

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass in St. Conval's. |
| Sunday | 10.30am | Mass in St. Conval's. |
| Monday | 10.00am | Mass in St. Conval's. |
| Tuesday | 10.00am | Mass in St. Conval's. |
| Thursday | 6.00pm | Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm. |
| Friday | 10.00am | Mass in St. Conval's. |

Confessions

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| 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, Marie Shaughnessy, Elizabeth Kelly 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: Denis Doherty.

Anniversaries: Janet McGrattan, Percy Lucas, Martha Graham, James McElhinney, Mary and Patrick Devlin, Dominic Gallagher, Pat Ryan and Michael Deighan.

Month's Mind: Gillian McGourlick, John and Mary McGrory, Angela Adams and Jack Main.

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.

Post COVID-19 we continue the final steps on 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 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). Please continue:

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving the Church.
- Please remember that you are asked NOT to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have symptoms of Covid.
- Thank you to all for your patience, tolerance and understanding for many long difficult days.
- Thank you to those who helped in particular ways to offer the extraordinary help that has been required to allow us to continue to function in the various stages of restriction and lockdown - COVID free (Deo Gratias!).

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.

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

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

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

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the door 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, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and remember them in Mass each day of the month.

Urgent: Oppose Plans to introduce Assisted Suicide to Scotland: Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. Liam McArthur, MSP has indicated that he expects to introduce his assisted suicide bill at Holyrood in early 2023, so we must act quickly. This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and undermining efforts to prevent suicide. It will make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden and its safeguards will prove futile. The current law is the safeguard - it prohibits assisting someone's suicide and / or killing them by euthanasia. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life. Please sign CNK's petition at Church today, in the porch as you arrive and as you leave and in the Hall over tea / coffee. Alternatively, you can sign online, visit: <http://www.carenokilling.scot/>

Tree Of Light And Plaque For Holy Souls: We are proposing to have a Tree of Light in November to remember our loved ones. It will cost £5.00 per light and this money will be donated to St. Vincent's Hospice in Howwood. A Memorial Book will be placed on the Sanctuary during November. A book will be in the entrance porch from next week to see who would be interested in purchasing a light in memory of their loved ones. This will be renewed every year.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in September, Fr. Michael received £2,760 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £482 for Vocations. The Building Fund collection in September amounted to £441. 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.

Fr. Michael has an electric cooker, a gas cooker, a washing machine and a fridge freezer available free to anyone who needs them. Please speak to Fr. Michael for more details.

Frances Williamson would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts on the recent occasion of her 90th Birthday. She would also like to thank everyone who came along to her surprise party in the hall and to all those who organised it. It was very much appreciated.

Christmas Car Boot Sale: We hope to have a Car Boot Sale and Table Top Sale on 19th November from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. There will also be a pop up café in the hall. Tables and cars £7.50 each. All proceeds going to St. Conval's Church. Raffle drawn on day. If anyone would like to donate prizes or for more information, please see Bridie Macfarlane.

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, cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee at a cost of £5.00 per person. Please see Ann McGivern (tel. 01505 343223) for more details.

Weekly Parish Bulletin: In order to cut down on printing costs for the parish and to be more environmentally friendly as a parish, we would like to start an email mailing list to issue the Weekly Parish Bulletin. Printed copies will still be available for those who prefer a paper copy or who don't use or have access to email. If you would like to be part of the mailing list, please email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk

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: The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes for 2022-2023 can be uplifted from the Sacristy after Mass. 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, 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.