

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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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	Service of the Word with Holy Communion 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.
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**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, George and Helen Lawson, Stephen Hughes, Charlie Deighan, 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:** Karen Watts.

**Anniversaries:** Gerry Cavanagh, Maureen Haney and Alan Gray.

**Month's Mind:** Cavanagh Family, Mason Family 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.

**Next Weekend** there will be a special second collection for SPRED. This collection, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, will help fund the great work that SPRED do for our parishioners with special needs, helping them understand and celebrate their faith. Thank you, in anticipation, for your financial support.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place in the meeting room at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

**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, 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**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, Confession, Exposition and Benediction on Thursday evening.

**Friday Morning:** There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion instead of Mass at 10.00am.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited on Friday morning after the Service of the Word.

**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!

**Financial Support:** Thanks to your continued generosity in January, Fr. Michael received £2,115 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He also received second collection contributions of £290 for Justice and Peace and £408 for Sick and Retired Priests. The Crib Donations for the St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society amounted to £210 and the SPUC White Flower Appeal amounted to £290. The Building Fund collection in January amounted to £433. 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.

**Gift Aid Envelopes 77 And 89:** Fr. Michael wishes to contact the parishioners using these envelopes to match Gift Aid Donations to Gift Aid Declarations. Could they please write their name, telephone number or email address on their envelopes during February or contact him by email or phone? Thank you.

**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.

**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:** "Let us go elsewhere, to preach there too, for that is why I came." Jesus knows his mission is to proclaim the Kingdom without limit. Could you give your life to that mission of healing and teaching as a priest? Contact our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

**Diocesan Choir - New Members:** The Diocesan Choir are looking to expand their ranks in the weeks ahead. We will start rehearsals for the Chrism Mass in a few weeks and are looking for new members to join us as we learn new repertoire. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Diocesan Offices. There will be an initial workshop for all new members who wish to join on 8<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Cathedral. Although being able to read music would be beneficial, it is not an absolute requirement to join our choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Hepburn, our Diocesan Director of Music, email: director.music@rcdop.org.uk

**40 Days For Life:** Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February until Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. What are you going to do for Lent? Please consider joining our 40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil outside of the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. Our Vigil takes place from 8.00am until 8.00pm each day from Ash Wednesday until 8.00pm on Palm Sunday evening. According to Worldometer / Abortion 44.6 million babies were aborted globally in 2023. For information, email: Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

**P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day:** This Diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00pm until 5.30pm in St. Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the Church Hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form which can be obtained from your Parish or Primary School, or by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the Diocesan website.

**Synod 2023-2024:** The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the Diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments, etc. on these documents to: synod23@rcdop.org.uk or Synod Response, c/o Diocesan Offices by 23<sup>rd</sup> February. All responses will contribute towards the official Diocesan response.