

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C) 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> December 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	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion 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, Sally Knox, Fr. Alex Davie, Maria-Luisa Hunter Andreuccetti 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:** Stuart McMahon.

**Anniversaries:** Helen McMillan, Stuart Lindsay, Brian Edward Garrity, James Tutty, Gordon Spence, William Irvine, Mary Barr and Thomas Haney.

**Month's Mind:** John and Mary McGrory, Angela Adams and Gillian McGourlick.

**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.

**Sunday Missals:** For those who ordered the new Sunday Missal, these are now available in the front porch.

**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.

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

**Holy Year Of 2025:** There is a flier from the Diocese all about the Holy Year of 2025 - offering us opportunities to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' together.

**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.

**Tuesday Morning:** There will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am.

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

**Poinsettias:** Would you help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias? Please leave your donations in the Church Porch or House Porch. Thank you.

**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.

**New Lectionary:** A new translation of the Scriptures will be used from this weekend. We therefore have had 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!

**Season Of Advent:** Our 'Giving Tree' is available - please take a Gift Tag, buy the suggested gift, wrap it up and affix the Gift Tag to the outside or label your gift with the Gender and Age of the intended Recipient and leave it at the Tree. We will deliver these to those in need on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The Staff of St. Benedict's are doing a 'Secret Santa' for the neediest of Pupils, so most gifts will be for Primary School aged children, though gifts for older children are also welcome! The Parish will also provide 100 Christmas Dinners cooked in our Hall Kitchen and 30 Christmas Gift Bags (Christmas Crackers, Chocolate Santas, Sweets, Mince Pies, Boxes of Roses, Party Games, etc., etc.). These will be delivered to families locally on Christmas Eve, any donations to help meet the costs will be most gratefully received.

**We Will Have Our 'Big Clean'** to prepare the Church for Christmas on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.40am - after the Morning Mass. All welcome!

**Children's Liturgy** will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the hall on 5<sup>th</sup> January at the 10.30am Mass. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: [gemma.eyp@gmail.com](mailto:gemma.eyp@gmail.com)

**Sr. Scholastica** supports a Charity in Nigeria which raises funds to pay hospital bills for those held in the hospitals because of finance, pay school fees for the underprivileged and get palliative care for the poor and elderly. You can find out more about the foundation, visit: <http://www.fountainofsolace.org/> She has left envelopes in the Porch which can be used for donations.

**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.

**The Monthly Pro-Life Mass** is on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards - all welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Matthew Carlin.

**Christmas Mass Times Across The Diocese:** Christmas Mass times for the whole Diocese can be found on the Diocesan website, visit: <http://rcdop.org.uk/christmas> You can list Masses by parish, by time, by location, or download a spreadsheet with all the schedule information. Please check back regularly as we will add to the page as parishes confirm their schedules.

**Carols In The Cathedral:** Join Bishop John Keenan and the Diocesan Choir for the annual Carol Service in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome!

**Lourdes Hospitalité:** Booking is now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (28<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025). Booking is currently via the Tangney Tours website, booking forms will be available soon. If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or taking regular medication, you should register with the medical / nursing team. If you wish to come to Lourdes as part of the medical / nursing or helper team, please attend the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in St. Ninian's, Gourrock. If you would like to come to Lourdes as a registered sick pilgrim, please come to the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in St. Ninian's, Gourrock. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise, Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, tel. 01475 638132.