

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (B) 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Eleanor McMahon, Tracy Gallagher, Marie Murphy 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:** Isla MacDonald and Walter Rankine.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Jack Main, George O'Sullivan, Margaret McGivern, Bill Delaney, Mick and Agnes Docherty, Bridget Donnelly and for the month's mind of Maureen O'Sullivan, Michael Deighan, Tommy Fulton, Davie Dunnion, Willie McKenna, Annie Muggins, Pauline Garvie and Thomas (Simmie) Simpson.

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

**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.

There are also Memorial Cards for Canon Healy, Lenten Prayer Calendars for Priests of the Diocese, 'Day by Day' Lent Prayer Books and copies of a form of the Stations of The Cross (also available on our Facebook page and website).

**Fr. Michael** is attempting to compile a database of the Parish to help us stay in touch with one another - there were no records kept by previous Parish Priests. Please take a Census Form from the Porch or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/1bo24gvv> to download the Form for printing. Completed Forms should be returned to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

**A Word Of Thanks** again for your continued Financial Support of the Parish - our situation will be clearer with the production of our Annual Account which will be available to you all with the distribution of the new sets of Collection Envelopes around 4<sup>th</sup> April. You have continued to be very generous even when unable to attend Mass by handing in weekly envelopes, Direct Debits and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish electronically, and other donations in various ways. Our income has obviously declined substantially but we have kept our expenditure down also - full details in due course.

### **St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries - Almsgiving In Lent:**

St. Conval's Parish Linwood now has its meals project up to full speed and is now providing 200 meals to local families every week through their Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing their Lenten Alms Project to provide cooked meals and food parcels for local families. They have already collected enough to get them through Lent and hope your donations will help them continue. You can leave your food for parcels in the Parish House Porch or post donations through the doorway. The link for online giving is: <https://tinyurl.com/3ro5rwzm> Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

**Re-opening Of Churches:** We had some good news on the re-opening of Churches from the First Minister and her Health Advisors: we can resume daily Mass after Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March for a maximum of 50 people. We will revert to the Internet / Telephone Booking System that we used before Christmas as our basis for applying to attend Mass. Rather than emailing the Parish, we seem to have evolved a useful method and timings for booking, so on the link that follows, requests for a place at Mass are available from 7 days until 24 hours before the celebration of Mass on the Internet, from 24 hours until 2 hours before the celebration of Mass telephone bookings to the Parish can be requested. Fr. Michael will send you an email or call you back to confirm you have a place, you can come on spec if you wish and if there is space, we will be delighted to welcome you but cannot guarantee a place! Our link for Internet booking will be:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

This system worked well for a cap of 50 (less so for a cap of 20!) attending Mass. The only difficulty that we will have is for the Vigil Mass for Easter Day due to the fact that it is the one Sunday in the year when no early Vigil is permitted. However, we will look at arrangements for Easter and let you know as soon as possible as to what we will be able to do. Being open again from 26<sup>th</sup> means that we can celebrate Palm Sunday together and the Holy Week Liturgies, though we will need to adjust some of our celebrations to take account of Covid-19 protocols. The Diocese will advise Fr. Michael of the decisions of the Hygiene and Safety Working Group on how to celebrate together safely. It is likely that we should omit the Washing of the Feet and the Procession to the Altar of Repose at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday Processions and Kissing the Cross (though the Veneration of the Cross will take place) on Good Friday and the Procession with Candles at the Easter Vigil. At the moment Fr. Michael intends to celebrate Palm Sunday Vigil and Sunday Mass, Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Solemn Commemoration of the Passion on Good Friday, The Easter Vigil, Mass each day of the Easter Octave (each day, like Christmas is celebrated as "Easter Day"). Again, when you are booking, please be considerate and allow others who wish to attend also.

**Inaugural Family Mass For The 'Amoris Laetitia' Family Year:** Bishop John will celebrate a Live Streamed Mass for families to mark the beginning of this special year proclaimed by Pope Francis on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 11.00am. Families are invited to sign up for the Live Stream via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, where they can also download an order of service, submit petitions and contribute to a charitable offertory, visit: [tinyurl.com/edv6spz4](https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4)

**ACN's Virtual Sunday Lunch:** What if you could provide a hot meal for a desperate Christian family in Lebanon while you enjoy your Sunday lunch at home? Join ACN benefactors and parishes across the UK for a virtual Sunday lunch in aid of the St. John the Merciful Table, a fantastic initiative that serves daily meals to over 1,500 struggling Christians in Lebanon. The Virtual Sunday Lunch will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 1.00pm. If you are interested in joining this event and would like more information, please visit: <http://www.acnuk.org/sundaylunch> Enjoy a full line-up of prayer, videos, music and more!

**Vocations:** Some people approach Philip to ask if they can meet Jesus. Perhaps you could be the one who introduces others to him today, especially in his word and through the sacraments. Contact Fr. John Morrison, email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 0141 889 5056.