

Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 31st August / 1st September 2024



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Services

Saturday, 31 st August	5.00pm	Vigil Mass in St. Fillan's.
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 1 st September	9.30am	Mass in St. Fillan's.
	11.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Monday, 2 nd September	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
Tuesday, 3 rd September	9.30am	Mass in St. Fillan's.
Thursday, 5 th September	9.30am	Funeral Mass for Nora McLaren in St. Fillan's.
Friday, 6 th September	10.00am	Mass in St. Conval's.
	12.25pm	Mass in St. Benedict's High School.
Saturday, 7 th September	5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St. Conval's.
Sunday, 8 th September	10.30am	Mass in St. Conval's.

Confessions

Saturday, 31 st August	St. Fillan's	Available before Vigil Mass or any time on request.
	St. Conval's	Available in the Meeting Room after Vigil Mass or any time on request.
Saturday, 7 th September	St. Conval's	Available in the Meeting Room before Vigil Mass or any time on request.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick: Andrew Irvine, Terry Porter, Joe Mitchell, John O'Donoghue, Lorraine Pollock, Paul Kearney, George and Helen Lawson, Margaret Sweeney, Renato Edoni, Celia and Albert Mackie 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: Brian Wallace, Nora McLaren (Funeral in St. Fillan's on Thursday 5th September at 9.30am) and Eileen McKenna (Funeral in St. Conval's on Monday, 9th September at 10.00am).

Anniversaries: Nellie McNamara, Janie Lavery, Susan Muggins, Bernadette Cameron and Tommy Hunter.

Month's Mind: Alex Williamson, Sean O'Neill, Dennis O'Neill, Elsie Muggins and Eleanor McMahon.

This Weekend's second collection is for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

Second Collection: There will be a special second collection next week for Vocations.

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 meeting room at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. All children are welcome. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Gemma, email: gemma.eyp@gmail.com

Live Streaming: Services are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. These will be available until 11.59pm on the day they are "live".

Summer Schedule: Similar to last year we have reverted to a Summer Schedule until Wednesday, 4th September (inclusive). Please see the table above for details of Services and Confessions. Baptisms by prior arrangement and Funerals by arrangement with Undertakers. In Fr. Andrew's absence, Fr. Michael will now deal with all matters until Wednesday, 4th September (tel. 01505 323751 or email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk).

Please Note Weekend Masses will revert to their normal times from next weekend (7th / 8th September). The Vigil Mass will be at 5.30pm and Sunday Morning Mass will be at 10.30am.

Financial Support: Thanks to your continued generosity in August, Fr. Michael received £2,798 from the contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection which you have made with envelopes and donations. The Building Fund collection in August amounted to £415. 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.

Food Parcels: Fr. Michael would like to repeat his word of thanks to you all for your ongoing generous support of the most needy in the Town. Your continued donations of food, toiletries, laundry liquid and cash mean that we have been able to distribute 830 food parcels! This tells us two things; you are unfailingly generous and thoughtful and there is a serious need in our community. Many thanks indeed for such a powerful witness to our Parish's commitment to the Gospel!

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.

Think Vocation: "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest? Call Fr. John Morrison, tel. 0141 889 2602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Assisted Suicide: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has submitted evidence to the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on a proposal to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. You can read a summary and the full text of the response at: <https://tinyurl.com/rtfvkb7a>

Parish Meetings To Explain The Assisted Suicide Bill And How To Stop It! The real facts about the Assisted Dying Bill and how it will change health care in Scotland for good - for you, your elderly and vulnerable ones - should concern you. The Bill is before Parliament and could pass the critical Stage One by the end of the year which will effectively ensure State sanctioned euthanasia in Scotland. So, action is urgent. If our MSPs hear nothing from us as citizens, they will feel free to vote it in. Deanery meetings around our Diocese will help parishioners build local momentum to make MSPs sit up, take notice and vote against it. Please come to our meetings and invite anyone concerned about this watershed moment. Bishop John will attend all meetings.

Monday, 9 th September at 7.00pm:	St. Joseph's Hall, Clarkston (East Renfrewshire Meeting)
Tuesday, 10 th September at 7.00pm:	St. Mary's Hall, Greenock (Inverclyde Meeting)
Wednesday, 25 th September at 7.00pm:	St. Mirin's Hall, Paisley (Renfrewshire Meeting)

Novena To Our Lady, Untier Of Knots: St. Margaret's, Johnstone will begin a Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots on Tuesday, 10th September at 6.30pm, continuing each Tuesday until 5th November. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Novena Prayer and Procession to the Lady Altar with our petitions, finishing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend. You may email your petitions to: stmargaret@rcdop.org.uk if you are unable to attend in person. All welcome to join us in this Novena.

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

Synod 2024: The most recent document can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/54krbx6x> This will form the basis of discussion at the next Synodal Assembly in Rome from 2nd to 27th October at which Bishop Brian McGee will represent Scotland. Please continue to pray for the implementation of this synodal process.