

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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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.
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

Saturday: 5.00pm Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Thursday: 6.30pm Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

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 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: Edward Taney (Funeral on Monday, 15th January at 10.00am), Peter Joll and John Upton.

Anniversaries: Tricia Duffy Graham, Maria O'Neill, Angela Adams (Logue), George Drummond, Maureen and Tommy Haney, Martin Hick, Terry Deveney, James O'Malley, Catherine Lowrie, Robert Gray and Peter Gray.

Month's Mind: John and Mary McGrory and Thomas McGourlick.

This Weekend's Second Collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection.

We Have The Opportunity this week to contribute to the 'White Flower Appeal' of SPUC. This year SPUC are lobbying the Government to prevent the Abortion Pills by Post Policy, which as well as ending the lives of unborn children, is also physically and psychologically dangerous to women. There is a variety of literature available and marked baskets at the front and back of the Church.

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.

Sunday Tea is still taking a break.

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

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 4th February at the 10.30am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

Western Catholic Calendars: These are available to buy at the back of the Church for £3.50.

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 December, Fr. Michael received £3,635 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. The Building Fund collection in December amounted to £409. 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.

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: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

The Monthly Pro-Life Mass will take place on Wednesday, 17th January at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards - all welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Charles Coyle.

Spiritual Bouquet: On the Feast of the Holy Innocents (28th December), SPUC and the Knights of St. Columba launched a year long Spiritual Bouquet called "Let Life Flourish". During this year of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025, you are encouraged to pray that the dignity of human life - from conception until natural death - be upheld and defended. During 2024, there will be monthly special intentions. A website will be launched in mid January, where you can notify the organisers of prayer activities you have organised or been involved in. At the end of the year, bound books detailing these activities will be presented to the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences of Scotland, and of England and Wales, and to the Papal Nuncio. Examples of prayer activities include Holy Masses, Rosaries, Holy Hours, etc.

Catholic Families For Life: You can now download the first issue of a newsletter from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Commission for Marriage, Family and Life. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/23ahhjd6> to download your copy.

Additional Teaching Qualification In RE For Catholic Schools: ATQRE consists of two 40 credit (Level 10) courses that are recognised by the GTCS and which can be used to apply for Professional Recognition in the subject. The courses are taught by staff of the St. Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education at the University of Glasgow, with support seminars from Bishop Keenan. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yvnsbs6c>