YouTube' or paste the following link into your search engine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyfCJEhpKW4> Please continue to pray for the other members of the Parish Community as we go through another period of enforced isolation from one another, especially for those who find these periods of isolation so difficult.

St. Benedict's School Cluster: Food, Toiletries And Cash - A Great Way To Give Alms In Lent

The chefs were busy in the Hall Kitchen through last week and at the weekend we offered 50 people a few meals each and will do so again this week for another 50, thanks to your great generosity - a number of people sent me generous donations so we will try to get this on a secure financial footing to take it into the future weeks and months as Lockdown and Vaccines enable us to inch towards a 'new normal' - God give us patience and hope! If you are seeking an opportunity for Lenten Almsgiving, please support us as we try to support those in our own Community who are in need. As St. John Bosco, the Patron Saint of Education is quoted as saying; "It is not enough to love our children, it is essential that they know they are loved, so without confidence and love, there can be no true education". Donations of food, toiletries and cash can be safely left in the Parish House Porch as it is monitored by CCTV. The outer door is open but the inner one is locked. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm>

Fr. Michael hopes that 'Day by Day' Lent Prayer Books will help us Pray, our Meals Project will help us give Alms, and for Fasting - Pope Francis offers us this:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill you heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Various Lenten Resources From SCIAF (including a 'Wee Box') for everyone are available in Fr. Michael's Porch, they are inside an illustrated envelope with various other communications from SCIAF. These are to aid our Lenten Observances of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please come and help yourself. If you would like any of these but cannot get out to collect them, please email the Parish (with your address!) and Fr. Michael will deliver them to you. The Day of Prayer for SCIAF and their work will be held on Friday, 12th March and the Special Second Collection for the work of SCIAF will be, as usual, on the 4th Sunday of Lent (14th March). As previously, the UK Government will match with a £1 every £1 we give to SCIAF before 11th May, so please let Fr. Michael have all your Donations (Wee Boxes and other Donations) by the end of April to allow him to count them and send the money to SCIAF.

'Leadership As Witness' By Cardinal Joseph W Tobin CSsR: The University of Glasgow St. Andrew's Foundation invites you to this online lecture on Tuesday, 23rd February between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Cardinal Tobin is the Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey. He was Superior General of the Redemptorists from 1997 until 2009. In 2010 he was appointed as Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. He has participated in five Synods of Bishops. This lecture is part of the Catholic School Leadership Expert Seminar Series. We encourage Catholic school leaders, aspiring leaders, researchers and those that support our Catholic school leaders to join us. Please email: education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk to register for this final seminar in the series.

Community Circle Of Prayer: Every Friday evening people gather online at 7.00pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link below: <https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09> Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.