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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) 8th & 9th February 2025

Monday:	10:00 Mass		
Tuesday:	10:00 Mass		
Wednesday:	10:00 Mass		
Thursday:	10:00 Mass	18:15 – 18:45 Confessions	19:00 Mass
Friday:	10:00 Mass		
Saturday:	09:00 – 09:45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 09:15 – 09:45 Confessions		
	10:00 Mass	16:15 – 16:45 Confessions	17:00 Vigil Mass
Sunday:	09:00 Sunday Mass		11:00 Sunday Mass

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Isaiah: 6:1-2a. 3-8 ‘Here I am, send me’
Psalm response ‘In the presence of the angels I will praise you, oh Lord’
Second Reading 1 Cor 15: 1-11 ‘So you preached, so we believed’
Gospel Luke 5: 1-11 ‘They left everything and followed him’

Reflection on the Readings

The Gospels of Luke and John share stories. Today’s Gospel is similar to a passage from John. It is often described as the call of the fishermen but clearly Jesus and the fishermen are already known to each other. The point of the story about Peter is that perfection is not a condition of discipleship; recognising personal sinfulness and the desire to follow Jesus are what counts.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Betty Ward, Jim Patterson, Mary McFarlane
Sally Martin, Anne Marie Whyte

Anniversaries, Month’s Minds, Birthday Remembrances: Jimmy McClure, John McLean snr,
Eddy Sherry, Patricia McLennan

Sick: Lily Brien, Libby McGurk



LITANY & ROSARY: Please remember, every morning before Mass at 9:25 am, the Litany of the month and daily rosary are prayed.

PRO-LIFE RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who supported last week’s raffle which raised £1,025 for SPUC. The winning ticket is white and blue, numbers 841 -845. It is on the notice board.

Thanks also to Ennis Gallagher and her team for their work.

AUTISM MASS: Takes place today at 2pm.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY: Takes place on **Tuesday, 11th February**. To mark this Feast and in thanksgiving for our beautiful Church building, which has served the parish for over 60 years, Bishop Toal will celebrate **Holy Mass at 7pm**.

All parishioners are invited to attend, and I appeal to you to turn out for this occasion. The Priests of the past have been invited along as well as the clergy of the deanery.

Our schools, primary and secondary, will be participating in the Mass and the choir have worked very hard preparing for this Feast.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic'

This conference will be held on **Saturday, 29th March in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall** from **9:30 am to 4:00 pm**.

This event will provide a unique opportunity for attendees to learn from inspiring speakers, exchange ideas with Catholic societies and organisations, browse trading and information stalls and build a stronger more vibrant Catholic community. It promises to be a time of spiritual growth, personal reflection and shared commitment to the Church's future.

Further information is available online @ <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> or by calling 01698 337470.

READERS MEETING: There will be a readers meeting following 7pm Mass on **Thursday, 13th February**.

AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 1:00pm– 3:00pm: Please join us for afternoon tea to help us raise funds for Group 116 travelling to Lourdes at Easter.

You can enjoy some fresh sandwiches, sweet treats and bottomless tea and coffee! There will be Bingo and a raffle too!

Cost is £10 per person which includes food, tea/coffee and a game of bingo and may be paid on the day. Interested.....please contact Angela Welch on 07743 090414 to book your place or add your name to the list at the back of the Church, to allow us to meet catering needs.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: There has been a lengthy delay in the process for issuing PVG certificates for our new volunteers. Can I ask them to call to see me in the sacristy for an update.

Also, I am acutely aware that we urgently need others to volunteer for this special ministry, not least because many sick people are not receiving the eucharist in their homes because we do not have enough eucharistic ministers. If you would like to assist in this way, please let me know.

FOODBANK COLLECTION: If you wish to contribute to the collection for the food bank, please place your donation in the box in the porch.

RACE NIGHT: To help raise funds for members of HCPT's Scottish Youth Group.

This Easter, two of our young parishioners will be travelling to Lourdes with the Scottish Youth Group and need your help to make it happen!

To help raise funds towards their fares, they are hosting a race night to which you are all invited on **Saturday, 22nd February at 7pm in the Church Hall**.

Tickets and horses are £5 each. If you are a local business and would be interested in sponsoring a race on the night, that is available and any donations of raffle prizes would also be gratefully received. Please contact Olivia on 07794 337612 or Gerald on 07966 424187 for more details. Thank you.

CARITAS CAFÉ: Takes place **every Sunday after the 11am mass**. The senior pupils of our secondary school do an outstanding job. Please come along and support them!.

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING: The following QR code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday offering.

Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, but there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdeschurch>



You can also register to add Gift Aid to your offering. Only those who add Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.

**COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS –
THANK YOU**

Offertory	£1641
Votives	£ 115
Stall	£ 65
	£1821