

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Gerry Sheerin and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Charles Pringle, William Gourlay, William McAdam, Liza McElhoney, Agnes Turley, Robert Flood, Thomas McElhinney and for the month's mind of Madge Lowe, James Lowe, John Anderson, Annie Muggins, Ann McAdam, George and Maureen O'Sullivan, Davie Dunnion, Pauline Garvie, Willie McKenna and Tommy Fulton.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Pro-Life (Day for Life). This collection helps the Diocese support pro-life causes with half of the funds collected going to the Bishops' Conference Pro-Life Fund. You can donate easily to this 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.

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 from 6th until 30th April, Fr. Michael received £1,769 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for Vocations (£370). Your ongoing generous support of the Parish is greatly appreciated as it enables us to continue to function despite all the challenges that these days bring.

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!

Think Vocation: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service, but always for the same Lord." What kind of service do your gifts suggest? Perhaps you could offer them as a priest, deacon or in religious life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel: 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

As Churches can move from a cap of 50 to the capacity of the building that allows the 2 meter 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 meter 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

Tuesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 6.00pm

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm and 10.30am

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>

20 Days For Life: Due to Tier 4 restrictions our 2021 Lenten 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer and fasting vigil at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) in Glasgow was postponed. Sadly, in the midst of this current situation the government did not halt or restrict its abortion culture of death. On 23rd March 2021 the government called for a UK National Day of Reflection to be held for those who had died from Covid the previous year. According to latest official figures at that time there had been 143,259 Covid deaths. The following month April 2021 we marked the 53rd anniversary of the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act which has resulted in almost 9.5million deaths of our unborn children here in the UK. We are coming out for a 20 Days for Life from 1st June until 20th June 2021 outside of the QEUH in Glasgow from 8.00am until 8.00pm each day. To take part please email: Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

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. More details about booking will follow next week.

Community Circle Of Prayer: Every Friday evening people gather online at 7.00pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Since New Year we have covered topics like Perseverance in Prayer, St. Joseph, Journey to Calvary, Christ Our Salvation, Passover and Tenebrae, St. Bernadette and the Gift of the Trinity, just to name a few! Coming up some of our suggested topics are Justice and Peace, Friendship in Jesus, The Mysteries of Light and The Gifts of the Spirit. Last week was our first anniversary! Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link below:
<https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09>