

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:	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, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Celia and Albert Mackie, James Graham, Dorothy Hunter, Sally Knox, Fr. Alex Davie 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: Douglas Took.

Anniversaries: Helen McColgan, Thomas McGourlick, Thomas Flood and Danny Drummond.

On Sunday At The 10.30am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment for Pupils preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion during Eastertide. Please pray for them, their Parents (Carers) and Teachers.

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.

Sunday Missals: For those who ordered the new Sunday Missal, these are now available in the front porch.

Advent Prayer Books: These are available to buy at the back of the Church for £1.00.

Advent Calendars: These are available at the back of the Church for the younger members of our community and are free.

Western Catholic Calendars are available in the porch for £3.70.

This Weekend after the Sunday Morning Mass tea and coffee will be served in the hall provided by S6 Caritas Pupils of St. Benedict's. You will be very welcome. This is to raise money for Malawi Christmas Parcels.

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: This week will be the last Tea of the year as we take a well deserved break.

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!

Are You Interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know anyone who is? Please ask them to speak to Fr. Michael.

New Lectionary: A new translation of the Scriptures will be used from this weekend. We therefore have had to buy new Lectionaries and Book Of The Gospels (the Book the Readers use for the Readings and Fr. Michael uses for the Gospel). A very generous donor has made a big donation already - in Memory of a loved one who has died, this will cover the cost of the main volumes but we need to buy some additional volumes. If anyone would like to donate, please have a word with Fr. Michael who can discuss it with you - thank you in advance for your generosity!

Season Of Advent: Our 'Giving Tree' is available - please take a Gift Tag, buy the suggested gift, wrap it up and affix the Gift Tag to the outside or label your gift with the Gender and Age of the intended Recipient and leave it at the Tree. We will deliver these to those in need on Monday, 23rd December. The Staff of St. Benedict's are doing a 'Secret Santa' for the neediest of Pupils, so most gifts will be for Primary School aged children, though gifts for older children are also welcome! The Parish will also provide 100 Christmas Dinners cooked in our Hall Kitchen and 30 Christmas Gift Bags (Christmas Crackers, Chocolate Santas, Sweets, Mince Pies, Boxes of Roses, Party Games, etc., etc.). These will be delivered to families locally on Christmas Eve, any donations to help meet the costs will be most gratefully received.

Sr. Scholastica supports a Charity in Nigeria which raises funds to pay hospital bills for those held in the hospitals because of finance, pay school fees for the underprivileged and get palliative care for the poor and elderly. You can find out more about the foundation, visit: <https://www.fountainofsolace.org> She has left envelopes in the Porch which can be used for donations.

Our Lady Of Peace Primary School are having A Christmas Show in the School on Tuesday, 10th December. Doors open at 1.00pm and the Show starts at 1.15pm. All Senior Citizens are invited along. If you are going to attend please contact the School, tel. 0300 300 0173.

Children's Liturgy will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place on 5th January in the hall 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

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.

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.

Cathedral All Day Confessions: Come Home for Christmas! On Thursday, 12th December, priests will be available to hear Confessions from 8.30am (after 8.00am Mass) until 7.30pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. There will be 30 minute breaks while Masses are celebrated at 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Some Local Advent Events In Our Local Parishes: Candlelit Mass - Howwood on Thursday, 19th December at 7.00pm. Bible Studies for Advent on Monday evenings (9th and 16th) in St. Aidan's at 7.00pm. Fr. Michael is doing the First of these on St. Luke's Gospel and Fr. Denis on Mary in the Nativity Narratives on the 16th.