

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (A)

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Services

Saturday, 31 st December	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 1 st January	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 2 nd January	Midday	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 3 rd January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Friday, 6 th January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.
Saturday, 7 th January	5.30pm	Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 8 th January	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.

Confessions

Saturday, 31 st December	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.
Tuesday, 3 rd January	9.45am	Available in the Meeting Room before 10.00am Mass.
Saturday, 7 th January	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 Ghamrawi, Thomas Donald, Anne Ward, Loretta Lamont 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 McAleer (Funeral on Monday, 9th January at 10.00am) and Siobhan Gordon (Funeral on Friday, 13th January at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Joe and Margaret McGunnigal, Carol Nichol, Maria Ferns, Joseph McGann and Rena Symington.

Month's Mind: Rita Inglis.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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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.

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 will resume after the festive season.

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

Please Note: There will be no Evening Mass, Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, 5th January.

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

Children's Liturgy: The next Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 8th January. All are welcome.

Christmas Appeal: Many thanks for the fantastic response to our Christmas Appeal. Thanks to your generosity the Parish distributed 50 food parcels, 50 Christmas goodie bags and 150 Christmas dinners. In addition, boxes of toiletries and Christmas treats were also given to the Food Bank. We will continue to collect toiletries, treats and tins as there is a continuing need.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in December, Fr. Michael received £3,222 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. The Building Fund collection in December amounted to £536. 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.

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 5th 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.

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 30th June until 7th 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.

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

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