

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: Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them. They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb. A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes;

there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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.

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



St. Stephen's R C Church Blairgowrie

→ St. Mary's Coupar Angus
→ St. Luan's Alyth

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***Hospital Chaplains:** Please call: N/wells 01382 611282; P.R.I: 01738259371. *Please let the priest know if you are having a long stay at the hospital and would like a visit.

***Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** Please make appointment with the Priest before any arrangement and date.

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. Tues after morning mass. Pls 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. 10.00am.

Fam. Rosary, adoration Weds 6pm, and mass for the sick last Weds of every month.

Mass with St. Stephens P. Sch: 1st Thursdays & 3rd Fridays of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

Parish diary for the Week

Sunday: Vigil. 6.30pm;
9.30am Mass: St Luan's;
11.00am: St. Stephen's.

Mon: - Priest's Council Overnight Meeting

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Wed: 5.00pm: Meeting

Wed: 7.00pm—Mass at St. Stephen's.

Thurs: 10 am— Mass at St. Stephen's.

Thurs: 5.00pm— Meeting of the Stirring Committee on Parish Diversity Day Celebration in the Lower Hall.

Fri: 10.00am—Mass at St. Stephen's

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11.00am: St. Stephen's.

Please support out Building Maintenance Fund collection next Sunday. Thanks.

READINGS

1st: Acts 14:21-27 - Paul and Barnabas continue their travels - in each church, the appointed elders and commended them to the Lord. Eventually they return to Antioch and give an account of their work. **Ps: 144** - Yours is an everlasting kingdom. **2nd Reading:** Apoc 21: 1-3 - John saw a new heaven and new earth - the new Jerusalem ... now I am making the whole of creation new. **Gos:** Jn 13: 31-35- I will give you a new commandment, love one another just as I have loved you. **Themes:** A new creation - Christ puts fresh heart into the disciples - Christ lives among us - all are made new.

Mass Intentions

- Nathaniel Sunday
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- Nancy Coone



Prayers

please:

Please remember the following in

your prayers:
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Ursula Edgar,
Janet Melville

Roy Melville
Nancy Dellaquaglia,
James Warden
Michael Rolls.

Ron Crisp
Eilidh MacInnes
LieseLotte Stuart,
Neil McDowall

Michael O'Malley
Kate O'Malley
To be continued

Celebrating our Parish Diversity

Day

We

are a people drawn from diverse nations

- ⇒ Scottish
- ⇒ English
- ⇒ Polish
- ⇒ Ukraine
- ⇒ French
- ⇒ German
- ⇒ Romania
- ⇒ Filipino
- ⇒ Nigerian
- ⇒ Irish
- ⇒ Spanish
- ⇒ Kenyan
- ⇒ Belgian
- ⇒ South African
- ⇒ India
- ⇒ Columbia

United joyfully as one family of God's people.

Date: July or August? Details shortly. Any suggestions please?



In Praise of Mary: A Musical Evening in Honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary
Friday 31st May 7.00pm

First Holy Comm

Today again, we also welcome **Thirteen** of our boys and girls who are making a spiritual journey into an intimate union with Christ through the Eucharist. From this Sunday until the Sunday of the Solemnity of the body and Blood of Christ in June, they will witness to their faith through active participation at all the Sunday masses. Please pray for them.

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND: A Statement on the EU Settlement Scheme... Bishop Robson. "The Catholic Church in Scotland is committed to supporting all EU citizens who have made their home here. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools

and communities. As the majority of EU citizens are Catholic, raising awareness of the EU Settlement Scheme is a special pastoral responsibility to the Catholic Church. The EU Settlement Scheme and how to apply. The UK Government has launched the EU Settlement Scheme offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. EU (European Union), EEA (European Economic Area) and Swiss citizens living in the UK must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. [Irish citizens or those with valid indefinite leave do not need to apply]. It is free to apply, and the scheme will remain open until 30 June 2021. We ask all Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the settlement scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and also to be aware of vulnerable people who may not realise they need to apply. In particular we encourage Parish Priests, Head Teachers and Catholic Organisations to signpost people towards the official website page on the settlement scheme here: <https://eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk/>, and the official helpline for the settlement scheme 0300 123 7379. Finally, we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here".

DIOCESAN MINI EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS. Though we have had to cut the scale of this event back somewhat, the Congress will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee from Friday 17th to Sunday, 19th May. Each day there will be Mass, All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Solemn Holy Hour in the evening. While not everyone from the airts and pairs of the diocese will be able to come to Dundee to take part in this spiritual exercise, it would be lovely if as many

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Liturgy of the Word for Children.

It is important that all children attend their Sunday Liturgy. The true message of each week of the year will be explained and the reasons for our joy explored. Age bracket for children's liturgy: 1-8.

Readers at 11.00am Sunday Mass

Could all readers for the St. Stephen's Sunday 11.00am Mass please send their e.mail address to John Thomson

joanne.thompson@gmail.com to enable rotas be sent by email. This will hopefully ease the communication gap and make for easy access/reminder to all. Thanks.

Foster Care Fortnight

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them when their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve?

We are holding an informal event at Dundee Science Centre, Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB on 20th May from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, where you can hear more about whether fostering a child could be an option for you. Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or 01224 878158 or info@standrews-children.org.uk

Foodbank. Support to the foodbank supplies is an ongoing effort towards those who need to be served by this provision. Thankyou very much for your support in this direction.

Communion to nursing homes. house bounds and the elderly is part of our ministry of care. Please let any of the Eucharistic Ministers or myself know if you know someone who is need of this care. Thanks.

Last Sunday's offertory collection: £528.36. Many thanks to you for supporting your parish.

A newcomer to the parish?

Have you registered your name and family in the parish record? The parish community welcomes you. Please get a form from Fr Gregory, fill and hand in the form or just pop it in through the door of presbytery. Thanks.

The really hard question is whether such love is possible.

While giving a hesitant yes to this as a possibility, it is clear that most of us, most of the time clearly fail to live this new commandment fully.

It is only by living every day with Jesus that we can love our neighbour as ourselves in this new way.

We can only love in this way by cooperating very generously with the grace of God.

REFLECTIONS:

The love that heals

It's our love for others that keeps the great love of Jesus for people visible in our world today. An American journalist, watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' Mother Teresa replied: 'Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.' Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

Love always demands the best from us, and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

Love is giving of self, and has power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. To decide to love is to be fully open to life. It is choice and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There's really no other way. So Jesus insists, very strongly: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'