

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses Monday, Mass at 10.15 a.m. (Requiem Mass for Michael Haynes, RIP)
Tuesday, Mass at 5 p.m.
Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday
- 9.45 to 10 a.m.
- 4 to 4.30 p.m.
- 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Monday is the Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, the Holy Martyrs of Japan; Friday, the Memorial of St. Scholastica; Friday, the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Next Sunday is **Catholic Education Sunday**. There will be the usual special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

As in previous years, we will have the **Anointing of the Sick** at the Sunday Masses nearest the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, that is, *next Sunday*.



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those who have died recently: **Christine MacLachlan** and **Michael Haynes**. May they rest in the peace of their Saviour. We extend our sympathy and prayer to Christine's children Colin and Angela and all the family. Likewise, Michael's children are in our prayers as they say farewell: Irene, Charlotte, Christine, Karen and all the family. We pray for the Faithful Departed whose anniversaries are about this time: **Bishop Ian Murray, Ian Wynne, John MacMaster, Donald MacKintosh, Simon MacDonald, Ronald MacDonald, Elizabeth MacPherson, Bob Dryden, Roderick MacInnes, Albert Timbrell, Dolly MacVarish, Muriel MacLellan** and **Ewen MacDonald**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

There was a special warmth about last Sunday's **Confirmation Mass**. We thank Bishop Brian for being with us, and we congratulate our young Confirmands: Zuzanna Matuszczak, Aidan Patterson, Ruby Weir, Lewis MacKinnon and Calum Archie MacKinnon. We thank Anne and all who prepared them for this very special day.

Please note the changes in the weekly Mass timetable.

Fr. MacKinnon hopes to have a break the week after next, before Lent begins.



The Feast of the Japanese Martyrs reminds us of a tremendous film recently produced by Martin Scorsese. It is called "Silence" and deals with the fate of Jesuit priests who dared to go to Japan during the time of persecution.