

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent (C) 22nd / 23rd March 2025



Parish of Saint Conval, Greenfarm Road, Linwood PA3 3HB
T: 01505 323751 E: stconval@rcdop.org.uk W: stconvals.com
Parish Priest: Canon Michael McMahon



Services

Saturday:	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday:	10:30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday:	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for James McElhinney in St. Conval's.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Hughie Green in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Celia and Albert Mackie, James Graham, Dorothy Hunter, Fr. Alex Davie, Maria-Luisa Hunter Andreuccetti, Fergus Joseph Martin, Maureen Cowie, Donny Steele, Joseph Cairns, Pauline Ward, Thomas Feeney, Jean Conroy 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: James McElhinney (Funeral on Tuesday, 25th March at 10.00am) and Hughie Green (Funeral on Friday, 28th March at 10.00am) and Patrick Keavins.

Anniversaries: Sarah McMahon, George O'Sullivan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret McGivern, Mick and Agnes Docherty, Rita Inglis, James Lowe and John Anderson.

Month's Mind: Willie McKenna, Madge Lowe, Charles Pringle, William Gourlay, Annie Muggins and Tommy Fulton.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for SCIAF.

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.)

My Giving Hub: If Parishioners wish to donate to the Parish using the My Giving Hub, they need only scan the QR code at the top of the bulletin and decide the amount.

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". An edited version of the Sunday Morning Mass will be uploaded to view later.

As Fr. Michael is away on Retreat, there will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion on Monday at 10.00am.

Please Note there will be no Tuesday Tea this week.

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!

Lenten Prayer Books are available in the porch (cost £1.00). These contain a daily prayer and reflection for the Holy Season - it may be a useful aid as part of your Lenten observance.

Jubilee Calendars For Lent are available (free) in the porch for our younger parishioners.

SCIAF Wee Boxes for Lent are also available in the porch.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the hall on 6th April 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

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 2023-2024 - HMRC gave the Parish £8,388.72. 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 2025-2026 can be uplifted from the Meeting Room after the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses on 22nd / 23rd March and 29th / 30th March. 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.

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.

Think Vocation: "Do not come near..., for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (1st Reading). Could you be called to reveal God's presence in the holy ground of people's lives and hearts? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 2602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

As Part Of Our Faith Formation we have Fr. Ryan Black delivering the talk "Return to Me: The Sacrament of Reconciliation" on Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.00pm. We are extending an invitation to neighbouring Parishes and we would be delighted if you can join us in the Church here at St. Joseph and St. Patrick's, Wemyss Bay. Refreshments will be available in our Church Hall afterwards.

Youth To Lourdes Quiz: A Quiz Night with all proceeds going to Paisley Diocese Youth to Lourdes will be held in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Orangefield Place, Greenock on Sunday, 6th April commencing at 7.30pm sharp. BYOB and eats. £2.00 entry adults, children free. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be served. Donations for the raffle will be welcome.

Mailing List: The Diocesan Youth Office seeks to provide opportunities for children and young people from the ages of 5-35 to foster faith and develop friendships. Parents / guardians and young people can complete an online form to sign up to a mailing list and stay informed about events for young people in the Diocese of Paisley. Please access the form here: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-mailing

80th Anniversary End Of WWII: This year, on 8th May, we will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. To participate in the commemoration, promote peace and remember those who have perished (soldiers and civilians), the Diocesan Archive hopes to gather stories and testimonies from Catholic families and individuals who lived within the actual boundaries of the Diocese of Paisley during WWII. Do you wish to honour the memory of your relative who fought / died during WWII? Do you have interesting anecdotes on your life / a relative's life as a Catholic during the conflict? Do you have pictures or bulletins of our parishes dating from that time? If so, you can fill up a form on the following page: <https://rcdop.org.uk/diocesan-archive>