

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: 10.00am Funeral Mass for Sheila Reilly in St. Conval's.
7.00pm Holy Year Cluster Mass in St. Aidan'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.

Psalm Response

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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, Fr. Alex Davie, Maria-Luisa Hunter Andreuccetti, Fergus Joseph Martin, Maureen Cowie, Donny Steele, Joseph Cairns, Pauline Ward, Thomas Feeney, Jean Conroy 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: Sheila Reilly (Funeral on Thursday, 13th March at 10.00am), James McElhinney (Funeral on Tuesday, 25th March at 10.00am), Andy McManus and Luciano Lloyd.

Anniversaries: Cathie Lawson, William McCallum, Pat Clark, Michael Quinn, Peter Deighan, John McMahon, Dennis O'Neill, Bill Delaney, John Stewart and Edward Flood.

Month's Mind: Michael Deighan, Jack Main, Dennis O'Neill, Sean O'Neill and Thomas 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.

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.

The Holy Year Cross will be available for veneration in St. Conval's on Tuesday morning.

Holy Year Cluster Mass will be in St. Aidan's, Johnstone on Thursday evening at 7.00pm. There will therefore be no Mass in St. Conval's on Thursday evening. If anyone needs a lift to St. Aidan's please see Fr. Michael.

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

Lenten Prayer Books are available in the porch (cost £1.00). These contain a daily prayer and reflection for the Holy Season - it may be a useful aid as part of your Lenten observance.

Jubilee Calendars For Lent are available (free) in the porch for our younger parishioners.

SCIAF Wee Boxes for Lent are also available in the porch.

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!

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

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in February, Fr. Michael received £2,305 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He also received second collection contributions of £383 for SPRED. The Building Fund collection in February amounted to £498. Your ongoing generous support of the Parish by envelopes, donations, standing orders or through the Diocesan debit / credit card portal is greatly appreciated as it enables us to continue to function despite all the challenges that these days bring.

Collection Envelopes: Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2023-2024 - HMRC gave the Parish £8,388.72. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2025-2026 can be uplifted from the Meeting Room after the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses on 22nd / 23rd March and 29th / 30th March. 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, please call into the Meeting Room on one of the above dates.

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.

Centenary Of St. Patrick's, Greenock (1924-2024): St. Patrick's will celebrate its centenary with a Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, 16th March at 6.00pm. Bishop John will preside at this Mass which will be followed by an informal buffet. All are welcome to join in this celebration of Mass and a special invitation is extended to those who originally came from the Parish or who have been associated with it.

Diocese Of Paisley Podcast: Our latest podcast has dropped! Yvonne O'Hara speaks to Rolando Streber of the Dicastery for Evangelisation in Rome about what our Jubilee 2025 pilgrims can expect. Listen now at: rcdop.org.uk/podcast or wherever you listen to your podcasts. Please like, follow, and leave us a review!

Additional Teaching Qualification In Religious Education (Catholic Schools): The St. Andrews Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education is delighted to offer the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCS for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary School. The course begins in August 2025. For all details including teaching dates and costs visit: <https://tinyurl.com/acz9s3vj> The Diocese of Paisley supports ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for any applicants who live in the Diocese and attend Bishop John's support sessions. For details visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3ytf4jfr>

Catholic Families For Life Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life. The latest version can be found at: www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk