

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.
Thursday:	6.00pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.
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, Terry Porter, Joe Mitchell, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Margaret Sweeney, Celia and Albert Mackie 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: Sheilah McLaren and John Cameron.

Anniversaries: Mary McCormack, John McCormack, Beattie McKie, Jim McKie, Andy Noble, Minie Noble, Florence Orr, Malcolm Orr, Betty Donald, Kenneth Donald, Joe Sheerin and Geraldine Cowan (nee Tucker).

Month's Mind: George and Maureen O'Sullivan, John and Mary McGrory, Angela Adams and Kathleen Dempsey.

Second Collection: Next weekend at the end of Mass a representative from Mary's Meals will speak about their work and our opportunity to support them.

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.

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

Thursday Evening Mass this week is the Mass for the Beginning of the School Year and will take place in St. Benedict's High School at 6.00pm. All are welcome - please do come along to show your support for our young people and their teachers as they begin a year of work together.

Fr. Michael has arranged for the Main Car Park to be resurfaced, the contractors are waiting for a few dry days(!) to do the work. The Car Park may be unavailable for 24 hours - the Rear Car Park will be available as required.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 6th October 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

We Will Have a new translation of the Lectionary (the book we use for the Scripture readings at Mass) from the First Sunday in Advent, so you will notice a few differences from the readings we have heard most of our lives. There is also a new Sunday Missal (which has all the Readings, Prayers and other parts of the Mass) being produced. These will be available at a cost of £18.99. Fr. Michael will be able to get some at a pre-publication price of £15.00. We will have to order these in advance, so if you would like to order one, please sign up in the Porch and we will get them delivered.

Food Parcels: Fr. Michael would like to repeat his word of thanks to you all for your ongoing generous support of the most needy in the Town. Your continued donations of food, toiletries, laundry liquid and cash mean that we have been able to distribute 830 food parcels! This tells us two things; you are unfailingly generous and thoughtful and there is a serious need in our community. Many thanks indeed for such a powerful witness to our Parish's commitment to the Gospel!

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.

PAYAcharity provides our online giving platform which was set up during the Covid 19 pandemic when Covid restrictions resulted in the temporary closure of our Churches. It continues to provide an invaluable source of income for the parishes raising approximately £60,000.00 per annum. Unfortunately, PAYAcharity have now advised us that they are withdrawing PAYAcharity account services to charities with effect from 16th September 2024. The QR codes will cease to operate from this date. Many parishioners have set up recurring payments via the PAYAcharity platform which will also cease on this date. We therefore ask parishioners who currently make regular donations via the PAYAcharity online giving to set up a new payment to the parish using their online banking service. A standing order or regular faster payment to the parish can be set up online. The parish bank details are as follows: Name: St Convals RC Parish; Sort Code: 80-16-53; Account No: 00356472.

Please insert the payment reference: Offertory (unless making a payment for a specific special collection, e.g. Retired Priests or restricted fund e.g. Restoration). If you do not have access to online banking and prefer to set up a standing order manually, standing order forms are available from the Diocesan website (see below) or from your parish priest. Taxpayers who wish to claim gift aid tax relief on their donations should also complete a gift aid declaration which are available from the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/ypmyy96n> or from your parish priest.

We do intend to set up new QR codes shortly for a new online platform such as JustGiving Accounts to fundraise in future. However, as there is a commission charged on each donation, we would ask you to consider making your regular offertory donations directly to the parish. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of our parishes.

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.

St. Fillan's Church Garden Fete: We have been invited to their Garden Fete on Sunday from 12noon until 4.00pm. Many stalls, music, dance and children's games. Entry Ticket / Prize Draw Programme £3.00. Children under 14 - free entry.

The 2024 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday, 22nd September from 12.30pm until 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1NA. 12.30pm-1.30pm: Refreshments and sale of candles and goods; 1.30pm-2.30pm: Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions); 2.45pm-3.15pm: Individual priestly blessings at the shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 3.30pm-4.15pm: Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; Novena Prayers; Presentation from pupils of Sinclair Academy; 4.30pm: Holy Mass.

Parish Meetings To Explain The Assisted Suicide Bill And How To Stop It! The real facts about the Assisted Dying Bill and how it will change health care in Scotland for good - for you, your elderly and vulnerable ones - should concern you. The Bill is before Parliament and could pass the critical Stage One by the end of the year which will effectively ensure State sanctioned euthanasia in Scotland. So, action is urgent. If our MSPs hear nothing from us as citizens, they will feel free to vote it in. Deanery meetings around our Diocese will help parishioners build local momentum to make MSPs sit up, take notice and vote against it. Bishop John will attend the final meeting on Wednesday, 25th September at 7.00pm in St. Mirin's Hall Paisley. Please come along and invite anyone concerned about this watershed moment.