

**GLORIA:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8**

**Theme: The test of a man is in his conversation**

'In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.' **The word of the Lord...**

**Resp Psalm. It is good to give you thanks O Lord .**

**Second reading - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

**Theme: Death is swallowed up in victory**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.. **The word of the Lord...**

**Gosp Accl.** Alleluia, alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

**Theme: Can the blind lead the blind?**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will

see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**The Creed:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**As Season of Lent Begins, Liturgical Spirituality of Lent in Brief...**

Lent prepares for easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and the catechumens to celebrate the paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Violet is the colour of the season. Flowers are not used and musical instruments are only used to support singing. The Te Deum and the Gloria are omitted except on solemnities and Gloria is sung or said on Feasts. Two overriding themes must be borne in mind: 1. Lent was originally devised as a period of Catechesis for those becoming members of the Church at Easter. **The Sunday readings are dominated by truths of Faith (Sundays 1 and 2) and Baptismal Themes (3,4 and 5). This thematic is selected slightly differently in Cycles B and C (Sundays 1 and 2), always fundamental truths of incarnation, and in Cycle C (Luke) the theme of repentance and forgiveness.** 2. Weekdays have golden thread also: encounter inviting change.

**Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday—**  
**Fr. Gregory**



**St. Stephen's R C Church Blairgowrie**  
**St. Mary's C/Angus/St. Luan's Alyth**

**3rd March 2019. 8th Sunday of the Ord. Time of the Year**  
**Year, C. 2019.**

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**\*Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** Please arrange preparation and date by appointment.

**Warm Welcome to all our visitors.** Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved into the area, please feel very welcome ... thanks.

**Divine Mercy Devotion.** Every Tuesday after morning mass. Please join us.

**Sac of Reconciliation:** 6.00pm every Sat & 9am on Sundays.

**First Saturday of the Month:** Mass of Our Lady the BVM and Rosary every first Saturday of the month.

**Family Rosary, adoration** of Jesus in the Blessed Sac every Wednesday 6pm, and mass for the sick last Wednesday of every month.

**Parish diary for the week**

**Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm Mass: St. Stephen's.  
**Sunday:** 9.30am Mass: St Luan's; 11.00am: St. Step.  
**Mon:** Funeral mass in Crief: John Clark (Fr. Andrew Clark's Father)  
**Tue:** 10.00am: Mass at St. Stephen's.  
**Tue:** 10.30am: Meeting with Mr Simon Mckell (HT St. Stephens)  
**Tue:** 7.00pm: Vigil Mass for the dead at Lawside Dundee (Sr Delphine's Mother)  
**Wed:** 10.00am: Mass at St. Steph's. **ASH WED.** Fasting/abstinence

**Wed:** 6.00pm: The Jesus Club.  
**Wed:** 6.00pm. Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament.  
**Wed:** 7.00pm **Mass at St. Steph's.** ASH WED. Fasting/abstinence  
**Thursday:** 10.00am Mass at St. Stephen's.  
**Friday:** 10.00am. Mass at St. Stephen's.  
Day of Prayer for those who suffered abuse.  
**Saturday:** 6.30pm Mass: Vigil Mass: St. Stephen's.  
**Sunday:** 9.30 am Mass: St. Luan's; 11.00am Mass: St. Stephen's.  
**Today, Please support Building Maintenance Fund collection**  
**Thank you.**

**Mass Intentions for the week**

- For Mr. John Clark Mr. John Fraser (3rd Anniv)  
- Mrs. Elizabeth Aladi Syescott

**MASS READINGS OF THIS SUNDAY & POSSIBLE POINTS TO REFLECT ON.**

**1st: Eccl 27: 4-7** - The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit. **Psalm 91** - It is good to give you thanks O Lord / The just will flourish like the palm-tree / Planted in the house of the Lord. **2nd: 1 Cor 15:54-58** - Death is swallowed up in victory - thank God for giving us victory through Jesus Christ. **Gosp: Lk 6:39-45** - Jesus shared short parables about seeing to your own goodness first - a sound tree produces sound fruit - for a man's words flow out of what fills his heart. **THEMES:** Giving thanks for the fruit of God's hand. Joy in the risen Christ that we can praise him with truth and sincerity.

**You are never alone!** For a shared a prayer, have someone listen to you, have a candle lit for you or yours, or have a mass offered for your intention or that of a loved one living or dead, please speak to the priest. Thanks.



A healthy tree produces healthy fruit

