

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Feast of the Holy Family (B) 30th / 31st December 2023

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Services

Saturday, 30 th December	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 31 st December	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 1 st January	Midday	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 2 nd January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Friday, 5 th January	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion in St. Conval's.
Saturday, 6 th January	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 7 th January	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's

Confessions

Saturday, 30 th December	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
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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).

Anniversaries: John McGourlick, Lizzie McGourlick, Joseph McGann, John and Elizabeth Muggins, Patsy Muggins, Rena Symington, Nellie McNamara, Joe and Margaret McGunnigal, Noel and Margaret McCormack, Maria Ferns and David McGivern.

Month's Mind: Sean O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill and Jim Clark.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Justice and Peace.

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.

Christmas Season Masses: Flyers with the times of all the Masses over the Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourselves and others to give to friends or neighbours.

Sunday Tea is taking a break until after the festive season.

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Thursday Evening: Please note there will be no 6.00pm Mass, Confession, Exposition and Benediction on 4th January.

Friday Morning: There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am on 5th January.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after the Service of the Word on Friday morning.

Thank You for your ongoing generosity and support for our food bank. All Donations are very welcome and badly needed. We have distributed over 517 bags of food so far!

Children's Rosary Group will continue on the first Sunday of each month. We will next meet in the Church on 7th January 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.

Children's Liturgy: The next session will take place in the meeting room on 4th February at the 10.30am Mass and not on 7th January as mentioned previously. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

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.

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.

Think Vocation: "Make known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a Priest? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

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/23ahhj6> to download your copy.

Young Adults: The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr. Paul Denney, who will explore God's covenant with Moses. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Office on Wednesday, 10th January. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr. Ryan, ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk for more information and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

A blessed and peaceful Christmas season to everyone and my prayers and best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year