

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	Funeral Mass for George Head in St. Conval's.
Wednesday:	6.30pm	Confirmation in St. Mirin's Cathedral.
Friday:	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Thomas Donald 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.
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Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, Joe Mitchell, John O'Donoghue, Margaret Higgins, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Margaret Sweeney, Renato Edoni 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: George Head (Funeral on Tuesday, 14th May at 10.00am), Thomas Donald (Funeral on Friday, 17th May at 10.00am) and Joseph Conway (Funeral on Friday, 31st May at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Bill Coote, William Duffy and Margaret (Rita) Turner.

Month's Mind: John and Mary McGrory and Angela Adams.

Congratulations To The Pupils Of Primary 4 in Our Lady of Peace Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Please also pray for those children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection for Communications pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees. In 2022 this collection raised £12,399 which represents 56% of our expenditure of £22,046, resulting in a shortfall of £9,647, which was funded from Diocesan reserves.

Next Weekend there will be a special second collection for our Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese who we remember with great love and affection. We have eleven retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, one living in Chile, three in houses throughout the Diocese, five in Parish Presbyteries, and one in the Residence of the Little Sisters. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2022 our two special collections and Friends Campaign raised £50,953 which represents 37% of our expenditure of £136,824 i.e. a shortfall of £85,871, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income.

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.)

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". Edited versions of Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

Sunday Tea: This week's Sunday Tea has been cancelled. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday, 26th May.

This Week's Tuesday Tea has been cancelled.

Please Note: There will be no Mass, Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evening as Fr. Michael is at a meeting of Priests.

Friday Morning: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after the 10.00am Mass.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 2nd June 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

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!

Malawi Trip: Fr. Michael is going, with eight pupils from St. Benedict's High School, to our partner school in Malawi towards the end of June - the first trip since the pandemic. They have asked us to bring various things with us, so we will appeal for these over the forthcoming weeks.

This Week we are looking for boys (aged 10 - 18) Football Tops - they don't have to be new or 'this year's strip' anything that you have around the house, no longer desired, grown out of, faded, etc. will be great for the school. For the Orphanage and Hospital, we are looking for home knitting for new-borns.

We Will also have a Fundraiser Prosecco Afternoon Tea from 1.00pm until 4.00pm on Saturday, 1st June in the Hall. Tickets £5.00 from Barbara Anderson (tel. 07738431708) - there are only 50 tickets available, first come first served. There will be all the usual things to eat and drink - including home baking - as well as a Raffle. Your support will be much appreciated.

Collection Envelopes: The boxes of envelopes for 2024-2025 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, please call into the Sacristy to collect a Gift Aid pack.

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.

Think Vocation: "They prayed: 'Show us which of these you have chosen'." The apostles knew the need to pray for guidance to know whom the Lord had chosen to join their mission and ministry. We too have to pray, but we also have to open to the possibility it could be me whom he is choosing. Please speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Sacred Choral Music: The Diocesan Choir presents an Evening of Sacred Choral Music on Sunday, 12th May in St. Mirin's Cathedral from 6.00pm until 7.00pm. There will be a retiring collection for Cathedral funds. All welcome.

Retreat Day For Primary School Pupils - Pentecost: The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a Retreat Day for primary school pupils in P4-7 in St. Mary's, Paisley on Sunday, 19th May between 2.00pm and 5.00pm (Mass at 4.15pm). The Retreat Day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056. All children must be collected at the end of the event.

Young Families: Young couples (married or soon-to-be) and their little ones are invited to a get-together in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 25th May at 4.00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided, but don't forget to bring snacks for yourselves and your children. Email: nikolas_paul@proton.me for more information.