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| **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**  3rd and 4th February 2024 |

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| Mon | 10:00 | Devotions |
|  | 10:00 | Reception of remains |

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| Tue | 10:00 | Mass – Mary McCann |

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| Wed | 10:00 | Mass |

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| Thu | 10:00 | NO MASS |
|  | 18:15 - 18:45 | NO CONFESSIONS |
|  | 19:00 | NO MASS |

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| Fri | 10:00 | Eucharistic Service |

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| Sat | 09:00 - 09:45 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
|  | 09:15 - 09:45 | NO CONFESSIONS |
|  | 10:00 | Eucharistic Service |
|  | 16:15 - 16:45 | Confessions |

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| SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B  10th and 11th February 2024 |

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|  | 17:00 | Vigil Mass of Sunday |

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| Sun | 09:00 | Sunday Mass |
|  | 11:00 | Sunday Mass |

# THIS WEEK’S READINGS

## Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Restless I fret till twilight falls.

## Ps 146:1-6 r. 3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. Or Alleluia!

## 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

## Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

# REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Still in Capernaum, Jesus enters the house where Peter's mother-in-law is seriously ill.

With language, which is used by St Paul to describe the resurrection, Mark says that Jesus 'raised up' the sick woman. A new element has been introduced at this early stage. Jesus comes to give the fullness of life to broken humanity, seen in the conclusion of today's gospel with a summary account of very many healings.

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## The Sick

John Docherty, Michael and Stephen O’Hagan.

## Recently Deceased

Eileen Hamilton, Isabella Conaghan, Brian Collins, Margaret Gannon, Min McMillan, Mary McCann.

## Anniversaries, Month’s Minds, Birthday Remembrances

Sister Mary Conroy, Tony Conroy, Marie Blue, Mary Kirk, Charles Kirk, Jimmy McCourt.

# COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THank You

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| Cash | £1,321 |
| Envelopes | £396 |
| Standing Orders | £905 |
| Estimated Gift Aid | £265 |
|  | **£2,887** |

The stall received **£60,** votives **£160**.

# What's Happening this weekend

## Foodbank

The next collection for our Foodbanks is this weekend, 3rd/4th February. As ever, thank you so much for your unyielding support for those most in need among us.

In 2023, thanks to your incredible generosity, the Community Foodbank received 166 bags and £16,658 with Loaves and Fishes receiving £14,963.

## Visiting Priest

Fr Franco from the Comboni Fathers will celebrate the Sunday Masses this weekend.

# WHAT’s HAPPENING THIS WEEK

## Rosary for Mary McCann

At Heritage Funeral Parlour , East Kilbride village, 17:00 prior to her reception at church on Monday 5th February at 18:00.

## new Parish Priest

The new Parish Priest, Fr Kenny Campbell, will be in place by next weekend, Sunday, 11th February, just before the beginning of Lent.

# NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

## Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

## Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

## 1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

## Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

# Other Notices

## Fr FRANK’s Ordination

Fr Frank’s ordination date will be Saturday 9th March at St Peter’s Ardrossan. This is a smaller place than when Archbishop Nolan was ordained Bishop of Galloway, so unfortunately, there is not the same availability of tickets. Our parish will be allocated tickets in the same way as other Galloway parishes, but at the moment, we do not know how many there will be.

It will be something that Fr Campbell will be able to work out with you in February. The Mass will also be streamed.

# THE BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops’ Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. It works in accordance with the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

## VACANCY - Campaigns, Communication and Events Coordinator

This post will at once be challenging and rewarding. The successful candidate will be expected to motivate, reinvigorate and co-ordinate the existing work of the commission, as well as encourage new activity in the area of Justice and Peace in Scotland.

Applicants for the post must be able to evidence an ability to build a high profile for Justice and Peace through communication, campaigning and organising events. They should also be able to demonstrate a good grasp of world affairs and politics. They must have the ability to motivate and encourage people from all sections of the community to become aware and involved in meaningful and manageable action. Digital and social networking skills are essential. The successful candidate will be a highly motivated individual who has a proven track record of being able to work on their own initiative.

Salary - £21,000

# Bishop of Dunkeld

Fr Martin Chambers of the Diocese of Galloway has been appointed Bishop of Dunkeld. Fr Martin is a friend to several parishioners and to Fr Frank.

Please keep Fr Martin and Fr Frank in your prayers as they prepare for their new ministries.

# Beaver Scouts

After a gap of over 30 years, the 5th East Kilbride (Our Lady of Lourdes) Scout Group has been officially restarted as a **youth ministry** in our parish.

It took a little longer to sort out the administration than we had hoped when this was first announced, but we are now actively looking for an adult who could lead a small team of volunteers to run Beavers for 6-8-year-old children.

No experience is necessary as full training will be provided and all expenses will be met.

If you would like to know more or can suggest someone you think might be interested, please talk to (Deacon) Kevin.

Please keep this new venture in your prayers.un