

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (C) 1st / 2nd January 2022

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Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary 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.

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, Betty Kerr, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Bernard McIlvennie, Danny Gill 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: Helen Gallagher and Liam Martin.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Joe and Margaret McGunnigal, Agnes Scarff, Ken Donald, Joe McGann, Lizzie McGourlick, John McGourlick and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins and Thomas O'Malley.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Justice and Peace.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

St. Margaret's Children And Family Care Society: Please support the Annual Crib Appeal. Many thanks for your generosity.

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!

Sunday Mass Obligation: The recent letter published by the Bishops' Conference regarding Sunday Mass Obligation has, of course, been rescinded. There continues to be no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.

The Scottish Catholic Calendar is now available priced £3.20.

The Scottish Catholic Magazine is also now available priced £2.00.

Please Note: There will be no Tuesday Tea during the festive season.

Christmas Food Appeal: A huge thank you to you all for your great generosity to this Appeal - we sent out 137 three-course Christmas Dinners (Soup, Turkey and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Sprouts, Carrots and Parsnips, and Chocolate Gateaux) and 44 Christmas Parcels (containing Christmas Crackers, Mince Pies, Sweets, Chocolate Santas, Biscuits, Games and Toys, Fudge and Tablet). Your kindness certainly contributed Christmas Joy!

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!).

Christmas Mass Times

Thank you to those who shared their thoughts on Christmas Mass times with Fr. Michael - you were most helpful and understanding! So at the moment - aware that the Public Health and Government Advice is subject to change - we are planning as follows...

Weekend Saturday, 1st January / Sunday, 2nd January:

Saturday, 1st January Midday Mass for the Feast Day 5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, 2nd January 10.30am Sunday Morning Mass

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". The Christmas Vigil, Christmas Morning and Weekend Masses will also be uploaded to view later. Please feel free to stay at home if you are anxious about mixing with others. There is still no obligation to attend Mass and our own safety and that of others is paramount.

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.

The Diocese has been advised that we should maintain our Covid safety restrictions and you will now notice that many other venues have reintroduced the restrictions which we had been maintaining. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. Social distancing rules have been relaxed to one metre and we have no restrictions to numbers at Mass apart from that. We are still required to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

For entering and leaving the Church, please remember that it is important to maintain social distance of at least one metre so bunching up coming in or going out is unwise. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. The Stewards have been brave and generous with their time for many months now and it is appropriate that they should be allowed to attend Mass as well as everyone else. It would be generous of you to come in good time to register allowing us to begin Mass on schedule.

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 row by row as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please bear in mind that the current strain of the virus is highly contagious and very easily transmissible and act with generosity and consideration to those around you. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Marriage And Family Webpage: The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4>

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