

# Parish of Saint Conval - Weekly Bulletin

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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Mass Times	Confessions	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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	Thursday: 6.30pm Saturday: 4.50 - 5.15pm and anytime on request	Thursday: 6.30 - 7.00pm

**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:** Robert Graham, Gerald Graham, William Lee, Peter Scarff, Margaret Rae, Charlie McDade, Jean McDade and for the month's mind of Gillian McGourlick, Davie Dunnion, Isa Parsons and John McGrory.

**Last Week's Collections:** The first amounted to £741.80 of which £376.00 was gift aid and the second for SPRED (including the Advent Boxes) amounted to £799.50 of which £217.55 was gift aid. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

**Next Weekend** there will be a second collection for the Building Fund which is to pay off the debt to the Diocese.

**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** will be away on holiday from Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Mgr. Monaghan will cover all Masses while Fr. Michael is away. Please make him welcome.

**Readers:** Please take a copy of the new roster (29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020) from the notice board at the side door of the Church.

**Thank You:** Fr. Michael would like to thank the parishioner who, on hearing about the new boiler, very kindly gave a donation which amounted to 11% of the cost of the boiler. It was very much appreciated.

**The S.S.V.P.** in this Parish now meet at 7.00pm on a Monday night in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along and join us.

**Church Cleaning:** When we come into the Church, we expect it to be clean and tidy. Thanks to the parishioners who have, over many years, carried out the cleaning. Unfortunately, due to illness and old age we have lost some of them and are now very short of cleaners. Please consider helping to solve this problem. Leave your name in the Sacristy and we will contact you.

**First Communion Prayer Partners:** If anyone in the Parish is interested in partnering one of our First Communicants this year, please see Deirdre or tel. 326185. Prayer Partners only have to agree to pray for the child while they prepare to receive the Sacrament. In previous years both partners have found this a great way to involve the Parish and the School in our Catholic faith.

**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.

**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](mailto:stconval@rcdop.org.uk) by **12noon on the Thursday** before publication.

**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.

**Pro-Life Mass** on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6.00pm, followed by Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The Celebrant will be Fr. Dominic Quinn.

**Are You Between 18-35?** St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invite you to join us on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Diocesan Offices, Ince Street, Paisley from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. We have prayer intercessions, formation, sharing and talks. Come and see!

**40 Days For Life Lenten Prayer And Fasting Vigil:** On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 the 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer and Fasting Vigil for an end to abortion will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass at 1.00pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral. It will be the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Archbishop Tartaglia will be the Celebrant. The 40 Days for Life Vigil will then take place as before from Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February from 8.00am until 8.00pm each day outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the Q.E.U.H. The Vigil will close on Palm Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Q.E.U.H. Please consider what you are going to do for Lent, come and pray for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world. If you would like more information, please email: [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com)

**Lent Retreat:** A Lenten Retreat Group will again meet weekly in St. Columba's Oratory, Renfrew starting on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Following the theme: 'Journey into Freedom: A Retreat based in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola'. You are invited to meet together from 7.00pm until 8.30pm each week to share reflection and prayer. A free Retreat book with readings, pictures and prayer suggestions will be available on the first evening. All welcome.

**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 Station Masses:** Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the Diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass at 7.00pm 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: [stnian@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stnian@rcdop.org.uk)