

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> November 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	Service of the Word with Holy Communion 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

Saturday:	5.00pm	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

**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 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:** Agnes Stevenson, John McGarvie, Mary J. Ferris, Josie McNamara, Arche Le-Brunne and Andrew Cassidy (Funeral on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November in Broomward Cemetery at 1.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** William Wishart and Alex Muggins.

**Month's Mind:** Gillian McGourlick, Angela Adams and Willie McKenna.

**This Weekend's** second collection is for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic Schools in issues of national significance and supports our Schools, Parishes and Dioceses.

**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.

**16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November Is Catholic Education Week** and a variety of events are planned. This weekend we will have a brief presentation from the Staff (Miss McFadden on Saturday evening) and Pupils (Olivia and Patrick on Sunday morning) of our Schools to speak of their mission and method. Among the events in our Schools will be a "Prayer Breakfast" in St. Benedict's at 8.30am on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The School have invited Fr. Michael (and other local Priests) and a few parishioners from each Parish to participate in this. If you would like to participate, please speak to Fr. Michael who will take you to and from the School that day.

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

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

**On Monday** there will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am.

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

**Many Thanks** to those who supported the S6 Caritas pupils from St. Benedict's for their Coffee Morning last week. We raised £120.00 towards the cost of the postage for the Christmas Parcels for Malawi (that's half what it costs). You will see them again over this weekend as they will be with us for Education Sunday Masses.

**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.

**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!

**November Lists:** Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the door 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, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and remember them in Mass each day of the month.

**Book Of Remembrance:** For the month of November, when we remember our dearly departed, we will have our November Lists (as other notice) for our family members, additionally we have all given back to God many known to us in various ways. To commemorate them and to speak of their presence in our minds and hearts, we have a Book of Remembrance available in the Porch. Please add any names you wish, and we will pray for them as a Parish Community in November - this is to replace our remembrance with lighting of individual candles as, due to COVID, we have all lost so many friends. Requiescant in Pace!

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

**New Lectionary:** We will have a new translation of the Scriptures to be used from the First Sunday of Advent (30<sup>th</sup> November / 1<sup>st</sup> December). We therefore have to buy new Lectionaries and Book Of The Gospels (the Book the Readers use for the Readings and Fr. Michael uses for the Gospel). A very generous donor has made a big donation already - in Memory of a loved one who has died, this will cover the cost of the main volumes but we need to buy some additional volumes. If anyone would like to donate, please have a word with Fr. Michael who can discuss it with you - thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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](mailto: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.

**Christmas Parcels For Malawi:** We are in need of black socks and toothbrushes for Christmas Parcels for Malawi. Many thanks for your help.

**A Quiet Morning Of Prayer And Reflection** in St. James' Renfrew on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, starting with Mass in the Church at 10.00am and continuing in the hall until 1.00pm. All are welcome to share in this time of preparation for Advent.

**Meeting For Readers:** There will be a meeting at 12.30pm in St. Mirin's Hall on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November for readers and others regarding the New Lectionary. Fr. Paul Denney, who was part of the group working on the new Lectionaries, has agreed to be the main speaker.

**P4-P7 Advent Retreat:** The Diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to an Advent Retreat Day on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. The theme is The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The day begins and ends in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, with Holy Mass in the Cathedral. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/dpy-primary-advent> For more information contact Fr. Ryan, email: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk