

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Please Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently: Vincent Cowan, David Mason and Jim Young.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: Marie Barr, Robert Hunter, Danny Hunter, Jean Barr, John Bell, Percy Lucas, Betty Dunnion, Mary and Patrick Devlin, Thomas Gallagher and for the month's mind of David Tunnock and Elsie Muggins.

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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, Standing Order Forms, Gift Aid Packs and Financial Statement.

'Illustrate The Sunday Gospel' Competition: This competition for the young people of the Parish will restart after the October school break.

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 and complete it, returning it to the House (outside door of House Porch accessible). All data held in accordance with GDPR.

Financial Support: Thanks to your ongoing generosity in September, Fr. Michael received £2,195 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He has also received second collection contributions for the Building Fund (£944), Sick and Retired Priests (£240), Pro-Life (£300) and SCIAF (£238). Many thanks also to those who have moved their contributions to Standing Order or made Donations to the Parish through the Diocesan Debit / Credit Card Portal. Your support is greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

Fr. Michael: As Italy was not added to the Countries requiring Quarantine for people returning to Scotland on Thursday evening, Fr. Michael will be able to attend the meeting of European Directors of Education in Rome for a few days this week. Masses will be celebrated in St. Conval's and Live Streamed at the usual times.

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.

Schedule This Week For Masses And Private Prayer:

Saturday, 3rd October: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 4th October: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

Tuesday, 6th October: Mass at 10.00am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Thursday, 8th October: Mass at 6.00pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed

Saturday, 10th October: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Sunday, 11th October: Mass at 10.30am celebrated with Congregation and Live Streamed
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 9.30am until 12noon

More volunteers for stewarding and sanitising would be most welcome.

The Diocese Has Advised Fr. Michael And All The Parishes As Follows:

Mass with a Congregation MAY now be celebrated in line with restricted congregation and with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals may be celebrated with restricted congregation, Churches continue to be open for private prayer with the necessary stewarding and sanitising measures in place.

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At Sunday or weekday Mass the maximum number of participants is 50 (we can accommodate 40 in St. Conval's)
At a celebration of Baptism the maximum number of participants is 20
At a celebration of Marriage the maximum number of participants is 20
At a Funeral the maximum number of participants is 20
Always subject to the physical distance rule of 2 metres
Face coverings must be worn at all public Masses or Liturgies
N.B. No congregational singing, no leaflets or hymn books, no Votive candles and Church buildings to be well ventilated

The offertory collection will be collected as the parishioners enter or exit the Church, placing the offerings in baskets or containers left for the purpose. (In St. Conval's, the offertory collections should be placed in the basket at the main door when entering and any second collections should be placed in the basket at the side door when leaving.)

So For Us In St. Conval's: We have set up an internet Booking Form to request a place at Mass in the coming week. Please use this link 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 is

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

this will centralise and manage booking for us in a way that will avoid errors and misunderstandings - we hope! If there is a place available, you will receive an email (normally 24 hours prior to the Mass) confirming your booking request. There is no Obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the moment. If you are assigned a place, please arrive in good time (as places still vacant at the time Mass is due to begin will be given to those not able to book in advance), please tell the Stewards who you are - to indicate your presence on the sheet that lists those attending. Please wear a face covering. Please follow the direction of the Stewards and occupy only the seat you are given. Please do not wander around the Church. At the end of Mass please leave by the side door following the direction of the Stewards, so that we can keep our distance as we leave. The Church will remain open after Mass for prayer. We will try to evolve our plans to accommodate the demand in the weeks ahead. The reason why there is not Mass daily at the moment is that we require to clean the Church between each Celebration and, as Fr. Michael has had two Funerals a week during lockdown, this will leave a couple of days in the week when Funerals can be celebrated with the family without having to call people who have booked to tell them they may not attend. If you have booked ahead and then discover you cannot attend, please call to inform us, and someone else can take your place. This has worked well through our first few weeks - so thank you for your co-operation, for your patience and understanding.

Marriage Matters - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time: Loving and honouring each other and the Lord. When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you. (Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43)

October Month Of The Rosary: Please join in the October Rosary Whirlwind of the British Isles. You can join in: Daily 8.00pm Online Rosary around Britain (Bishop John will lead from our Cathedral on Sundays); the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Whirlwind Rosary Day on Tuesday, 13th October; Eve of All Saints 9.00am-9.00pm Rosary Rally around the Dioceses of Britain; and the All Saints and All Souls Thanksgiving Online Rosaries at 8.00pm. For all the details, visit: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk 'One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.' Saint Dominic.

Publication Of 'In God's Image' V2: 'In God's Image' - the document which is an 'Instruction on Safeguarding' from the Bishops of Scotland to all Catholic jurisdictions in Scotland - was published in March 2018 initially for a three-year period. The Bishops are now preparing for the publication of Version 2 of this document to reflect any significant Safeguarding developments that have occurred since first publication. The intended publication date is June 2021. Until then, 'In God's Image' V1 will remain valid.

The Bishops are seeking views from all interested groups and individuals on any changes they would propose to the current text in the light of their experience. This invitation extends to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, organisations, to clergy and laypeople, to professional Safeguarding staff and volunteers, to those in Scotland and beyond, to those in other churches or faith groups and to all who are interested in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe in every Church environment.

Above all, the Bishops are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the Church can learn from past mistakes and plan to ensure appropriate and sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns.

If you wish to offer any suggestions for changes to the current text of 'In God's Image', please use this form, visit: <https://bit.ly/3cuTsnP> The closing date for submission of comments is 30th November 2020.