

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd / 24th September 2023

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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	Service of the Word with Holy Communion 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 and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Anniversaries: John Mitchell, James Malley and Jimmy Murphy.

Month's Mind: Ann and William McAdam, Catherine Lowrie, Thomas Simpson, Isobel and Gerry Sheerin, Willie McKenna, Tommy Fulton, Annie Muggins, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe and James Lowe.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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.

The Stall is open at the weekend. If there is anything you would wish the Stall to stock, please speak to Ann McGivern or Marie Sheerin.

Sunday Tea: We propose to start Sunday Tea in due course and would like to set up a weekly rota. If anyone is willing to start a group or volunteer to do one Sunday a month, please see Fr. Michael.

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

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

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!

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 1st October 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

Children's Rosary Group will continue on the first Sunday of each month. We will next meet in the Church on 1st October after the 10.30am Mass. Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. All are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be available afterwards.

Please Note: The Opening Mass of the Year in St. Benedict's High School will now be on Thursday, 5th October at 6.00pm. Transport will be available. There will be no Thursday evening Mass in St. Conval's on that date.

Fashion Show: There will be a Fashion Show in the Church Hall on Sunday, 15th October - 1.30pm for 2.00pm. Tickets are priced at £3.00. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at £2.00 for 4 Strips. Tea, Coffee and Cake included. All profits go to the Parish. We would be grateful if anyone could donate raffle prizes. Please see Barbara Ann Anderson or Bridie Macfarlane.

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: "You go into my vineyard too." The call to work in the Lord's vineyard of the Church can come at any age, any moment. Could he be asking you to spend yourself in his service as priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions: There will be a Divine Mercy Mass and Adoration on Wednesday, 27th September at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN which will be celebrated by Fr. Sean Cunney.

Bowling Event For Young Adults: Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Why not come along to our bowling event for young Catholic adults on Saturday, 7th October at 7.30pm at Tenpin Braehead. Our events are a great opportunity to come on your own and meet other young Catholics. Just email: 2040network@gmail.com for tickets or to join our mailing list and find out about future events.

Lourdes 2023 Reunion on Sunday, 8th October in St. Ninian's, 18 Royal Street, Gourrock PA19 1PW. The Reunion will begin with Marian Devotions in the Church at 2.00pm. This will be followed afterwards with Tea etc. in the Church Hall and a chance to catch up.

Stop The Assisted Dying Bill: Legalising assisted suicide is dangerous because it attacks human dignity. Implicit in assisted suicide is that an individual, in certain circumstances, can lose their value and worth. Make your voice heard by contacting your MSP on your own or as part of a group with family, friends, or in your local parish. All the information you need can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/43jaxywd>

Threat To Religious Freedom: The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones): The Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. This Bill will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics. It bans prayer in certain areas - a massive attack on religious freedom - and removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other choice than abortion. Please contact your Members of the Scottish Parliament to make your views known. To enable people to contact all eight of their MSPs at once, SPUC has created an easy-to-use webtool, which can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/235ku5w6> Entering your postcode brings up who your MSPs are, together with an editable email template. You can then edit the email template and submit the email to all eight of your MSPs.