

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

Solemnity of Pentecost (B) 18th / 19th May 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	Funeral Mass for Danny O'Connor in St. Conval's.
Tuesday:	10.00am	Mass 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, 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: Tommy Donald, Mary McGowan, Anne Maria Cumming, Danny O'Connor (Funeral on Monday, 20th May at 10.00am) and Joseph Conway (Funeral on Friday, 31st May at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Gillian McGourlick, Jason Reid, Thomas McElhinney, Charles McKendrick and Mary Ferguson.

Month's Mind: Tommy Fulton, Willie McKenna, Dennis O'Neill and Sean O'Neill.

Congratulations To The Pupils Of Primary 7 in Our Lady of Peace Primary School who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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

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

Sunday Tea Will Not Be Available In The Hall after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat on Sunday, 26th May.

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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited each Friday morning 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.

One Of The Pupils will write the blog (different Pupil each day) while we are in Malawi - it may not appear some days as electricity and internet are not always available. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yww49syk>

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.

Retreat For Primary School Pupils - Pentecost: Due to unforeseen circumstances, this event scheduled to be held in St. Mary's on Sunday, 19th May has been cancelled.

Diocesan Vocations Mass: On Thursday, 12th September, we will celebrate the Diocesan Vocations Mass in St. John's, Port Glasgow at 6.30pm. Bishop John invites you to attend this Mass and to pray between this Sunday (Pentecost) and 12th September for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. Bishop John asks that between Pentecost and 12th September (National Vocations Awareness Week), we pray daily for an increase in Vocations. You may find it suitable to offer a daily Rosary or a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for this intention.

Mass For Marriage 2024: Bishop John warmly invites all engaged and married couples, along with their families and friends, to St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley on Sunday, 26th May, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, to celebrate the gift of marriage! The celebration begins with Mass at 11.00am, followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. Please note children and family members are most welcome! Details of those celebrating significant anniversaries this year can be emailed to Rebecca Harrison at the Marriage and Family Office, email: marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk