

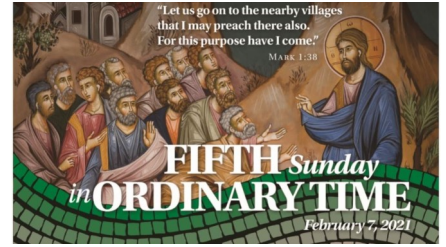
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5th Sunday of the year - Year B



# ST MARY & ST DAVID

## Hawick, Jedburgh and Kelso



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<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	<b>Confessions:</b> are heard and the Rosary is prayed before all Holy Masses.	<b>Adoration:</b> of The Most Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Holy Masses.

**Readings:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year - B  
**1st Reading.** Job 7:1-4.6-7      **RP.** Ps 146      **2nd Reading.** 1 Cor 9:1-6-19.22-23      **Gospel** Mk 1:29-39

Holy Mass Times	Hawick	Jedburgh		Kelso	Ordo	Intentions
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		5.30pm Vigil Mass			5th Sunday of the Year	For the people of the parish
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30am	Holy Hour 4pm	Mass 5pm	9.30am		For the people of the parish
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am				Memorial of St Agatha	Molly Marshall RIP
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am			10am	Memorial of St Paul Miki and companions	Special Intention (Hawick)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am				5th week of the year	Priest's Intention
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		10am			Memorial of St Jerome and St Josephine Bakhita	Priest's Intention
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb				10am	5th week of the year	Priest's Intention
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		5.30pm Vigil Mass			Memorial of St Scholastica	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30am	Holy Hour 4pm	Mass 5pm	9.30am	6th Sunday of the year	For the people of the parish

**Collections: 28/1/24**

Hawick... £315.10	Jedburgh... £303.15	Kelso... £137.20
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## Parish News

### Hawick

Requiem Mass - Molly Marshall 16 February at 11am.  
Please do come along and pray for the happy repose of the soul of a very generous member of our parish family.

### Kelso

A very big thank you to all parishioners and friends who donated so generously and took part in St Marys raffle to help raise much needed funds for our church. Through your generosity and support a total of £131 was raised. The draw taken by Father Joshua took place on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. The lucky winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Ann Tait - Large Food Hamper.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Rosemary Harris - Bottle of White Wine.

#### **Table-Top Sale in aid of Presbytery Repairs**

Last chance to get a bargain - jewellery, toiletries, home-ware/kitchenware, hair items (driers/straighteners etc). Buy for yourself or as a gift.

### Experience of Mission

Having the opportunity to travel to the Philippines this January has been a great blessing and privilege for us, as well as a source of edification and strength in returning to the challenges back in the U.K.

We spent most of our time with the Sisters of St Francis of Perpetual Adoration, assisted at their school, both in the elementary and secondary sections and gained some first hand experience with their feeding program at the hospital. In addition to this we visited several of their mission houses in different parts of the country as well as their retreat house in Cebu.

Our time with the sisters was marked by their profound hospitality and generosity, which touched us greatly and is something we will strive to implement more in our lives, following their example. They took great care in feeding us and tending to our needs, as well as making sure we get a "tourist" experience in having the opportunity to see the beautiful sights and taste the delicious foods their beloved country has to offer. All this they did for us despite having little time and a fixed schedule as well as many responsibilities in their convent and apostolates. Their kindness and concern for us was from a true heart of Christ.

We also had the privilege of staying at the Bishop's residence in the City of Maasin on two separate occasions. These times truly opened our eyes to the vibrancy and youthfulness of the Church. The Bishop had true respected authority while being a very gracious father figure for all the seminarians and young priests whom he deeply cared for and spent time with. While staying at his residence we experienced the joy of the clergy celebrating together the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord as well as Father James' birthday, all the while being treated as guests of honour, which was very humbling.

One of the highlights of our time in the Philippines came in our final few days. During this time we went to Cebu to participate in the Sinulog.

Again we were touched by the kindness of the order we stayed with. One of the sisters took us under her wing in order to help us participate fully in this event in a very busy foreign city. She not only arranged our every meal and accommodation, but she also toured us around a very busy city (with over 3 million people) and sourced us tickets to participate in the fluvial parade in which the Child Jesus is processed into the city re-enacting the arrival of the Spanish to conquer the Philippines with Christianity. She also managed to get us the best seats for the re-enactment of the first mass and the best of the Sinulog dances with her special religious pass and inside contacts. It was a true grace to be able to witness these events as well as the thousands of people present in the streets. It was very touching to participate in the Sinulog dance on the feast of the Santo Nino with millions of others, calling on Jesus in petition alongside the beat of the music. I believe it is something we will remember forever and something we will draw strength from for our own lives of faith and ministry in the U.K. A big thank you to all who made this trip possible, especially to Fr James.

*Luca (Young Adults - Stirling)*



#### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 14th February, which you will have noticed would normally be the feast of St Valentine... If you're planning a romantic meal that evening, it will have to be small and vegetarian!

**9am (Kelso); 12 Noon (Hawick); 6.30pm (Jedburgh)**