

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School. We will let you know when parishioners will be welcome in the school.
Tuesday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
Thursday: 6.00pm St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
12.25pm St. Benedict's High School. We will let you know when parishioners will be welcome in the 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: Thomas McGourlick, Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Frank Murray, Gary Danks, Betty Kerr, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin 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: Mary Barr (Funeral on Monday, 25th October at 10.00am) and Pat Ryan (Funeral on Tuesday, 26th October at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Dominic Gallagher, Janet McGrattan, Jimmy Cunningham, Annabella Howie (Nee MacFarlane), Robert Hunter, Danny Hunter, Martha Graham and for the month's mind of Davie Dunnion, John and Mary McGrory, Gillian McGourlick, Angela Adams and Mary O'Neil (Nee MacFarlane).

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Missio Scotland which is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. This enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. In 2020 this collection was affected by the Covid-19 restrictions so raised £15,305 (2019: £30,705) which is fully remitted to Missio Scotland.

Post COVID-19 we continue our journey to what will be our new normality with care for ourselves and each other. Accordingly, we will 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 Main 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). Thank you!

Tuesday Tea: Please join us in the hall after 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the side porch of the Church and in the Porch of the House for us to remember in Prayer at Mass each day of November the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As is our custom, November is a month of special prayer for those gone to God and many of us wish our family members especially remembered. If you complete the list with the names of your dead and hand in the sealed envelope with your offering within it, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and together we remember them in Mass each day of the month.

RCIA: Together with other local Parishes we are going to begin this year's experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the way in which the Church receives new adult members whether Baptised in another Christian Tradition or Unbaptised. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic this is the moment to have a word with Fr. Michael to begin the process (which leads to Easter!).

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.

Church Cleaners: We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church on a Wednesday anytime during the hours of 10.00am until 2.00pm. If you can help, please put your name and number on the sheet in the porch. Many thanks for your help.

Parish Pastoral Council: We would like to invite anyone who would like to become involved a little more in the life of the Parish and become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to put their name on the list at the back of the Church. It is good for committees to change membership. This group helps advise and helps Fr. Michael on the Pastoral Priorities of St. Conval's. The meetings are only every second month, it is not a great time commitment, but you would be helping support your Parish and your Parish Priest. If interested, please write your name and a contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.

Update On St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: Thanks to your generosity we have continued to provide, throughout the past 10 months, 200 meals to local families every week and we also continue to provide food parcels and toiletries as required. As we look to the future, we are hoping that restrictions and the employment situation continues to improve, we will be able to scale back this practical charity. Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure! It may be that we will launch a further Appeal for Christmas dinners in the Season of Advent. (Meantime you may leave donations, food for parcels or toiletries in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway.)

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'. 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. 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.

We are using the same sign up lists for Masses week to week. If you were at Mass any time last week you will be on the list for that day this week, next week and so on, so there is no need to sign up every week. If your name is not on the sign up list for a specific Mass, 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. The Procession for Holy Communion 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.

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>

Season Of Creation: Please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/h5wzhjbr> to view the download of A Prayer For Our Earth.