

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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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	Service of the Word with Holy Communion in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for John Larkins 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 Mary Byrne in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

### Confessions

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

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Clare Ghammrawi, Thomas Donald 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:** John Larkins (Funeral on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am) and Mary Byrne (Funeral on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Haney, Brian McCartney, Angela Kennedy, James Rae, Thomas McGourlick, Helen McColgan, Danny Drummond and Mary Barr.

**Month's Mind:** John and Mary McGrory, Catherine Rae and Angela Adams.

**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 at the 10.30am Mass this weekend.

**Advent Calendars:** These are available at the back of the Church for the younger members of our community and are FREE!

**Weekly Parish Bulletin:** Are you interested in receiving the Bulletin to your email address? Please see Joanna on your way out after Mass.

**Sunday Coffee Morning:** Coffee, tea and cakes will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. Everyone welcome.

**Please Note** there is no Mass this Monday. There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am.

**Tuesday Tea:** The last Tuesday Tea will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> December. All are most welcome. It will be back in the New Year.

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

**Financial Support:** Thanks to your continued generosity in November, Fr. Michael received £2,697 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £416 for Education Sunday. The Building Fund collection in November amounted to £525. 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.

**The Staff And Pupils Of Our Lady Of Peace Primary School** would like to invite you to their Christmas Show. The concert will be on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm. Please call the office, tel. 03003000173, to put your name down and for catering purposes.

**Big Clean:** The Big Clean of the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am. Anyone who can help will be most welcome.

**Malawi:** St. Benedict's High School are making up parcels to send to Malawi and they are in desperate need of socks. They would appreciate any help with this.

**We Will Be Organising And Supporting Families With The Meal Service** (including a Christmas Dinner and Goodies Parcel) again this year through St. Benedict's High School. If you know of any families who may need to be added to our list, please have a quiet word with Fr. Michael. Donations to support this will be welcome!

**In Advent** we will also be taking donations to the local Food Banks. They tell us they need 'Tins, Treats and Toiletries'. So, we will be delighted to start receiving donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, chocolate and snacks, and toiletries. Receptacles will be available at the front of the Church.

**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.

**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 up to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (the end of the current tax year), 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.

**Christmas Fete At The Little Sister Of The Poor, Greenock:** Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in 44 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DP. There is plenty on offer for all the family including a bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Santa's Grotto and kiddie's corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tearoom and there will be an ice cream van in the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.

**Carols In The Cathedral:** A Diocesan annual event on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. It's 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. All donations will go towards SPRED.

**Young Adults' Pilgrimage To Lourdes:** The Diocesan Office for Pastoral Formation of Young Adults is organising a Pilgrimage to coincide with the Diocesan and Youth to Lourdes Pilgrimages in 2023, from 30<sup>th</sup> June until 7<sup>th</sup> July. The cost will be a maximum of £500 per person. If you're aged 18-35 and would like to know more, or if you would like to register your interest, please email Fr Ryan: ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk or Fr Joe: joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk Deposits of £100 should be paid before the end of January 2023.

**The Diocesan Communications Commission** (which meets every 2-3 months) is responsible for all Diocesan communications to ensure a frequent, consistent and synodal message. We wish to increase the number of representatives, especially recruiting people who are / have been engaged in media and communications. If interested or you want more information, please contact Canon Danny McLoughlin, email: standrew@rcdop.org.uk

**Synod 2021-2024:** The Papal Synod timeline has now been extended, by a year, to 2024. The document for the Continental Stage has now been published and is available on the Diocesan website homepage. This will be the focus of the European Assembly in February 2023. Please send any comments to: synod23@rcdop.org.uk