

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Mass Times

Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday:	10.00am	St. Conval's joined by a Class of Pupils from 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, Fr. Andrew Coleman, John McDaid, Fr. Oliver Freney 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: Joseph Gerald McAuley.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: William McCallum, Jean and Daniel Keevins, Isla Margaret MacDonald, Gus Milligan, John Stewart, Edward Flood, Cathie Lawson and for the month's mind of Thomas McGourlick, Betty Dunnion and Elsie Muggins.

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

Ukraine: Logistically sending supplies to Ukraine are challenging at the moment, so SCIAF have launched an appeal for financial donations. Many thanks to those who donated on Ash Wednesday. Fr. Michael has already sent a cheque for £1,000 and we will have a special collection at Masses next weekend (12th / 13th March). If more is contributed, Fr. Michael will send it to SCIAF.

Rites Of Enrolment: On Sunday we will have the Rite of Enrolment for First Communion and so the boys and girls of P4 and those others preparing for their First Holy Communion will ask God's Blessing on them and on their work - it's our opportunity to pray for them also. We will have the Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation on the Third Sunday of Lent (20th March).

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.

As Restrictions Continue To Ease we can resume more of our Religious belief and practice which was curtailed by the Pandemic - we now have Holy Water as we enter and leave the Church to Bless yourself and see also changes to our Mass schedule.

Lenten Calendars for our younger Parishioners are available (free of charge!) as you enter or leave the Church.

SCIAF Boxes for Lenten Alms are available as you enter or leave the Church.

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

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: The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days has been reinstated from this weekend. There will, of course, be some people who do not have the confidence to return yet, but Bishop John 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!).

RCIA Rite Of Election 2022: The Rite of Election Service for the Diocese of Paisley takes place on the First Sunday of Lent in St. Mirin's Cathedral. All of those entering into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, along with their sponsors, are presented to Bishop John who encourages them on their journey of faith. This year we will welcome 27 people from 8 Parishes throughout the Diocese to our Catholic community. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Scripture Talks: Join Fr. Ryan for Scripture Classes on Tuesdays in Lent from 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall. These Classes will be introductory and suitable for everyone. They will include Lectio Divina and exegesis. On Tuesday, 8th March our topic is 'The Passover and the Lord's Supper' according to Luke. All are welcome.

Lenten Station Masses: The Lenten series of Masses led by Bishop John will begin after a two year absence, this Wednesday, 9th March in St. Joseph's, Greenock at 7.00pm. This is for the Parishes in the St. Columba's High School Cluster. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass celebrated by the Bishop, and joined by the Priests and Deacons of the area. The next one will take place on Thursday, 10th March - the Feast of St John Ogilvie - in St. Laurence's, Greenock at 7.00pm.

The Little Sisters Of The Poor in Greenock invite young people to join them for a Taize Prayer and Reflection on Friday, 11th March at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to help discern GOD's will for your life in light of the Scriptures and the welcome calm of meditation and chant. As life gets back to 'normal' hopefully these prayer evenings will take place on a monthly basis. For information please contact Sr. Anna Maria, tel. 01475 722465 or email: ms.greenock@lspscotland.com