

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 9th / 10th September 2023

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Services

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.
Friday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Saturday: 5.00pm Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Margaret Higgins, Lorraine Pollock, Joe Mitchell, Paul Kearney and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Anniversaries: Margaret Gorman, Catherine Simpson, Roger Simpson, Joe Sheerin, Gina Duffy, Hugh McColgan and Mary Frances Craig.

Month's Mind: John and Mary McGrory and Thomas McGourlick.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Vocations.

Mission Appeal: There will be a Mission Appeal at all Masses on 16th / 17th September by Fr. James Flynn of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Collection Baskets: 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: Services are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Services will be available until 11.59pm on the day they are "live". Edited versions of Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

The Stall is open at the weekend. If there is anything you would wish the Stall to stock, please speak to Ann McGivern or Marie Sheerin.

Sunday Tea: We propose to start Sunday Tea in due course and would like to set up a weekly rota. If anyone is willing to start a group or volunteer to do one Sunday a month, please see Fr. Michael.

Tuesday Tea in the hall after the 10.00am Mass is having a fundraiser for Macmillan Nurses. There will be baking for sale and a raffle. All are most welcome.

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

Food Parcels: We will continue to collect cash, foodstuffs and toiletries for distribution. Many thanks for your generosity which is much appreciated by those worrying how to feed their families!

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 for 2023-2024, 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.

Vocations Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday, 14th September at 7.00pm. Transport will be available. Please note there will be no Thursday evening Mass in St. Conval's.

Fr. Michael will be away on retreat from Friday, 15th to Friday, 22nd September. Mgr. Tom Monaghan will celebrate Mass on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd. Fr. James Flynn (Holy Ghost Fathers) will celebrate the usual weekend Masses. Please note there will be no Thursday evening Mass on 21st September.

The Opening Mass Of The Year in St. Benedict's High School will be on Thursday, 28th September at 6.00pm. Transport will be available. Please note there will be no Thursday evening Mass in St. Conval's on that date.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 1st October at the 10.30am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

Children's Rosary Group will continue on the first Sunday of each month. We will next meet in the Church on 1st October after the 10.30am Mass. Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. All are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be available afterwards.

Fashion Show: There will be a Fashion Show in the Church Hall on Sunday, 15th October - 1.30pm for 2.00pm. Tickets are priced at £3.00. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at £2.00 for 4 Strips. Tea, Coffee and Cake included. All profits go to the Parish. We would be grateful if anyone could donate raffle prizes. Please see Barbara Ann Anderson or Bridie Macfarlane.

Hall Bookings And Enquiries: Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, email: macfarlanebridget60@gmail.com or 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 £6.00 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.

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday, 17th September from 12.30pm until 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1NA. 12.30pm until 1.50pm refreshments and sale of candles and goods. 2.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns and Benediction. 3.00pm Reflection and Novena Prayers. 3.30pm break for refreshments and sale of candles and goods. 4.30pm Holy Mass.

Retreat Day For Primary School Pupils: We are hosting a retreat for primary school pupils (P4-P7) in St. Mary's, Paisley on Sunday, 17th September from 2.00pm until 5.30pm. The retreat will start in the Church Hall and will include Holy Mass, activities and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from parishes and primary schools. For more information contact Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament And Prayer For Priests: On Monday, 18th September Bishop John, and the priests of Paisley Diocese, will gather together for a time of prayer, reflection, study, and fellowship. This is part of our programme of ongoing formation as priests. You are invited to come during this day to pray for Bishop John and your priests. There will be a time of silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on 18th September between 2.00pm and 7.00pm in St. John Bosco Church, Barwood Road, Erskine PA8 6AB. The time will conclude at 7.00pm with Benediction.

Think Vocation: "Where two or three meet in my name, I will be there." Priests are called to gather Jesus' followers to bring them into his presence and show them his mercy. Could that be you? Talk to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.