

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> February 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, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Bernard McIlvennie, Rev. Andrew Coleman, John McDaid 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:** James Berry (Funeral on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am).

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Michael Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell, Robert Collins, Thomas Simpson, Geoff Gardyne Snr, Pat Clark and for the month's mind of Willie McKenna, Tommy Fulton, Madge Lowe, James Lowe, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Annie Muggins, Catherine Lowrie, Davie Dunnion, Stella Gardyne, Robert Graham and William Lee.

**Second Collection:** There will be a special second collection next week for SPRED (postponed from last week).

**Franciscan Missionary Sisters For Africa:** Sister Anne would like to thank you for the very generous donations and lovely welcome you gave last week. These donations will be used to assist the poor and vulnerable people in various countries in Africa.

**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!

**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. Please feel free to stay at home if you are anxious about mixing with others. There is still no obligation to attend Mass (see overleaf) and our own safety and that of others is paramount.

**The Scottish Catholic Calendar** is now available priced £3.20.

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

**A Service For The World Day Of Prayer** will take place in St. Conval's at 2.00pm on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome. Tea and coffee afterwards in Church Hall.

**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!).

**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 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.

**Sunday Mass And Holy Days:** Bishop John informs us that the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days will be reinstated on the First Sunday of Lent, 6<sup>th</sup> March. There will, of course, be some people who do not have the confidence to return yet, but he encourages those who are fit and healthy, and confident, to return to Mass if they have not yet done so.

So, we are moving to the next stage of this long story which we have lived together over the past two years, and we are able to ease more of our protective measures. The following measures will still remain in place (for the time being):

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving Churches.
- The wearing of face coverings.
- One-way system of entering and leaving the Church.
- Stewarded Procession for Holy Communion.
- Continued good ventilation: we will continue to do what we reasonably can to allow good air circulation around the building - it will feel cool in the Church!
- Please remember that you are asked **NOT** to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have the symptoms of Covid.
- Please be aware of those around about you, especially those who may be more vulnerable.
- There is no need for us to book Masses, to make the return to Mass as simple and easy as possible.
- There is now no legal requirement to maintain the track and trace protocols, so we will **not** continue this process.
- The sanitising of Church buildings after each Mass is not now required, infection control reverts to our personal responsibility, but we will continue an enhanced cleaning regime in the Church.
- Thank you to you 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!).

**The Friends Of Divine Mercy Scotland** invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February which will be celebrated by Mgr. Joe Burke at St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. All are welcome. These devotions will be held on the last Wednesday of every month so please put a note in your diary.

**40 Days For Life:** This Lent the 40 Days for Life Prayer Group in Scotland will hold its annual vigil outside the Maternity Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. From Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March until Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, from 8.00am until 8.00pm the site will be manned daily. As you can imagine this is a big undertaking, but we have managed to do it for the past five years. Today I ask you to join the Pro Life cause by signing up for a slot during the 40 days - come hail, rain or shine. Usually, people give an hour of their time when we say the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. We have placards if you want one - my favourite is from Jeremiah "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." We do get hassle from time to time from passing motorists, but we also get support. If you want to help to try to turn the tide from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life please contact Matt Lynch, tel. 07971234313.

**A Healing Service** will take place in St. John The Evangelist Parish, Barrhead on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Speakers are Fr. Joe Balmer and Joe Livingston. The theme is Forgiveness (Matthew 9, 1-8). All welcome to attend.

**SYNOD 2023 - Responses Required:** The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the sense that all the baptised, both the hierarchy and the laity, are called to be active participants in the saving mission of the Church. It is clear that the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission. The Diocese wants to hear YOUR views, and a consultation document with questions that *may* help direct your response can be found at:

<https://rcdop.org.uk/synod-2021-2023> To respond, there is an online questionnaire OR you can send any responses to: [synod23@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:synod23@rcdop.org.uk) before 8<sup>th</sup> April - all responses will be acknowledged.