

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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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.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday:	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.

### Confessions

Tuesday:	9.45am	Available in the Meeting Room before 10.00am Mass.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.
Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Clare Ghammrawi, Thomas Donald 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:** John Larkins (Funeral on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am), Mary Byrne (Funeral on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am) and Joyce McPherson.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Drummond, Catherine McColgan, Lilliam Stewart, Thomas Flood Snr and Elsie Muggins.

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

**Post Covid-19:** 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:** All Masses are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Masses are available for up to 12 hours after they are finished "live". Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

**Advent Prayer Books:** These are available at the back of the Church to buy for £1.00.

**Advent Calendars:** These are available at the back of the Church for the younger members of our community and are FREE!

**Weekly Parish Bulletin:** Are you interested in receiving the Bulletin to your email address? Please see Joanna on your way out after Mass.

**Sunday Coffee Morning:** Coffee, tea and cakes will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. Everyone welcome.

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

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

**Children's Liturgy:** The next Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

**Fashion Show:** Barbara would like to thank Bridget, Rosaleen, Cathy Spence, Margaret Gardner, Margaret Thomson, Ruth and Susan for their help in making the Fashion Show such a success. £425.00 was raised for the Parish.

**The Staff And Pupils Of Our Lady Of Peace Primary School** would like to invite you to their Christmas Show. The concert will be on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm. Please call the office, tel. 03003000173, to put your name down and for catering purposes.

**Malawi:** St. Benedict's High School are making up parcels to send to Malawi and they are in desperate need of socks. They would appreciate any help with this.

**We Will Be Organising And Supporting Families With The Meal Service** (including a Christmas Dinner and Goodies Parcel) again this year through St. Benedict's High School. If you know of any families who may need to be added to our list, please have a quiet word with Fr. Michael. Donations to support this will be welcome!

**In Advent** we will also be taking donations to the local Food Banks. They tell us they need 'Tins, Treats and Toiletries'. So, we will be delighted to start receiving donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, chocolate and snacks, and toiletries. Receptacles will be available at the front of the Church.

**Hall Bookings And Enquiries:** Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, 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 £5.00 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.

**Collection Envelopes:** The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes for 2022-2023 can be uplifted from the Sacristy after Mass. 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, sealed sterile Gift Aid Packs - which are all the same - containing a box of envelopes, a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form, a Standing Order Form, a Thank You Letter and Statement of Account are available in the House Porch. Please take the sealed sterile pack home with you. The Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form should then be completed and the signed GAD Form posted in the Parish House.

**Carols At Cappielow:** Come and join us at Greenock Morton's Cappielow Football Ground on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Come along and join Bishop John and other ecumenical leaders in preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Admission is free. Tea and coffee.

**Christmas Fete At The Little Sister Of The Poor, Greenock:** Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in 44 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DP. There is plenty on offer for all the family including a bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Santa's Grotto and kiddie's corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tearoom and there will be an ice cream van in the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.

**Alpha Course:** In St. Bernadette's Meeting Room, Park Drive, Erskine on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. What is Alpha, you may be asking. Alpha is a course used for bringing people to a deeper understanding of Jesus in their life. Alpha is a series of fourteen sessions delivered over a 10 week period. The format of each session is always the same. Part 1: Informal Get Together; Part 2: Watch A Video; Part 3: A Period Of Discussion. Three ways of taking part in an Alpha Course: In Person / Online via Zoom / Mixture of both. To register please visit: [www.catholicskine.website/alpha](http://www.catholicskine.website/alpha)

**The Diocesan Communications Commission** (which meets every 2-3 months) is responsible for all Diocesan communications to ensure a frequent, consistent and synodal message. We wish to increase the number of representatives, especially recruiting people who are / have been engaged in media and communications. If interested or you want more information, please contact Canon Danny McLoughlin, email: [standrew@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:standrew@rcdop.org.uk)

**The Knights Of St. Columba** have organised a National Competition for Young People. All details can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/KSCYoungPeopleCompetition2023>