

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A) 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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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	Funeral Mass for Dennis O'Neill 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.
Tuesday:	9.45am	Available in the Meeting Room before 10.00am Mass.
Thursday:	6.30pm	Available in the Meeting Room during Exposition as required.

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Andrew Irvine, Gary Danks, John and Isabella Gilmartin, Terry Porter, Eileen McKenna, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Donald 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:** Dennis O'Neill (Funeral on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Bill Delaney and Rita Inglis.

**Month's Mind:** Gillian McGourlick, Nellie McNamara, Thomas Vaughan, Willie McKenna, Isobel Sheerin, Alex Williamson and Tommy Fulton.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers** the Children of our Parish who will celebrate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Eastertide this year.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's special second collection is for SCIAF and Papal and Episcopal and St. Mirin's Fund. The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St. Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees.

Bishop Brian McGee, Bishop President of SCIAF has written a letter on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Copies of the letter are available in the porch.

**Post Covid-19:** 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.)

**Live Streaming:** All Masses are Live Streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel. Weekday Masses are available for up to 12 hours after they are finished "live". Sunday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses will also be uploaded to view later.

**Stall:** The Stall is open at the weekend. If there is anything you would wish the Stall to stock, please speak to Ann McGivern or Marie Sheerin.

**Sunday Tea:** Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

**Stations Of The Cross** will be after the 10.00am Mass every Monday morning during Lent.

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

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited each Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

**Collection Envelopes:** Thank you to those who have signed up for Gift Aid (a scheme whereby HMRC gives to the Parish the tax which you have paid on the money that you give the Parish - 25p in every £1. All that is required is a form signed and a numbered envelope to maintain a record of your donations to enable Fr. Michael to claim). This year - thanks to your ongoing generosity in 2021-2022 - HMRC gave the Parish £10,102.78. They will also give the Parish a further £2,000.00 as a flat rate 'guesstimate' for the monies given 'loose' in the plate which has been taxed. The boxes of envelopes for 2023-2024 can be uplifted from the Meeting Room after Masses on 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If you pay by Standing Order, please still uplift a box of envelopes for two reasons; some feel embarrassed at not putting anything in the Collection Basket and though the Standing Order supports the Parish week to week, boxes of envelopes contain an envelope for the Special Second Collections - you may wish to support a particular one of them in a particular way. If any members of the Parish Community would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please call into the Meeting Room on one of the above dates.

**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!

**Easter Fayre:** There will be an Easter Fayre in the hall on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. There will also be tea / coffee, cakes and a raffle. All are welcome.

**Children's Liturgy** will continue on a monthly basis on the first Sunday of each month. The next session will take place in the meeting room on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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

**Hall Bookings And Enquiries:** Please contact Bridie Macfarlane, 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 £5.00 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.

**Lenten Evening Masses:** From the First Sunday of Lent, these will be celebrated throughout the St. Andrew's Cluster at 7.00pm on weekdays:

Monday: St. Mary's.

Tuesday: St. Peter's - Confessions from 6.20pm until 6.50pm.

Wednesday: St. Mirin's - Adoration and Confessions from 6.00pm.

Thursday: St. Charles' - Confessions from 6.20pm until 6.50pm.

**Relics Of Padre Pio In Scotland:** There will be Mass followed by individual blessing with the mit / glove of Padre Pio on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in St. John's, Barrhead and on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm in St. Francis', Port Glasgow.

**The Annual Acies Ceremony Of The Legion Of Mary** will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral on the Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come along and renew their devotion to Our Lady for the year ahead. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

**Diocese Of Paisley Lenten Catechesis 2023 - Jesus: The Source Of Eternal Life** in St. Mirin's Cathedral from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Remembering our popular Lenten Catechesis of 2015, the Diocese will be holding the second Lenten Catechesis to prepare us for the Easter Season. Again, this can be a lovely Lenten penance for those who are wondering what to do this year. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles will reflect on Jesus and Lazarus. As well as the Bishop's Catechesis there will be Testimony from Young People, Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction with music led by our Diocesan Choir. Please note this Lenten gathering is an in-person event therefore the Live Stream will not be available.

There is a bus booked to take people to the Cathedral for anyone who would like to go on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Bus leaving St. Aidan's, Johnstone at 1.00pm, picking up at St. Margaret's, Johnstone at 1.15pm and then St. Conval's, Linwood at 1.30pm. Return bus leaves at 4.15pm from the Cathedral. (Ticket £5.00 per person, TBC).

**The Friends Of Divine Mercy Scotland** invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. The Mass will take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral for March only, it will be back in St. Mary's in April. All are welcome.