

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 Funeral Mass for Eileen McKenna in St. Conval's.
Tuesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval's.
Thursday: 6.30pm Mass in St. John the Baptist'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.

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, Renato Edoni, 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: Russell King and Eileen McKenna (Funeral on Monday, 9th September at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Catherine Simpson, Rodger Simpson, Mary Inglis, Elizabeth McMahon, Martin Hick, Paul Spence, David Spence and Hugh McColgan.

Month's Mind: Thomas McGourlick.

Second Collection: This weekend's special second collection is for Vocations.

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: There will be a tea after the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday morning for parishioners of St. Conval's and St. Fillan's to mark the end of the Summer Schedule. Everybody welcome.

Mass On Thursday Evening this week is the Diocesan Vocations Mass in St. John the Baptist's, Port Glasgow at 6.30pm.

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

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/ypmvy96n> 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.

Think Vocation: "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest? Call Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 2602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Assisted Suicide: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has submitted evidence to the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on a proposal to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. You can read a summary and the full text of the response at: <https://tinyurl.com/rtfvkb7a>

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. Please come to our meetings and invite anyone concerned about this watershed moment. Bishop John will attend all meetings.

Monday, 9th September at 7.00pm:

St. Joseph's Hall, Clarkston (East Renfrewshire Meeting)

Tuesday, 10th September at 7.00pm:

St. Mary's Hall, Greenock (Inverclyde Meeting)

Wednesday, 25th September at 7.00pm:

St. Mirin's Hall, Paisley (Renfrewshire Meeting)

Fatima Devotions: In order to avoid clashing with the Diocesan Vocations Mass, we are moving our Devotions in Christ the King, Howwood to Friday, 13th September. Normal times - Rosary at 7.30pm, followed by Mass and Benediction.