

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Marie Murphy 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: Gerry Sheerin (Family Funeral on Tuesday, 8th June at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Frances Whyte, Ann McElhinney, Bridget Smith, Patricia McCallum, Frank Devlin, Maria Devlin, Elizabeth McAdam, William Scarff, Jimmy McGivern, Fr. Hugh Ferguson and for the month's mind of 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 our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection. We have fourteen retired priests of our Diocese, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two living in Chile, five in houses throughout the Diocese, three in parish presbyteries and three at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. You can donate easily to this collection by visiting our Diocesan website: www.rcdop.org.uk and clicking on the 'Online Parish Offertory'. This allows you to donate to any of the causes or parishes of your choice.

Please Note: Due to the Funeral of Gerry Sheerin RIP on Tuesday Morning at 10.00am, we will not have Mass open to the Public that day.

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.

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. There are also Memorial Cards for Canon Healy.

Fr. Michael is attempting to compile a database of the Parish to help us stay in touch with one another - there were no records kept by previous Parish Priests. Please take a Census Form from the Porch or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/1bo24gvv> to download the Form for printing. Completed Forms should be returned to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in May, Fr. Michael received £2,706 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for Communications (£290), Pro-Life (£393) and the Building Fund (£596). 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.

Think Vocation: "This is my Body" Without the Eucharist there is no Church. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Could God be inviting you to share in Jesus' priesthood, offering your life with his for his people? Contact Fr. Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: St. Conval's Parish Linwood now has its meals project up to full speed and is now providing 200 meals to local families every week through their Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing their Project to provide cooked meals and food parcels for local families. They have already collected enough to get them through until June and hope your donations will help them continue at least until the School Summer Holidays. You can leave your food for parcels in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm> Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

As Churches can move from a cap of 50 to the capacity of the building that allows the 2 metre spacing, St. Conval's has moved to 75 places (a couple, for example, is one space) so we will be able to accommodate almost everyone who wants to attend on a normal week. Obviously we are feeling our way forward very gingerly as we do not want to go backwards again. So please be careful to observe the protocols of not coming if you feel unwell or have a cough, 2 metre spacing, signing up for the weekends (Track and Trace is still required), following the direction of the Stewards, maintaining our distance throughout (especially when we are leaving after Mass), sanitising on entry and exit. Our care has resulted in none of our Parishes being responsible for a single case of transmission - as far as we know - so your heroic efforts and patience have borne great fruit. Let's encourage one another to maintain our high standards of hygiene and self-discipline!

Masses This Week:

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

Thursday: 6.00pm

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Advance booking is not required for weekday Mass, only for the weekend. The booking facility will be there which will make it easier for the Stewards, it is not required. If you are coming without a booking, please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not prevent the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass.

Internet / Telephone Booking System: Rather than emailing the Parish, the useful method and timings for bookings that have evolved will be used, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Evening Of Prayer For Healthcare Workers: Bishop John would like to invite all healthcare workers and friends to an evening celebration to Mark the Year of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers. There will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for all those involved in our healthcare system and will finish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend at St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday, 24th June 2021 at 7.00pm. Please use the Eventbrite link below to book your tickets. Alternatively, call St. Margaret's Church, Johnstone to book by phone, tel. 01505 320198. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/33509746663>

Course To Qualify As An RE Specialist: Are you a qualified teacher, at secondary or primary level, interested in an advanced qualification as an RE Specialist? The University of Glasgow is offering an ATQ in RE this coming academic year (21/22). Please sign up for this online information evening on Thursday, 10th June 2021 at 6.00pm. Please email: clare.fodey@glasgow.ac.uk to obtain the zoom link. This qualification fulfils the requirement for applying to the GTCS for Professional Registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary School. Please find all the details, including teaching dates and cost, by visiting - ATQRE: tinyurl.com/4tabykt3 and GTCS Professional Registration: tinyurl.com/ys6kwkzr