

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 4th / 5th November 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	Mass 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, George and Helen Lawson, Stephen Hughes 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: Cathie Derry.

Anniversaries: Frances McFadden, Joe McFadden, Chrissie Hillan, Tommy Inglis, John McNamara, Sarah and John McGinness, Helen McMahon and Peter McMillen.

Month's Mind: Thomas McGourlick and Elsie Muggins.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is 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.

Children's Liturgy takes place in the meeting room at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. 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 meet in the Church this weekend 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.

Sunday Tea: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat.

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

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

The Stall now has a selection of Christmas Cards and 2024 Calendars.

Thanks For Your Many Generous Contributions of toiletries for our Schools and our Welfare Parcels, we are now fully stocked. Fr. Michael has had a further Appeal from St. Benedict's High School for Underwear and Socks; any donations of Black Tights (Girls aged 11-18) and Underwear and Socks (Boys and Girls aged 11-18) would be most gratefully received! Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the door for us to remember in Prayer at Mass each day of November the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As is our custom, November is a month of special prayer for those gone to God and many of us wish our family members especially remembered. If you complete the list with the names of your dead and hand in the sealed envelope with your offering within, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and remember them in Mass each day of the month.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in October, Fr. Michael received £3,144 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £550 for Missio Scotland. The Building Fund collection in October amounted to £421. 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.

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: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Come serve the Lord and his people as a priest. There is much to do and many to serve! Speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Armistice Day Service: There will be a service at the site of the future War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day. This will take place on Saturday, 11th November - 10.45am to 11.10am. All are welcome.

Advent Day For Primary School Children: The Diocese of Paisley will hold an Advent Reflection Day for pupils in P4, 5, 6 and 7 on Sunday, 26th November in St. Mary's, Paisley from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Places must be pre-booked. Places can be booked by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. The event will include the celebration of Mass. Children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, or school or by emailing: vocations@rcdop.org.uk Due to safeguarding regulations, participating children must be collected from St. Mary's by a parent / carer / guardian.

Ecumenical Service Regarding Violence Against Women And Girls: You are invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service on Sunday, 26th November at 2.00pm in St. Mary's, 14 Patrick Street, Greenock PA16 8NA. This is part of the annual Sixteen Days of Activism to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. The Service will be led by Bishop John Keenan along with leaders from other Christian communities. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall.

All Day Confessions: Come Home for Christmas! on Thursday, 7th December. Priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 8.00 pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am and 1.00pm.