

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.

1st Readings at Mass

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

2nd Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust

in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner....'

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

15th September 2019, 24th Sund. of Ordinary Time. Yr. C.
Parish website: <https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/>



Warm Welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors.

Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved into the area, please feel very welcome ... thanks.

Parish diary for the Week

Sunday: Vigil. 6.30pm;

9.30am Mass: St Luan's;

11.00am: St. Stephen's.

Tue: 10.00am - Mass at St. Stephen's.

Wed: 7.00pm—Mass at St. Stephen's. Annual Ozanam Novena Mass/Renewal of Vincentian Promises

Thurs: 10.00am - Mass at St. Stephen's.

Fri: 10.00am—Mass at St. Stephen's.

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Vigil: 6.30pm;

9.30am Mass: St Luan's;

11.00am: St. Stephen's.

This Sunday: Please support The Ecclesiastical Student Fund used for the training of seminarians.

29th September: Building Maintenance Fund. Ta.

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.

Fam. Rosary, adoration.

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

Mass with St. Stephens P. Sch.

1st Friday & 3rd Friday of the month; end of terms and core events masses.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1st: Exo 32: 7-11, 13-14 - Moses convinces the Lord to show mercy to the people who he bought out of Egypt, even though they were sinning. **Psalm: 50** - Have mercy to me O God in your kindness. **2nd: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17** - Jesus came to save sinners - he showed his mercy to the, as God's mercy was shown to Paul. **Gos: Luke 15:1-32** - Parable of the missing sheep or missing drachma ... rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner ... the Prodigal Son. **Theme:** Mercy, Compassion, God's response to our repentance. Repentance. Reconciliation.

Mass Intentions

Please pray for those who have recently passed away: Anna Smith and Rose Akadisa - and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...



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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.

Parish Website: <https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/> Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No: SC001810

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
 Phil Corrigan
 To be continued

Special Collections:

- 15th September The Ecclesiastical Student Fund.
- 29th September: Building Maintenance Fund.
- 20th October: Mission Sunday.
- 27th October: Building Maintenance Fund.
- 17th November: Catholic Education Service.

Many thanks for your support to these various apostolates of the parish and universal church.

Celebrating our Parish Diversity Day

Our Parish is blessed!

We are a people drawn from diverse nations

+ Scottish +English +Polish
 +Ukraine +French +German
 +Romania +Filipino +Nigerian
 +Irish +Spanish +Kenyan
 +Belgian +South African
 +India +Colombia +Czech Republic +Dutch +??

We are United joyfully as one family of God's people. Please Join us as we celebrate our gifts and talents.

Very Important Information:

29th September - To celebrate

our unity as well as our varied gifts and talents in a grand style, we shall have only one mass in the parish this weekend at 11.00am in St. Stephen's. It will be a Multi lingual Mass. At the end of mass, the event will feature Stalls from each Country and other things they are famous for. There will be food and drinks as well as games for the children, Flags will be prepared by the pupils of St. Stephen's.

Reflection:

God does not want us to be sinners, but that is what we are. Now fortunately for most of us, we are not terrible sinners. We are not murderers or embezzlers or those who ruin the reputations of others. But the basic meaning of the word 'sin' applies to us all. The Hebrew word for 'sin' comes from a verb which means 'to miss the mark' or 'to fall short.' All of us fall short from being the people we are called to be. We are often ungrateful, taking our blessings for granted, complaining even though we have so much. We are sometimes indulgent, wasting our time and our resources on ourselves when so many others are in need. We can be lazy, refusing to take care of our own health, assuming a careless attitude towards our responsibilities. Often we are prejudiced,

impatient and nasty with those we love.

Now these flaws are not criminal acts, but they certainly 'miss the mark' of goodness. So what should our attitude be to these imperfections, to these sins which are an ongoing part of our lives? I think it would be a mistake to define ourselves in terms of our sinfulness, to conclude that we are worthless, or to beat ourselves up about our poor decisions.

Acknowledging our imperfections, allowing ourselves to feel the damage that results from our poor decisions can lead to two positive results. We can have a clearer understanding of God's love and we can treat others with more compassion. It takes a sinner to understand the love of God. It takes a sinner to understand the truth of the two parables in today's gospel, to understand why the shepherd goes out to seek the lost sheep, why the woman carefully cleans her house to find the coin. It is a free decision to seek what is lost, a choice to love without any regard for the merit of that which must be found, a decision to act which is independent of a person's virtues or vices. Those who acknowledge their own sinfulness are those who understand the depth and the freedom of God's love at once.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood Support (DPAPS).

This initiative was to help women facing an unintended pregnancy. DPAPS will widen the Pro-life witness in our diocese by reintroducing a practical pro-life support group.

Scottish Catholic Education Service Annual Parents' Gathering:

This will take place on Saturday, 21st September at Saint Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk from 9.30am-3pm. This year's theme will be: 'Caretakers of God's creation - Laudato si' in school and home.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

A very important announcements.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Parents whose wards are yet to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and are outwith St. Stephen's Primary School, are to please see Fr. Gregory after any Sunday mass this month to get started with preparations. There will be no late entries. Thanks.

Encouraging More Participation in our Building Fund Collection

Many thanks to all who have continually supported this fund through envelop. To encourage more participation, this very important collection will henceforth be taken after post communion prayer as is done in many other parishes. Thanks for your support.

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.

St. Stephen's Primary School.

"Our local primary school has a limited number of places this year in all classes. The school's values of "Love, Integrity, Faith and Tolerance" underpin an excellent Roman Catholic education for young learners. St Stephen's Primary provides education in preparation for sacraments and the Pope Francis Faith Award, along with a biannual pilgrimage to Iona. Funding is in place to provide transport to and from school for families of St Stephen's and St Luan's who live out with Blairgowrie. To find out more phone 01250 871950. Please follow the school on Twitter @ststephensrcpri"

St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy film after Mass on Tuesday the 8th of October. Tea and Coffee will be served. Everyone is invited.



Foodbank. Support to the foodbank supplies is an ongoing effort towards those who need to be served by this provision. Please contribute to this very worthy cause and, if Sunday isn't convenient, donations can be handed in to St Catharine's Centre during the week. 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 Finances

Offertory collection: £495.58
 Many thanks to you for supporting your parish.

50/50 club draw. Congratulations to:

1. R Moran £10
2. B Duffy £10 Thanks, Roddy.

Many Thanks:

Last Saturday's Coffee Morning in aid of Eziama Youth Empowerment Scheme raised £616.60. A massive thanks goes to everyone who helped out, contributed, and attended. I really appreciate all the support. Gail.

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, complete it and hand in the form or just pop it in through the door of presbytery. Thanks.

An appeal for clean jam jars and lids to the parish, please. A parishioner with loads of fruits would love to make them into jam but is limited because he cant get the jam jars. If you have some to spare please put them at the table in the repository. Joanne.

You are never alone!

For a shared a prayer, or just have someone listen to you, a candle lit for you or yours, have a mass offered for your intention or that of a loved one living or dead, please speak to the priest. Thanks.