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5 FEBRUARY 2023:
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10
Resp. Psalm: Ps 111 (112): 4-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 5 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 704) Second Collection: Catholic Education	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 7 February	Tuesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Charles MacNeil (Health and Intentions)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 9 February	Thursday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Chris Smith, RIP (Anniversary recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass Intention: Patrick MacDonald, RIP (Recently departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 12 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 708)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Light Breaking Forth

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As His disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfil Israel’s mission.

By our faith and good works, we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm. This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Second Reading, might proclaim with our whole lives “Christ, and him crucified.” (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The Church expends herself with generosity and tenderness towards the little ones and the poor: this is not the spirit of the world, this spreads light, it is salt. The Church listens to the cry of the least and the excluded, because she is aware that she is a pilgrim community called to prolong Jesus Christ’s saving presence in history. (Angelus, 9 February 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 704)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 704: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

Today's Second Collection – this is one of our annual mandatory collections, and is for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

Parish Pastoral Council – the next meeting of the St. Columba's PPC will take place on **Thursday 16 February, after the 7.30pm Mass**. If you have any issues for the Agenda, that you would like raised at the meeting, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Preparing for Lent – Fr. Domenico is intending to order some copies of the **Lent edition of the *Walk with Me* reflection booklets, both for adults and children**. If you are interested, please let Fr. Domenico know!

In the meantime, there are several FREE online courses available to you, which are ideal for Lent:

1. **Scott Hahn, 'Holy is His Name'** – this video-based course traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today.

To register and view the course for free, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/>

2. **Mark Leonard, "Total Abandonment to God's Will"** – this is available via the following website:

https://www.scienceofsainthood.com/total-abandonment-lent-optin?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=desc&utm_campaign=2023lent

Lenten Station Masses in the Highland Deanery – each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

24 February	St. Mary's, Beauly
3 March	St. Mary's, Inverness
10 March	St. Aidan's, Aviemore
17 March	St. Anne's, Thurso
24 March	St. Ninian's, Inverness
31 March	St. Columba's, Culloden

Prize Bingo: our next evening together will be on Friday 24 February 2023. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes, these are always needed, and they make the fundraiser such a success. We now play bingo on the last Friday each month until June.

90 Club: January Winners! – First Prize: Es Loftus; Second Prize: Margaret McGlennon; Third Prize: Rita & Pat McDaid. Congratulations to you all. **Our next draw will take place on Sunday 26 February.** Good luck to all who have a number. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith

RIP: Donald MacKinnon, Lesley Rankin, Jim Bicker

Anniversaries: Christopher Smith, Jean Esselmont, Hugh McGoogan, Eunice MacLennan