

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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### Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.  
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School. Once restrictions are lifted parishioners will be welcome in the school. We will let you know when these have been lifted.  
Tuesday: 10.00am St. Conval's.  
Thursday: 6.00pm St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.  
Friday: 10.00am St. Conval's.  
12.25pm St. Benedict's High School. Once restrictions are lifted parishioners will be welcome in the school. We will let you know when these have been lifted.

### 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:** Thomas McGourlick, Jim Malley 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:** Noleen Collier.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Janie Lavery, Elizabeth Murphy, Mary Frances Craig and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins.

**Prayerful Congratulations:** Richard and Theresa Taylor and Mark and Margaret Tolland celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries this week. We were happy to pray for, and bless them in St. Conval's.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

**Tuesday Tea:** Please join us in the hall after 10.00am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes. All are most welcome.

**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 in August, Fr. Michael received £3,460 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £330 for the Building Fund. 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.

**Update On St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries:** Thanks to your generosity we have continued to provide, throughout the past 10 months, 200 meals to local families every week and we also continue to provide food parcels and toiletries as required. As we look to the future, we are hoping that restrictions and the employment situation continues to improve, we will be able to scale back this practical charity. Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure! It may be that we will launch a further Appeal for Christmas dinners in the Season of Advent. (Meantime you may leave donations, food for parcels or toiletries in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway.)

**The Diocese** has been advised that the First Minister has continued to ease the Covid safety restrictions and we have been able to implement these changes gradually over these weeks. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. From Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, a further relaxation of the Covid-19 Regulations came into effect. All social distancing rules have been relaxed and so there is no limit on our capacity for Mass in the Church and so there will be no need to book a place - Deo Gratias! We are still required, however, to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

We are using the same sign up lists for Masses week to week. If you were at Mass any time last week you will be on the list for that day this week, next week and so on, so there is no need to sign up every week.

If your name is not on the sign up list for a specific Mass, you can either book in as normal, OR scan our unique QR Code on your phone as you enter - laminated posters with the QR Code are in the Entrance Porch - please let the stewards know your preferred method of registration. Please also pass the word that we are now fully open and able to welcome all who wish to come!

We will continue to ventilate the Church well, we have resumed reciting the Gloria and Creed and have restored the procession for Holy Communion. This procession will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion section by section as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Please remember to maintain the minimum of one metre distance from those around you at all times. It would be worth bearing in mind that the pandemic is not over. The current strain of the virus is highly infectious and at the moment it seems that younger rather than older people are more vulnerable. So we will continue to be considerate to one another and careful when we gather. We will continue to ease restrictions as the situation permits.

As advance booking is no longer required for weekend or weekday Masses, the booking facility will be there for the 'Track and Trace' System which will make it easier for the Stewards. If you are coming without a booking or do not plan to scan the QR Code in the Entrance Porch, 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, bookings for 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 made. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm your booking. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

**Year Of St. Joseph Afternoon For Families:** Families are warmly invited to come together to mark the Year of St. Joseph on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall. The event will include an opportunity to reflect in prayer as families in faith and join together for some light refreshments. Bishop John will conclude the gathering with the celebration of Mass in the Cathedral at 4.00pm.

**Marriage And Family Webpage:** The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4>

**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. 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=UUtVa2ZzHOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09>