

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Tracy Gallagher 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: Hugh Law and Jimmy Young.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Mary Ferguson, Peter Brennan and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion.

Thursday Of This Week is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holyday but there is no obligation to attend Mass which Fr. Michael will celebrate at 6.00pm.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Communications. This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees. You can donate easily to this by visiting our Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdop.org.uk/> and clicking on the 'Online Parish Offertory' icon. 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.

SCIAF: The Government will match £1 for £1 any contributions to SCIAF if they are made before 31st May 2021. If you have a SCIAF Wee Box or a donation, please pass it to Fr. Michael by next weekend (15th / 16th May) and he will get it to SCIAF and make our donation.

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/1bo24gsv> 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.

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 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>

Adult Education Talks: You are invited to our next talk on Monday, 17th May 2021 at 6.30pm on The Sacraments of Initiation by Canon Jim Duggan. Please use the link below to join the webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/91955822683?pwd=QUFKcjUySzQvSFp1RWFKY3ZJbIY1dz09> Passcode: 983094

SPUC Scotland: This month, SPUC Scotland is launching a new initiative to commemorate the gift of life and to particularly call to mind the many lives that have been lost in our country due to abortion. Our usual White Flower Appeals in parishes have been unable to take place for the last year. This is an important means to raise vital funds allowing us to defend the right to life, but it is also an opportunity for us to inform parishioners of the current issues around abortion.

SPUC knows that each baby is the primary victim of abortion, but we also understand that there are so many others affected by it. The medics and politicians who put the framework in place to end life are themselves damaged in conscience by what they do, we also know that women who are put under pressure to have an abortion can often suffer mentally and/or physically for many years after the event. Our aim is to create a display of 14,000 flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display on Saturday, 22nd May 2021 at Carfin Grotto when we create our 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'.

We are hoping that individuals will be willing to sponsor a virtual flower and these can be purchased online, visit: <http://www.whiteflower.org.uk/> SPUC would be most grateful if you are able to support this initiative and pray for its success.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes: Regrettably, as of 27th April 2021, Joe Walsh Pilgrimage Tours have ceased to trade. This will mean that all pilgrims who have bookings carried over from 2020 and 2021 will have to invoke a claim through the TOPS protection policy held by Joe Walsh Tours. This can be accessed by following the link on their website. If you have any problem with this, please contact Fr. Gerry McNellis, tel. 01475 632078 or email: stninan@rcdop.org.uk