

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B) 14th / 15th August 2021

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Thomas McGourlick and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Jack Gillespie, Nellie Patton, Annabella McFarlane (nee McElhoney), James Duffy, John Hillan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Liam Delaney, Robin Neilson and for the month's mind of Robert Gray, Peter Gray, John and Mary McGrory, George O'Sullivan, Angela Adams, Betty Dunnion and Davie Dunnion.

Bridie And Breeanna would like to thank everyone for the kind gifts and support and prayers over the last nine months on the birth of Arlo. He is doing well.

Collection Envelopes: If any parishioners 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.

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. There are also Memorial Cards for Canon Healy.

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.

Hymns: We hope to start congregational singing from next week. Hymn books will be available.

Votives: We can now light candles again in our parish. However please be careful when lighting candles as hand sanitiser is alcohol based and is therefore flammable.

Weekday Masses: Fr. Michael would like any views and feedback regarding weekday Masses. He is very mindful that children are not coming to Mass in great numbers, parents may be anxious about their children mixing with large groups of adults, and he would like to encourage them by having a Mass every week in both schools. He would be very grateful if the parishioners could give him feedback regarding frequency and timing and balancing Masses in the schools and Masses in the parish.

Tuesday Tea: As we gradually go back to normal, Tuesday tea will start in the hall after 10.00am Mass on 31st August.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in July, Fr. Michael received £2,336 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for the Building Fund (£473). 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.

Toiletries: As well as food being required for some at this time, we now learn that toiletries are badly required too and so from next week we will again be collecting soaps / deodorants / toothpaste and toothbrushes / shaving gear etc. Thank you. I know you will respond as in the past.

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food: Thanks to your generosity we have already collected enough to allow us to continue to provide, throughout the School Summer Holidays, 200 meals to local families every week through St. Conval's Parish Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing to provide food parcels for local families. You can leave your food for parcels in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm> As we look to the future we are concerned that the return to school and the end of 'Furlough' will provoke something of a crisis for those with least to cushion them financially, so we will continue to provide this practical charity - with your help! Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

The Diocese has been advised that the First Minister has continued to ease the Covid safety restrictions and we have been able to implement these changes gradually over these weeks. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. From Tuesday, 10th August, a further relaxation of the Covid-19 Regulations came into effect. All social distancing rules have been relaxed and so there is no limit on our capacity for Mass in the Church and so there will be no need to book a place - Deo Gratias! We are still required, however, to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

So; you can either book in as normal, OR scan our unique QR Code on your phone as you enter - laminated posters with the QR Code are in the Entrance Porch - please let the stewards know your preferred method of registration. Please also pass the word that we are now fully open and able to welcome all who wish to come! We will continue to ventilate the Church well, we will also be able to resume reciting the Gloria and Creed (when the schools return) and have restored the procession for Holy Communion. This procession will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion section by section as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Please remember to maintain the minimum of one metre distance from those around you at all times. It would be worth bearing in mind that the pandemic is not over. The current strain of the virus is highly infectious and at the moment it seems that younger rather than older people are more vulnerable. So we will continue to be considerate to one another and careful when we gather. We will continue to ease restrictions as the situation permits. We will continue the restricted timetable for the celebration of Mass until the schools resume.

Masses This Week:

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Tuesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 6.00pm

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As advance booking is no longer required for weekend or weekday Masses, the booking facility will be there for the 'Track and Trace' System which will make it easier for the Stewards. If you are coming without a booking or do not plan to scan the QR Code in the Entrance Porch, please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not prevent the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass.

Internet / Telephone Booking System: Rather than emailing the Parish, the useful method and timings for bookings that have evolved will be used, so on the link that follows, bookings for Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be made. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm your booking. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 18th August at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. This month we will also resume Adoration, from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. All welcome! The Celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Burke.

The Year Of St. Joseph: Our fourth and fifth evenings will take place on Wednesday, 25th August in St. Mirin's Cathedral at 4.00pm and Thursday, 26th August in St. Mary's, Greenock at 4.00pm, to pray for everyone involved in Education commending them to St. Joseph. All welcome to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. Please use this Eventbrite link to book your tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941> or call Angela to book a place, tel. 0141 237 3584.

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage To Carfin: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will be held on Sunday, 29th August. 1.00 pm arrival for Personal Prayer and visit to the Shop and Tea Room; 2.30pm preparation for Mass; 3.00pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by a break for tea, toilets etc; 5.30pm Marian Procession; 6.00pm Departure of Buses. All welcome.

St. Mirin's is running a bus so if anyone wants to go on the bus, please contact St. Mirin's. Thank you.