## Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Margaret Higgens, 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: Andrew McKelvie and Annie Scotland.

Anniversaries: Jack Dooley and Jim Clark.

**Month's Mind:** Gillian McGourlick, Willie McKenna, Tommy Fulton, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Annie Muggins, Madge Lowe and James Lowe.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's special second collection is for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our Schools, Parishes and Dioceses.

**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.

**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.

Tuesday Tea: Please join us in the hall after the 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

Please Note: There will be no Mass, Confession, Exposition and Benediction on Thursday evening.

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 400 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.

**November Lists:** Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the door for us to remember in Prayer at Mass each day of November the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As is our custom, November is a month of special prayer for those gone to God and many of us wish our family members especially remembered. If you complete the list with the names of your dead and hand in the sealed envelope with your offering within, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and remember them in Mass each day of the month.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy** will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the 10.30am Mass. 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 continue on the first Sunday of each month. We will next meet in the Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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.

**Think Vocation:** The Parable of the Talents today reminds us that God has given each of us the gifts we need for the work to which he has called us. Could your gifts serve the Church as priest, deacon or in consecrated Life? What you give, you more than get back! Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

**Hawkhead Cemetery Mass:** The annual Cathedral Parish Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery will be celebrated at 2.00pm on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the souls of those buried there. Requiescant in pace.

**Deceased Clergy:** Bishop Keenan will celebrate Mass for the repose of the souls of all deceased clergy of the Diocese of Paisley on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend and to pray for the eternal rest of our late bishops, priests and deacons. Requiescant in pace.

**Quiet Morning For Advent:** You are invited to a Quiet Morning for Advent on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November in St. James' Church and Hall, Renfrew. The morning will begin with Mass in the Church at 10.00am and continue in the Hall finishing at 1.00pm. You are invited to take time out for prayer, reflection and sharing. All are welcome.

Advent Day For Primary School Children: The Diocese of Paisley will hold an Advent Reflection Day for pupils in P4, 5, 6 and 7 on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November in St. Mary's, Paisley from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Places must be pre-booked. Places can be booked by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. The event will include the celebration of Mass. Children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, or school or by emailing: vocations@rcdop.org.uk Due to safeguarding regulations, participating children must be collected from St. Mary's by a parent / carer / guardian.

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.