

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
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.

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, Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, Betty Kerr, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, Joe McAleer, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter 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: Charles Brogan (who died in Connecticut USA) and Daniel Keevins.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Helen McMahon, Peter McMillan, John Kelly, Robert Moran, David Ferris, Edward Noel McCormack, Chrissie Hillan, Michael Reilly, Tommy and Mary Inglis, Alex Muggins and for the month's mind of Elsie Muggins and Betty Dunnion.

Baptisms: Please remember in your prayers Harlow, Caelan and Amira who were recently Baptised and Conlan and Shannah who will be Baptised in the coming weeks. Remember also their Parents and Godparents.

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

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!

We Will Be Praying 'A Prayer For Our Earth' each day at Mass for the success of the COP26 Climate Conference. The prayer we will use daily can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/k69aastt> Please click on the link and print a copy of the prayer. Please bring it with you to Mass or say it at home with us online or at some point in the day.

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

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the side porch of the Church and in the Porch of the House 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 it, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and together we remember them in Mass each day of the month.

RCIA: Together with other local Parishes we are going to begin this year's experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the way in which the Church receives new adult members whether Baptised in another Christian Tradition or Unbaptised. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic this is the moment to have a word with Fr. Michael to begin the process (which leads to Easter!).

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in October, Fr. Michael received £3,084 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions of £691 for Missio Scotland. 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 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.

Church Cleaners: We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church on a Wednesday anytime during the hours of 10.00am until 2.00pm. If you can help, please put your name and number on the sheet in the porch. Many thanks for your help.

Parish Pastoral Council: We would like to invite anyone who would like to become involved a little more in the life of the Parish and become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to put their name on the list at the back of the Church. It is good for committees to change membership. This group helps advise and helps Fr. Michael on the Pastoral Priorities of St. Conval's. The meetings are only every second month, it is not a great time commitment, but you would be helping support your Parish and your Parish Priest. If interested, please write your name and a contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.

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 advised that we should continue to ease the Covid safety restrictions. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. We are still required 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 arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not cause the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass. 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. The Procession for Holy Communion will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Evening For The Year Of St. Joseph: This will take place on Tuesday, 9th November at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. This month, we pray and celebrate the work of those involved in the Construction Industry and all the trades related to this. These include surveyors, plumbers, joiners, bricklayers, architects, glaziers and so many more. We will pray for, and with them, commending them to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Workers. All welcome to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. There is no need to book for this celebration, simply turn up and give your details for track and trace.

Lourdes 2022: It is with sadness that the decision has been taken to postpone our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 2022 until 2023. This has not been taken lightly. Although the world is opening up ever more to travel, there are still some unresolved factors to be clarified over the next few months. As it takes many months to prepare for a Pilgrimage, it was thought better to take the decision now and focus our efforts on Lourdes 2023.

SCIAF: Real Gifts are SCIAF's range of ethical Christmas Gifts. For more information, please tel. 0141 354 5555 or visit: <https://sciaf.org.uk/realgifts>