

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

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Masses

Sunday: 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 10.30am.
Monday: 11.00am Our Lady of Peace Primary School.
Tuesday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
Thursday: 6.00pm St. Conval's followed by Exposition and Benediction at 6.50pm.
Friday: 10.00am St. Conval's.
12.25pm St. Benedict's High School.

Confessions

Thursday: 6:30pm Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.
Saturday: 5.00pm Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Thomas McGourlick, Andrew Irvine, Elizabeth Kelly, Gary Danks, Betty Kerr, Nellie McNamara, Janice Mackin, Joe McAleer, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna 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: Catherine Gracie (Funeral on Monday, 22nd November at 10.00am) and Mary Duffy.

Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now: John McGrory, Jack Dooley, James Quinn, Michael Quinn and for the month's mind of Mary McGrory, Robert Gray, Peter Gray, Johnny MacFarlane, Margaret Byrne McElhoney, David Scullion and Angela Adams.

Education Sunday - 21st November: The special second collection next weekend supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic Schools in issues of national significance, and supports our Schools, Parishes and Dioceses. The national office supports three employees and we also employ four part-time local members of staff to work in our Schools and on the RE curriculum. In 2020 this collection and our Friends Campaign raised £9,447, which represents 16% of our expenditure of £57,485, resulting in a deficit of £48,038. Pre-Covid-19 (in 2019) the income was £18,529 and expenditure was £38,488 resulting in a deficit of £19,406. Our 2019 education income therefore was 48% of our expenditure.

Post COVID-19 we continue our journey to what will be our new normality with care for ourselves and each other. Accordingly, we will 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 Main 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). Thank you!

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

November Lists: Please find available the Envelopes and November Lists at the side porch of the Church and in the Porch of the House for us to remember in Prayer at Mass each day of November the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As is our custom, November is a month of special prayer for those gone to God and many of us wish our family members especially remembered. If you complete the list with the names of your dead and hand in the sealed envelope with your offering within it, Fr. Michael will open them, place the lists on the Sanctuary and together we remember them in Mass each day of the month.

RCIA: Together with other local Parishes we are going to begin this year's experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the way in which the Church receives new adult members whether Baptised in another Christian Tradition or Unbaptised. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic this is the moment to have a word with Fr. Michael to begin the process (which leads to Easter!).

Building Fund: The second collections for the Building Fund in September, October and November amounted to £1,725. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Collection Envelopes: If any parishioners would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, sealed sterile Gift Aid Packs - which are all the same - containing a box of envelopes, a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form, a Standing Order Form, a Thank You Letter and Statement of Account are available in the House Porch. Please take the sealed sterile pack home with you. The Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) Form should then be completed and the signed GAD Form posted in the Parish House.

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.

Church Cleaners: We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church on a Wednesday anytime during the hours of 10.00am until 2.00pm. If you can help, please put your name and number on the sheet in the porch. Many thanks for your help.

Parish Pastoral Council: We would like to invite anyone who would like to become involved a little more in the life of the Parish and become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to put their name on the list at the back of the Church. It is good for committees to change membership. This group helps advise and helps Fr. Michael on the Pastoral Priorities of St. Conval's. The meetings are only every second month, it is not a great time commitment, but you would be helping support your Parish and your Parish Priest. If interested, please write your name and a contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.

Update On St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food And Toiletries: Thanks to your generosity we have continued to provide, throughout the past 10 months, 200 meals to local families every week and we also continue to provide food parcels and toiletries as required. As we look to the future, we are hoping that restrictions and the employment situation continues to improve, we will be able to scale back this practical charity. Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure! It may be that we will launch a further Appeal for Christmas dinners in the Season of Advent. (Meantime you may leave donations, food for parcels or toiletries in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway.)

The Diocese has advised that we should continue to ease the Covid safety restrictions. Please continue to sanitise on entry and exit, please wear a face-covering indoors and please continue to observe the 'One Way System'. We are still required to have a record of who is present for the 'Track and Trace' System to contact us if someone else present tests positive.

We are using the same sign up lists for Masses week to week. If you were at Mass any time last week you will be on the list for that day this week, next week and so on, so there is no need to sign up every week. If your name is not on the sign up list for a specific Mass, you can either book in as normal, OR scan our unique QR Code on your phone as you enter - laminated posters with the QR Code are in the Entrance Porch - please let the stewards know your preferred method of registration. Please arrive in good time so that you can be signed in and you do not cause the Stewards, who have been so generous with their time, being late for Mass. Please also pass the word that we are now fully open and able to welcome all who wish to come!

We will continue to ventilate the Church well. The Procession for Holy Communion will be directed by the Stewards and we will come forward to receive Holy Communion row by row as they direct, please come forward by the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Our link for Internet booking is:

<https://forms.gle/ZU2pJCq3s2GyFHnA8>

Think Vocation: "My words will not pass away." The Gospel and the teaching of Christ are ever valid, ever new. Could you be called to announce it to the people of our time, as a priest, deacon or religious sister or brother? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel. 0141 889 5056.

Marriage And Family Webpage: The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/edv6spz4>

Lourdes 2022: It is with sadness that the decision has been taken to postpone our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 2022 until 2023. This has not been taken lightly. Although the world is opening up ever more to travel, there are still some unresolved factors to be clarified over the next few months. As it takes many months to prepare for a Pilgrimage, it was thought better to take the decision now and focus our efforts on Lourdes 2023.

SCIAF: Real Gifts are SCIAF's range of ethical Christmas Gifts. For more information, please tel. 0141 354 5555 or visit: <https://sciaf.org.uk/realgifts>