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5th Sunday of the Year - A 5th February, 2023

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - **10am**

Saturday: - **10am**, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - **10am** 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: - Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-5

Gospel:

Mt 5: 13-16

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection - £902.60

World Leprosy Day - £692.22

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an altar servers meeting in the church on **Monday 6th February at 6pm.**

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Theresa Docherty,

RIP: Robert (Bobby) Hay, John Grogan, Mr Terence Fernon (Requiem Mass Friday 10th February at 10am)

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Betty O'Hagan, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Frank & Agnes Wilson

Anniversaries: Johnny Keenan, Agnes Ferrie

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize - No. 149 J Jordan

2nd Prize - No. 119 E Batterby

3rd Prize - No. 363 H Kelly

Lent Day by Day Books

Are available from the church stall priced £1.00

Reflection – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A
You are the light and salt of the world.

In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. The images, salt and light are making this point: Jesus' disciples have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. When the disciples stop witnessing through their deeds, they become as useless as salt that has lost its taste, or a lamp that doesn't give light. When religious practice is divorced from life a vital element is missing. When religious practice leads to deeds, a very effective witness is given.

In order to produce its effect, salt has to be mixed in with the food. And light has to be put in a high place in order to be able to reach people. So, we Christians have to be in the world but we must not allow ourselves to be absorbed by the world. The world today needs Christians who remain Christians, who keep constantly their identity, who stand up for Christ, and who are not ashamed to express their faith in God in our world today.

Diocesan Education Mass

The annual Diocesan Education Mass, which had to be cancelled in November due to an industrial dispute, has been rescheduled for **Thursday 23rd February at 7.00 pm** in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell.

Reconciliation and Healing Service

In Saint Columbkille's Parish Hall on **Sunday 5th February at 2.30pm**. Speakers are Rev Jonathan Whitworth and Joe Livingston on the theme: *Finding Forgiveness*.

Carfin Lourdes Grotto – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Details of events taking place in the Grotto between 9th/12th February to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes can be found on the poster on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Last Man Standing!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our fundraiser.

Due to an error with the fixtures, we are going to start the competition next week. Team selection forms for the weekend of 11/12 February can be collected from the back of the church.

Saints of the Week

Monday 6th February – St Paul Miki and

Companions. St Paul Miki and his twenty-six fellow martyrs were crucified at Nagasaki, in an outburst of anti-foreigner sentiment, both of people and influences. The group comprised religious as well as members of Christ's faithful including children. When missionaries were allowed to return in the 1860s, they discovered thousands of Catholics in the Nagasaki area to whom the Faith had been secretly handed down over 250 years.

Friday 10 February – St Scholastica was the

twin sister of St Benedict. She set up a community of religious women near his monastery at Monte Cassino. She is honoured as the foundress of the female members of the Benedictine Family

Saturday 11 February – World Day of the Sick
the Feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes**

commemorates the eighteen appearances of Our Blessed Lady to St Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 in her home village in the south of France. Our Lady called for pilgrims to come to pray and do penance. Pope St John Paul II made this a Day of Prayer throughout the Church for all who are sick, connecting with the prominent place given to sick people in Lourdes.

St Monica's Church Warm Hub

Our warm hub will soon be open in our church hall.

We will be open as follows:

Sunday 1pm – 4pm

Monday 11am – 2pm

Tuesday 11am to 2pm

We are looking for volunteers to come forward and offer some time to help in the hub serving warm soup and tea/coffee. If you would like to help, please speak to Father Ghislain and provide details of your availability.