

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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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.
Wednesday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Michael Quinn 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, Joe Mitchell, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald, Margaret Higgins, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Margaret Sweeney, Renato Edoni 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: Robert Howie, Fr. Martin Chambers, Michael Quinn (Funeral on Wednesday, 17th April at 10.00am) and Martin Russell (Funeral on Tuesday, 30th April at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Margaret Reynolds, Mary McGrory, James McGrattan, Elizabeth Grimes, Steven Grimes, Kathleen Sheerin, Grace Sheerin, Betty Parker, Mary Mitchell and Grace Collins.

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

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students which pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome and Spain. Currently we have one student who is completing his studies in Rome this summer and a new student (currently in his propaedeutic year in Spain) taking his place. We also have one student studying for the permanent diaconate. In 2022 our total vocations income was £80,644 with collections raising £34,434, friends standing orders totalling £8,326, grants of £33,333 and other income of £4,551. Our total expenditure was £72,831 which included fees £59,510, student grants £6,936 and other expenses totalling £6,385. This left us with a modest surplus of £7,813.

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.

Sunday Tea Will Not Be Available In The Hall after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday, 28th April.

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

Please Note: There will be no Mass this Thursday evening as there is a Graduation Mass in St. Benedict's High School at 6.00pm.

Friday Morning: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited 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!

Please Take A Copy of the Annual Statement of Accounts available in the Porch.

Collection Envelopes: Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2022-2023 - HMRC gave the Parish £10,344.21. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2024-2025 can be uplifted from the Sacristy. 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, please call into the Sacristy to collect a Gift Aid pack.

A Fashion Show will be held in the hall on Sunday, 14th April - 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced £3.00. Cake, tea and coffee included in the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are 4 strips for £2.00. Raffle prizes accepted. Please see Barbara Anderson (tel. 07738431708) or Bridie MacFarlane (tel. 07874007136) for tickets.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 5th May 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.

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.

Think Vocation: "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Are you being called to help people recognise and understand God's word? Could you be one who breaks open God's word for people as a priest? Contact our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Young Families: Young couples (married or soon to be) and their little ones are invited to a get together in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 20th April at 4.00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but don't forget to bring snacks for yourselves and your children. Please contact Nikolas Paul: nikolas_paul@proton.me for more information.

The Shroud Of Turin: Please join us for a presentation on The Shroud of Turin on Sunday, 5th May at 1.30pm in St. Joseph's Hall, Clarkston. As we prepare to contemplate this 'icon written in blood' (Pope Benedict XVI). 'This image, impressed upon the cloth, speaks to our heart and moves us to climb the hill of Calvary, to look upon the wood of the Cross, and to immerse ourselves in the eloquent silence of love.' (Pope Francis). Guest speaker and author, Mike Pietrzyk, will be visiting St Joseph's.

A Family Day With Mary: Bishop John and the Marriage, Family and Life Commission warmly invites you to join families throughout the Diocese for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary our Mother! The day will begin at 2.00pm in St. John's Parish Hall, Barrhead on Sunday, 12th May and will include prayer, games, activities for children and refreshments for all. We will conclude with Holy Mass at 4.00pm.