

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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<b>Mass Times</b> Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 10.30am Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7.00pm and 10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm	<b>Confessions</b> Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm
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**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:** Carol McKenzie, Jackie Robson, Connie Roche, Thomas McGourlick, Mary Ferguson and Sheila Reilly.

**Please Pray For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur About Now:** Alan Gray, Peter Scarff, Mary McDougall, John McDougall, Margaret Garvie, Bill McMillan, Helen Etherson, Karen Busby, John McMahon, James McMahon and for the month's mind of Betty Dunnion and Jim Clark.

**Last Week's Collection** amounted to £846.27 of which £384.79 was gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection:** This weekend's special second collection is for SPRED.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** If you pay tax please consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration so that your contribution will be increased by a further 25%. The annual refund which the Parish receives from HMRC makes a massive difference to our funds. Please call into the Sacristy after Mass if you would like to become involved in the Gift Aid Scheme.

**Sunday Teas And Coffees:** Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass each week. Everyone is very welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

**Preparing For Lent:** Our Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. It is a day of fast and abstinence, which means giving up one meal of the day and abstaining from meat for the whole of the day. The season of Lent is a liturgical season of forty days of fasting, prayer and penitence. The liturgical colour for Lent is violet, the Gloria and Alleluias are omitted, Masses are celebrated with simple music and our sanctuaries are more quietly adorned.

**Adult Formation:** All are invited to the remaining two Scripture talks (of a series of three) in St. Conval's, Linwood starting with tea / coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.  
3<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for R.C.I.A.)  
31<sup>st</sup> March: Liturgies of Easter Triduum

**Fr. Michael** had the boiler serviced on Tuesday as per the maintenance contract. Unfortunately the boiler then expired. It is apparently about 20 years old so perhaps its time had come! After 3 days without heating or hot water it is now replaced. So our better financial situation (full details in the annual statement) took a hit as the new boiler cost £3,000.00 to purchase and fit.

**A Friend** of Fr. Michael has very kindly gifted him with new laminate flooring for the dining room in the Parish House. You are most welcome to come in and have a look!!

**Weekly Parish Bulletin:** Any items for inclusion in the bulletin (including names for the sick, month's mind and anniversary lists) should be put through the letter box of the Parish House or sent by email: stconval@rcdop.org.uk by **12noon on the Thursday** before publication.

**Stay In Scotland After Brexit:** There are information cards in the porch for EU Citizens in Scotland wishing to apply for settled status. Please take one if this applies to you.

**Parish Recipe Book:** We are planning to publish a parish recipe book. If anyone has any recipes they wish to be included, please put them in the box provided at the back of the Church.

**Parish Website:** Please visit: [www.stconvals.com](http://www.stconvals.com) to take a look and find out more about our Parish, Mass times and Confessions etc.

**The Hall:** Please note that no one in the Parish House can open or close the hall, take bookings or organise functions. The Hall Keeper - Bridget Macfarlane - has the keys and the Bookings Diary, she has the Booking Forms and the Contract that all users are required to complete for insurance purposes. All these matters will be attended to by her, and by her alone, to avoid double bookings and other confusions. She may be contacted by email: [bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetmacfarlane992@gmail.com) or tel. 07874007136 or 01505 674782.

**Una Voce Tridentine Mass:** This will take place in St. Margaret's, Johnstone at 12noon on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. With the blessing of Bishop Keenan, Fr. Byrne of St. Brigid's, Toryglen will offer a sung Mass. The music will be provided by Schola Una Voce. All welcome. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/sytobju>

**Healing Service:** On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 2.00pm in St. Columbkille's Parish Hall, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen G73 2SL. Speakers are Fr. Joe Balmer and Joe Livingston. Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Music and tea / coffee. All welcome.

**Lenten Reflection Day For S3-S6:** The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a reflection day for young adults (S3-S6) on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. The day will be from 2.00pm until 6.00pm and will include Mass at 5.00pm. Net Ministries will be our facilitators. While the retreat is open to all young people from this age group, there is an expectation that any participants in Youth to Lourdes 2020 should be in attendance. All attendees will be required to bring a signed consent form. These can be obtained from your school, parish or downloaded from the Diocesan website. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison, email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 0141 889 5056.

**Retreat Day For Primary School Pupils:** The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in P4-P7 at St. Mary's, Greenock on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 2.00pm until 6.00pm. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison, email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel. 0141 889 5056.

**Lenten Station Masses:** Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass in St. Fillan's, Houston on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day to allow our priests and people to join him. Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe some will make your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses.

**Adult Formation Survey:** The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and wants to gather together views on preferred topics and styles of presentation. Please complete our survey on the Education page on the Diocesan website: [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk) by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Thank you.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes:** The Pilgrimage takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. For more information please contact Fr. Gerry McNellis, email: [stninan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stninan@rcdop.org.uk)