

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

5th Sunday of Lent (B) 16th / 17th March 2024

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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.
Friday: 10.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Burns 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.

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, Charlie Deighan, Margaret Sweeney, Renato Edoni 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: Eileen Hick (Funeral in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday, 20th March at 10.00am - Reception of Remains on Tuesday, 19th March at 6.00pm) and Margaret Burns (Funeral on Friday, 22nd March at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: David McFarlane, Bill Delaney and Rita Inglis.

Month's Mind: Gillian McGourlick, John and Mary McGrory, Angela Adams and Thomas Vaughan.

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.

Sunday Tea Will Not Be Available In The Hall after the 10.30am Mass this weekend and next weekend. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday, 14th April.

Stations Of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on Monday after the 10.00am Mass. This year's Stations of the Cross from SCIAF (the Diocese of Paisley were involved in their preparation) can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/mrwzvp29> There are a few copies of these available in the Church - if you use them please leave them in the Church for others to use! Thank you!

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

Please Note: There will be no Mass this Thursday evening as Fr. Michael will be in St. Mirin's Cathedral hearing Confessions as part of the All Day Confessions (8.30am until 7.30pm). Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am and 1.00pm during which Confessions will not be heard.

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

Calendar For Lent: Calendars for our younger parishioners are available (free) in the porch.

Lenten Prayer Books are available in the porch (cost £1.00). These contain a daily prayer and reflection for the Holy Season - it may be a useful aid as part of your Lenten observance.

Thinking About taking the short term pledge for Lent? Please see the poster and prayer cards in the Church entrance for more information.

Food Parcels: We will continue to collect cash, foodstuffs and toiletries for distribution. Many thanks for your generosity which is much appreciated by those worrying how to feed their families!

Collection Envelopes: Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2022-2023 - HMRC gave the Parish £10,344.21. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2024-2025 can be uplifted from the Meeting Room after the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses on 23rd / 24th March and after the Sunday Morning Mass on 31st March. 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, please call into the Meeting Room on one of the above dates.

Big Clean: There will be a Big Clean of the Church in preparation for Easter on Wednesday, 27th March at 10.00am. All volunteers most welcome.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 7th April at the 10.30am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

A Fashion Show will be held in the hall on Sunday, 14th April - 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced £3.00. Cake, tea and coffee included in the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are 4 strips for £2.00. Raffle prizes accepted. Please see Barbara Anderson (tel. 07738431708) or Bridie MacFarlane (tel. 07874007136) for tickets.

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: Some Greek visitors asked to see Jesus. As a priest, you might be the person who brings people to Jesus to see and know him through your life, your work, and your preaching. Please speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

The Monthly Pro-life Mass is on Wednesday, 20th March at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards - all welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Pat Hennessy.

Legion Of Mary: The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will be held in Holy Family Church, Port Glasgow on Saturday, 23rd March at 2.00pm. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come to renew their consecration to Our Lady for the coming year. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.