

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Palm Sunday (A) 1st / 2nd April 2023

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Joe Gillen in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Wednesday:	7.00pm	Chrism Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral.
Holy Thursday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with Reception of Holy Oils and Veneration at the Altar of Repose in St. Conval's.
Good Friday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St. Conval's.
	6.00pm	Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross in St. Conval's.
Holy Saturday:	10.00am	Morning Prayer in St. Conval's.
Easter Sunday:	8.00pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, John Thom, Eileen Hicks 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: Joe Gillen (Funeral on Monday, 3rd April at 10.00am) and Margaret Cavanagh.

Anniversaries: Mr. Flewitt McAlpine, Mrs. Annie McAlpine, Kathleen Sheerin, Betty Parker, Phyllis McMillan, Helen Stewart and Thomas Flood Jnr.

Month's Mind: Ann and William McAdam, David McGivern and Elsie Muggins.

Please Remember In Your Prayers the Children of our Parish who will celebrate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Eastertide this year.

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

Special Collection: The retiral collection at the Services on Good Friday will be for the Holy Places. This collection is for the upkeep and repair of the fifty shrines that are dear to Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the Church's pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission in the Holy Land, including the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of Mary and Joseph's homes in Nazareth, Peter's house in Capernaum, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and of Pentecost and the Church of the Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre.

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.

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

Holy Week And Easter Services: There is a flyer with times of Masses and Services for Holy Week and Easter available - please take one, and one for a neighbour!

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.

Sunday Tea: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

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 Meeting Room after Masses on 1st / 2nd April. 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 Meeting Room on one of the above dates.

Tuesday Tea is taking a break over Easter and will be back on Tuesday, 18th April. Thank you for your continued support.

The 'Big Clean' For Easter will take place on Holy Saturday (8th April) after Morning Prayer. All help will be appreciated. Thankyou.

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!

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in March, Fr. Michael received £3,097 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £727 for SCIAF. The Building Fund collection in March amounted to £500. 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.

Fashion Show: There will be a Fashion Show in the hall on Sunday, 30th April - 1.30pm for 2.00pm. Tickets are £3.00. Please see Barbara Ann or Margaret Gardener.

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.

Chrism Mass: Bishop John invites the priests and people of the Diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass with him on Wednesday, 5th April at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. This celebration is a great opportunity for us to celebrate and express our faith together. During the Mass the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment, and the oils will be blessed for use in the celebration of the Sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass. All welcome.

St. Conval's Cemetery Mass: The Easter Cemetery Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John at 2.00pm on Sunday, 16th April, Divine Mercy Sunday. All welcome. There will be a link available to watch from home if you cannot participate in person.

Think Vocation: "The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue." Jesus gave everything out of love for us. Are you being called to reflect the Master's sacrifice by offering yourself as a priest, a deacon or religious? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 01418895056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk