

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

Sunday:	5.30pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday) in St. Conval's.
	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.
Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, David McNish, Winnie Deighan, John O'Donoghue, Anne Coote, Matthew Gilmour, Nellie McNamara, Clare Ghammrawi, Patsy Patton 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: Martin Ennis Garrity, Ishbel Whitters and Pat Liney.

Anniversaries: Harry Francis Craig, Janie Lavery and Mary Inglis.

Month's Mind: Thomas McGourlick, Sean O'Neill and Elsie Muggins.

Please Pray For: Donna Nicholson.

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 Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students. This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. In the 2022-23 term we will have only one student, whose seminary fees are around £20,000 per year. As well as supporting our student this collection goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome which welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome. In 2021 total income for vocations was £32,869 which included £21,385 from the Covid19 impacted collections and £8,834 from the Friends campaign standing orders plus other donations and gift aid. This total income of £32,869 represented 48% of our expenditure of £68,599, resulting in a shortfall of £35,690, which was funded from general Diocesan reserves. We are hopeful that with your continuing support we may be much closer to breaking even with our vocations funding in 2022.

Post COVID-19 we continue the final steps on our journey to what will be our new normality with care for ourselves and each other. Accordingly, we will 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). Please continue:

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving the Church.
- Please remember that you are asked NOT to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have symptoms of Covid.
- Thank you to all for your patience, tolerance and understanding for many long difficult days.
- Thank you to those who helped in particular ways to offer the extraordinary help that has been required to allow us to continue to function in the various stages of restriction and lockdown - COVID free (Deo Gratias!).

Live Streaming: All Masses are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Masses are available for up to 12 hours after they are finished "live". Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

Tea, Coffee And Cakes will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Please Note there will be no Tuesday Tea this week after the 10.00am Mass.

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

Our Summer Schedule has now come to an end and we revert to our normal scheduling of Masses in both St. Conval's and St. Fillan's. Thank you for your flexibility over the past six weeks which allowed Fr. Michael (and Fr. Andrew) to get a holiday - Fr. Michael's longest holiday for 23 years! Fr. Michael would be happy to hear your feedback of how it all worked out for us - to tweak holiday planning in the future.

Tree Of Light And Plaque For Holy Souls: We are proposing to have a Tree of Light in November to remember our loved ones. It will cost £5.00 per light and this money will be donated to St. Vincent's Hospice in Howwood. A Memorial Book will be placed on the Sanctuary during November. A book will be in the entrance porch from next week to see who would be interested in purchasing a light in memory of their loved ones. This will be renewed every year.

Christmas Car Boot Sale: We hope to have a Car Boot Sale and Table Top Sale on 19th November from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. There will also be a pop up café in the hall. Tables and cars £7.50 each. All proceeds going to St. Conval's Church. Raffle drawn on day. If anyone would like to donate prizes or for more information, please see Bridie Macfarlane.

Hall Bookings And Enquiries: Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, tel. 07874007136

Funerals And Christenings can be catered for in the Church Hall. Catering includes sausage rolls, cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee at a cost of £5.00 per person. Please see Ann McGivern (tel. 01505 343223) for more details.

Weekly Parish Bulletin: In order to cut down on printing costs for the parish and to be more environmentally friendly as a parish, we would like to start an email mailing list to issue the Weekly Parish Bulletin. Printed copies will still be available for those who prefer a paper copy or who don't use or have access to email. If you would like to be part of the mailing list, please email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk

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.

Collection Envelopes: The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes for 2022-2023 can be uplifted from the Sacristy after Mass. 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, 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.

Message From Bishop Hugh Gilbert: The Bishops of Scotland are one with the Ukrainian people in their suffering. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski who joined us at our meeting in March at the beginning of the invasion of his country, has written a message for the people of Scotland to thank them for their support. He also asks for our prayers and has written a prayer for all of us to pray on the European Day of Prayer for Peace, Tuesday, 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. May the Ukrainian people who share in the sufferings of Our Lord, know that he bears the cross of their suffering with them and that the power of His Cross can turn hatred to love, and death to life. We invite all Catholics in Scotland, members of other Churches and other Faiths, and all people of good will to participate in this Day of Prayer in our Parishes.

Diocesan Vocations Mass And 75th Anniversary Of The Diocese: Bishop John will celebrate this special Mass on Thursday, 15th September on the Feast of St. Mirin in the Cathedral at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend, refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Please note there will be no Mass and Devotions in St. Conval's that evening.

Mass For Marriage: Bishop John warmly invites all who wish to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of marriage, especially engaged and married couples, to the Diocese of Paisley's Inaugural Mass for Marriage at 12noon on Sunday, 18th September in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Reception in the Cathedral Hall to follow. Details of those celebrating significant anniversaries can be emailed to Rebecca Harrison at the Marriage and Family Office (marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk).