

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Services

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) and 10.30am Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's joined by a Class of Pupils from Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
Tuesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's.
Friday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's.

Ascension Thursday

10.00am Mass in St. Conval's joined by Pupils from Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
11.00am Mass in St. Benedict's High School.
11.40am Mass in St. Benedict's High School.
6.00pm Mass in St. Conval's.

Confessions

Saturday: 5.00pm Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Fr. Oliver Freney, Gordon Finnegan, David McNish, Eleanor McMahon 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: Fr. Andrew Coleman, Oonagh Coleman, Jean Rankin and Cathleen Anderson.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Hugh Keevins, Charles Pringle, William Gourlay, Lina McElhoney, Robert Flood and for the month's mind of Madge Lowe, James Lowe, John Anderson, Annie Muggins, Davie Dunnion, William McKenna and Tommy Fulton.

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.

Post COVID-19 we continue 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 Main 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). Thank you!

Funeral Arrangements - Fr. Andrew Coleman: The Vigil for the Reception of Fr. Andrew's remains will take place in St. Peter's, Glenburn on Tuesday, 24th May at 7.00pm. His Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 25th May at 12noon and thereafter to St. Conval's Cemetery. There will be tea and refreshments in St. Peter's Hall after the Cemetery.

Ascension Thursday - 26th May: Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. Please see the table above for Mass times and locations.

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

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

SCIAF Wee Boxes: Please return any SCIAF Wee Boxes as soon as possible. Through the Government, SCIAF can claim 100% of donations if their claim is submitted before the end of May.

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.

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 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.

The Parish have produced a Cookbook with many delicious baking recipes. Copies are available £1.50.

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.

Sunday Mass And Holy Days: The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days has now been reinstated. There will, of course, be some people who do not have the confidence to return yet, but Bishop John encourages those who are fit and healthy, and confident, to return to Mass if they have not yet done so.

So, we are moving to the next stage of this long story which we have lived together over the past two years, and we are able to ease more of our protective measures. The following measures will still remain in place (for the time being):

- The sanitising of hands on entering and leaving Churches.
- One-way system of entering and leaving the Church.
- Stewarded Procession for Holy Communion.
- Continued good ventilation: we will continue to do what we reasonably can to allow good air circulation around the building - it will feel cool in the Church!
- Please remember that you are asked **NOT** to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have the symptoms of Covid.
- Please be aware of those around about you, especially those who may be more vulnerable.
- The sanitising of Church buildings after each Mass is not now required, infection control reverts to our personal responsibility, but we will continue an enhanced cleaning regime in the Church.
- Thank you to you 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!).

The Friends Of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration on Wednesday, 25th May which will be celebrated by Mgr. Joe Burke in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. All are welcome. These devotions will be held on the last Wednesday of every month so please put a note in your diary.

Draft Diocesan Synod Response: As part of the Synod 2021-2023 Consultation Process, a Draft Response for the Diocese of Paisley has been prepared and is available at: <https://rcdop.org.uk/synod-2021-2023> You are cordially invited to a Diocesan Gathering on Tuesday, 7th June (post Pentecost), commencing with Evening Prayer in St. Mirin's Cathedral at 7.00pm, followed by a presentation and discussion of the Diocesan response in the Cathedral Hall. Should you wish any additions to be made to the Draft Response, please submit them to: Synod23@rcdop.org.uk by 30th May, so that this can be communicated to all on 7th June.