

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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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 Mass 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, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Celia and Albert Mackie, James Graham, Dorothy Hunter, Sally Knox, Fr. Alex Davie, Maria-Luisa Hunter Andreuccetti, Fergus Joseph Martin and for those who are working so hard to care for the sick especially those who work in our hospitals.

Anniversaries: Robert Gray, Peter Gray, May Vaughan, Angela Adams (Logue), Patricia Graham (Duffy) and Mrs. Maria O'Neill.

Month's Mind: Thomas McGourlick and John and Mary McGrory.

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

Next Weekend there will be a special second collection for Sick and Retired Clergy.

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.)

My Giving Hub: If Parishioners wish to donate to the Parish using the My Giving Hub, they need only scan the QR code at the top of the bulletin and decide the amount.

Please Remember St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society Christmas Crib Appeal over the Christmas Season.

Western Catholic Calendars are available in the porch for £3.70.

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". An edited version of the Sunday Morning Mass will be uploaded to view later.

Fr. Michael is speaking at a Conference in Rome on Wednesday this week so to allow him time for his flight, Mgr. Thomas Monaghan will celebrate the Mass on Tuesday morning at 10.00am, please make him welcome. While scheduled to be home at 5.15pm on Thursday, he cannot be sure of making it in time for 6.00pm Mass so there will be no Mass on Thursday evening.

Tuesday Tea is taking a break until after the festive season.

Fr. Michael And Fr. Andrew will cover for one another in the month of February to allow both of them a Christmas Holiday. The schedule is displayed in the Porches of the Church and House. The schedule of times and days is exactly the same as the Summer Schedule.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the hall on 2nd February at the 11.00am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

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!

Are You Interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know anyone who is? Please ask them to speak to Fr. Michael.

Collection Envelopes: If any members of the Parish Community would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, sealed Gift Aid Packs are available in the House Porch. Please take the sealed pack home with you. The Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form should then be completed and the signed GAD Form posted in the Parish House.

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.

Diocesan Podcast: In the latest podcast Vanda Kettelhut speaks to Fr. Jim Duggan about the Diocese of Paisley's plans for the Jubilee Year. Listen now, visit: rcdop.org.uk/podcast or wherever you listen to your podcasts. Please 'like' and leave us a review!

Thinking About Diocesan Priesthood In 2025? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for Seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 2602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

The Young Adults Series of 'Ascend the Mountain - 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues' talks continue with 'Wrath vs Mercy' by Fr. Bernard Mournian on Wednesday, 15th January at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Offices. All young Catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill, email: joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk

The Diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day on Sunday, 19th January from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. The theme is The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The day begins and ends in the Holy Family's Church Hall, Port Glasgow. It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary, visit: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-january-retreat Email Fr. Ryan: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk for more information.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage - Fundraising Dinner 2025: On Saturday, 1st March in Greenock Town Hall at 7.00pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £40.00 (including 3 course meal). For tickets and further information, please email: iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 07950483042. Donations for the raffle / auction greatly appreciated. A bus will be provided for those travelling from the Paisley side of the Diocese.

The Search For Truth - Edith Stein: Fr. Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (14th to 16th March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein or St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/58xhb6jr>

Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan 2025: Following analysis of the results from the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) self-evaluation exercise our updated Safeguarding Action Plan for 2025 has now been published on the Diocesan website. An updated version of the 2023/2024 Action Plan has also been uploaded for reference. Both documents have been approved by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group and Bishop Keenan, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7n456b>