

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 Stephen Grimes 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

Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Andrew Irvine, Gary Danks, John Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Eileen Hicks, Philip Tony Quigley 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:** Stephen Grimes (Funeral on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.00am), Roisin (McElhinney) Docherty, John McGuire and Fr. Joe Dow.

**Anniversaries:** Theresa McMahon, Charlotte McMahon, Martin McNamara and Harry Sheerin.

**Month's Mind:** Alex Williamson, Ann and Willam McAdam, David McGivern, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Dennis O'Neill and Sean O'Neill.

**Please Pray For The Children** who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am and also the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's special second collection is for Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students. This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. Currently we have one student whose seminary fees are £20,000 per year. As well as supporting our seminarians this collection goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome that welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome.

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

**SCIAF:** Could all SCIAF Lenten Boxes be returned to the Parish as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**Post Covid-19:** 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:** 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.

**Sunday Tea:** Due to illness there will be no tea this week.

**Stall:** The Stall is open at the weekend. If there is anything you would wish the Stall to stock, please speak to Ann McGivern or Marie Sheerin.

**Tuesday Tea:** There will be no tea this week but it will be back on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**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:** Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2021-2022 - HMRC gave the Parish £10,102.78. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2023-2024 can be uplifted from the Sacristy. 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, please call into the Sacristy to collect a Gift Aid pack.

**St. Benedict's High School** is delighted to host the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Encounter which provides pupils, staff and families the opportunity to explore the Eucharistic Miracles of the world, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer adoration and the veneration of a first class relic of Blessed Carlos. You are welcome to attend an open session for members of the community on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

**Children's Liturgy** will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 7<sup>th</sup> May 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

**Cleaning Rota:** Any parishioner who wishes to volunteer to clean the Church every third Thursday from 11<sup>th</sup> May, please come to the Church at 10.00am that morning.

**Fashion Show:** The date of the Fashion Show has changed from Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. All tickets purchased to this date are still valid. Please keep your tickets. If anyone would like a refund or to buy tickets, please see Margaret Gardner or Barbara Anderson.

**Hall Bookings And Enquiries:** Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, 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 £5.00 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:** Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, "Good Shepherd Sunday". Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Is that you? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 01418895056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

**A Family Day With Mary - Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Join families from throughout the Diocese in St. John's, Barrhead for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary Our Mother, including prayer, activity and games for children. The day will begin with refreshments at 2.00pm and conclude with Holy Mass at 4.00pm celebrated by Bishop John.

**Youth To Lourdes Fundraiser:** Help our young pilgrims raise necessary funds for their Pilgrimage to Lourdes by supporting this Race Night. The Fundraiser and Social for Youth to Lourdes takes place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's Church Hall, Paisley. Entry costs £5.00. 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. BYOB. Reserve tickets by emailing: iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.