

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.
Tuesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's joined by a Class of Pupils from Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
Thursday: 6.00pm Confirmation in St. Conval's.
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.

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. Andrew Coleman, Fr. Oliver Frenay, 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: Isobel McFlynn (Funeral on Monday, 9th May at 10.00am).

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: William McGuire Snr, Margaret McGuire, Joseph McGuire and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion and Thomas McGourlick.

Congratulations To The Pupils Of Primary 4 in Our Lady of Peace Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Please also pray for those children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection for Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. Currently we have three students whose seminary fees are £20,000 per year. As well as supporting them this collection goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome that welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome. You can also donate to this collection by visiting our Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdop.org.uk/> and clicking on 'Online Parish Offertory'.

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!

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.

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

Thursday Evening: Please note there will be no Mass, Confession, Exposition due to Confirmation at 6.00pm.

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

Children's Liturgy: As things begin to return to normal, we are hoping to restart the Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning. To do this we NEED more volunteers to commit to one Sunday a month. No experience necessary. For more information please contact Gemma, email: gemma.EYP@gmail.com

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in April, Fr. Michael received £3,153 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £477 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.

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!).

Fatima Howwood Vigils: On Thursday, 12th May we will celebrate our first Vigil of our new season, which runs from May until October. We will revert to our pre-Covid format: Church and hall open from 7.00pm; rosary procession round the grounds (weather permitting); Mass followed by a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. Bishop John will preside. This will give us the perfect opportunity to respond to the plea from our Holy Father Pope Francis that we implore Our Blessed Lady for peace in Ukraine. All welcome!

Carfin Day: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will take place on Sunday, 22nd May. Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 3.00pm followed by the Rosary Procession which will take place at 5.30pm. Catering facilities are available at the Shrine.