

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## Feast of the Holy Family (C) 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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### Services

Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Midday	Mass in St. Conval's.
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.

### Confessions

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.

**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, Maria-Luisa Hunter Andreuccetti, Fergus Joseph Martin 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:** Harry Boyd, Patricia Gillespie, Thomas McGann and Catherine MacNeil (Funeral on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am).

**Anniversaries:** James Delaney, David McGivern, Edward and Brian Garrity, Stuart Lindsay, James Tutty, Gordon Spence, Willie Irving, Thomas O'Malley, Joseph McGann, Elizabeth and John Muggins, Peggy and Patsy Muggins, Anne and Michael Muggins, Ann McAdam, Helen Gallagher, Willie McKenna and Peter Deighan.

**Month's Mind:** William McAdam, Jimmy McGivern, Michael Deighan, Jack Main, Charles Pringle, John Anderson, William Gourlay, Annie Muggins, Madge Lowe and James Lowe.

**Second Collection:** There will be a special second collection next week for Justice and Peace.

**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.

**Fr. Michael** would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity in contributing to our Christmas Dinner Appeal, Food Parcels and Jesse Tree Gifts. The recipients were extremely grateful and delighted. 100 Christmas dinners were provided along with Christmas Goodie Bags. The local schools and other Charities received the Jesse Tree Gifts and to date we have provided over 900 Food Parcels. Many many thanks. Your generosity shows no bounds.

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

**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** is taking a break until after the festive season.

**Children's Liturgy** will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the hall on 5<sup>th</sup> January 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](mailto:gemma.eyp@gmail.com)

**Please Remember** St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society Christmas Crib Appeal over the Christmas Season.

**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.

**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: <http://www.fountainofsolace.org/> She has left envelopes in the Porch which can be used for donations.

**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](mailto: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:** "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Can you make that offer, to put yourself at the disposal of God's plan for his people and for the world? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 2602 or email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**Diocesan Podcast:** Remember to catch up on our podcasts over Christmas. Available on the Diocesan website, visit: [rcdop.org.uk/podcast](http://rcdop.org.uk/podcast) or wherever you listen to your podcasts. Please leave us a review and let us know what you think.

**Lourdes Hospitalité:** Booking is now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (28<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025). Booking is currently via the Tangney Tours website, booking forms will be available soon. If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or taking regular medication, you should register with the medical / nursing team. If you wish to come to Lourdes as part of the medical / nursing or helper team, please attend the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in St. Ninian's, Gourrock. If you would like to come to Lourdes as a registered sick pilgrim, please come to the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in St. Ninian's, Gourrock. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise, Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, tel. 01475 638132.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage - Fundraising Dinner 2025:** On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March in Greenock Town Hall at 7.00pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £40.00 (including 3 course meal). For tickets and further information, please email: [iaimclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:iaimclean@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 07950483042. Donations for the raffle / auction greatly appreciated. A bus will be provided for those travelling from the Paisley side of the Diocese.

*A blessed and peaceful Christmas season to everyone and my prayers and best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year*