

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

4th Sunday of Advent (B) 23rd / 24th December 2023

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Services

Saturday, 23 rd December	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 24 th December	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	8.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Morning Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 26 th December	Midday	Mass in St. Conval's.
Friday, 29 th December	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Saturday, 30 th December	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 31 st December	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 1 st January	Midday	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 2 nd January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Thursday, 4 th January	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday, 5 th January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.

Confessions

Saturday, 23 rd December	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Saturday, 30 th December	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Thursday, 4 th January	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Margaret Higgins, 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: Eileen Tutty, Margaret Strang and Baby Janet English.

Anniversaries: Eileen Carroll, Duncan Carroll, Ann McAdam, Helen Gallagher, Angela Kennedy, Helen McMillan, James Rae, Catherine Rae, Vincent John Marron, Margaret and Peter Deighan, Tommy Fulton, Noel McCormack and Margaret McCormack.

Month's Mind: William McAdam, Isobel and Gerry Sheerin, Catherine Lowrie, Thomas Simpson, Robert Graham, Margaret Lee, William Lee, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe, James Lowe and Annie Muggins.

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.

Christmas Season Masses: Flyers with the times of all the Masses over the Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourselves and others to give to friends or neighbours.

Sunday Tea is taking a break until after the festive season.

Fr. Michael will Bless the crib at the end of the Christmas Masses - he invites the Children of the Parish to bring with them to Mass the Baby Jesus from their own Crib at home to be Blessed. Also we'll sing together the first verse of Away in a Manger.

Tuesday Tea is taking a break until after the festive season.

Thursday Evening: Please note there will be no 6.00pm Mass, Confession, Exposition and Benediction on 28th December.

Friday: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after the 10.00am Mass.

Thank You for your ongoing generosity and support for our food bank. All Donations are very welcome and badly needed. We have distributed over 517 bags of food so far!

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 7th January 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 7th January 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.

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.

Christmas Masses: The Diocesan website has details of Mass times for all Parishes in the Diocese. The following Masses will be celebrated in the St. Benedict's Cluster:

Parish	Christmas Vigil Mass / Midnight Mass	Christmas Morning Mass
St. Conval's, Linwood	8.00pm	10.30am
St. Aidan's, Johnstone	6.00pm	11.00am
St. Margaret's, Johnstone	4.00pm and 12midnight	10.00am
St. Fillan's, Houston	3.30pm (infants and children) and 8.00pm	9.30am and 11.00am
Christ the King, Howwood	6.00pm and 12midnight	10.00am

Carols In The Cathedral: Our annual Diocesan event in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday, 27th December at 2.30pm. This is a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a Diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All donations will go towards SPRED.

A blessed and peaceful Christmas season to everyone and my prayers and best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year