

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A) 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson, Sheila Reilly and Gerry Sheerin.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** George O'Sullivan, Mick and Agnes Docherty, James Lowe, Grace Sheerin, Bill Delaney, Anna Cairns, Patricia Cassidy, Anne Boyle, Rita Inglis, Philis Taney and for the month's mind of Maureen O'Sullivan, Annie Muggins, Tommy Fulton, Willie McKenna, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Madge Lowe and Gillian McGourlick.

**Open Church:** The Church will be open for prayer:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.00am to 11.00am

Thursday: 6.15pm to 7.45pm

Saturday: 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am to 12noon

We will extend these hours if there are people present in the Church as the Church can safely be left open.

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Church at all times and there are prayer resources there for you.

If you gather in the Church for prayer, please remember to leave space between you and others.

Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass alone each day praying for the members of the Parish Community and their intentions. He will also provide pastoral care as best he can in these difficult circumstances. Should you wish Confession, Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) or Holy Communion from him personally either in the Church or at the house, please ask him. He requires to do this on an individual basis as the point of the restrictions is to prevent people gathering in any number. He is unable to visit you in your home if you are self-isolating. Baptisms and marriages will not be celebrated for the time being except in an emergency and then with parents, witnesses and immediate family only. We have postponed First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the time being, though if the crisis persists, Fr. Michael will make other arrangement with you on an individual basis and celebrate these Sacraments with the children, their sponsors and their immediate family. For funerals the public health advice is being formulated at the moment. Most likely we will celebrate the Rites of Committal at the cemetery or crematorium only, in the presence of the immediate family if the circumstances of the death do not require them to be isolated. We will celebrate a Memorial Mass as soon as we can host public liturgies.

A number of Parishes livestream their privately celebrated masses. Bishop John will livestream Daily and Sunday Mass from the Cathedral as soon as the technology is up and running – internet link details as soon as we have them. Meanwhile the following all stream Masses live each day:

St. Francis Xavier, Falkirk - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tsqelgo>

St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Lurgan - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/tvfor3t>

EWTN - Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/srfcgo4>

**Last Week's Collection** amounted to £830.07 of which £359.07 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

As we are still lighting and heating the Church as well as paying all our other bills, the Parish still requires your financial support so please continue to be generous. The collection baskets will be left out for your envelopes and other donations. Electronic donations can be made to St. Conval's RC Parish Church at The Bank of Scotland, Johnstone Branch Sort Code 80-16-53, Account Number 00356472. Thank You!

We would, this Sunday have had a Special Collection for SCIAF. A basket is available for your donation and Wee Boxes.

**Weekly Parish Bulletin:** Any items for inclusion in the bulletin (including names for the sick, month's mind and anniversary lists) should be put through the letter box of the Parish House or sent by email: [stconval@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stconval@rcdop.org.uk) by **12noon on the Thursday** before publication.

### **This Is Bishop John's Pastoral Letter To The People Of The Diocese Of Paisley:**

Dear Fathers, brothers and sisters,

### **Pastoral Letter and Statement from the Bishops of Scotland Regarding the Covid-19 Virus**

I am attaching our Bishops' Letter on what we have judged best for the Church and nation amid the coronavirus pandemic.

We have tried to follow our responsibilities as members of Scottish society with the concerns of our clergy, religious and lay leaders, as well as attending as generously as we can to the pastoral and spiritual needs of our people.

I would be grateful if you could make widely known our National Day of Prayer this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and encourage as many as possible to pray to the Rosary for Our Lady's intercession and God's providence over our nation and our world.

As you can see there are still many details for each bishop to work out with his clergy and people, whom we will consult with to come up with good decisions going forward.

I am grateful to so many of you who have contacted me assuring me of your prayers and support in these days. Do be sure of my prayers and closeness to all of you who are facing similarly difficult decisions amid anxious and developing circumstances.

Thank God we all have the consolation of our faith in God's providence and the assurance that, in turning to Him, *all manner of things shall be well.*

Please stay safe and God bless always.

+ John