

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 John McGarvey in St. Conval's.
Tuesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Conval'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, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Celia and Albert Mackie, James Graham, Dorothy Hunter, Sally Knox 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: John Bolland and John McGarvey (Funeral on Monday, 2nd December at 10.00am and thereafter to Crematorium).

Anniversaries: Daniel McMahon, William Stewart, Edith Booth McCreadie, Catherine McColgan (Nee McGrory), Isobel Sheerin, David Hunter and Elsie Muggins.

Month's Mind: Ann and William McAdam, Dennis O'Neill, Sean O'Neill and Gerry Sheerin.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

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.

Children's Liturgy takes place in the hall at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

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.

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

On Thursday Evening there is a meeting of the Chapter of Canons in the Cathedral, as this includes Fr. Michael, he will not be here to celebrate the Evening Mass, Confessions, Exposition and Benediction. There is, however, Evening Prayer in St. Mirin's Cathedral at 6.00pm to which all are invited.

Sunday Tea will be in the hall after the 10.30am Mass next week (8th December).

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: To assist with your Advent planning, we will dispatch our Christmas Gift Parcels to Malawi on 3rd December so this weekend is the deadline for gifts of Black Socks, Toothbrushes, Pencils and Pens. Our 'Giving Tree' will be available this weekend - 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.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in November, Fr. Michael received £2,185 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. He also received second collection contributions of £371 for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES). The Building Fund collection in November amounted to £502. Your ongoing generous support of the Parish by envelopes, donations, standing orders or through the Diocesan debit / credit card portal is greatly appreciated as it enables us to continue to function despite all the challenges that these days bring.

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.

Rite Of Installation: Fr. Joe Balmer will be installed into the Diocesan Chapter of Canons in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday, 5th December. All are welcome to attend for Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

First Fridays For Life: Will you fast and pray every First Friday for Life? Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the Diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass of the season will be offered in St. Aidan's, Johnstone on Friday, 6th December at 7.00pm. Adoration and Confession from 6.00pm.

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.