

St. Stephen's R C Church
 8 Bank Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6DE

- St. Mary's Coupar Angus,
- St. Luan's Alyth. 5th Sund. of Lent 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 ...

Parish diary for the Week: 4th April '22
Vigil mass: St. Steph's 6.30pm
Sun - mass: St. Luan's 9.30am & St. Steph's 11.00am:
Tue – Funeral mass at St. Steph's 10.00am: Nancy Mackellaig
Wed - mass at St. Steph's 7.00pm
Thurs – mass at St. Steph's 10am
Fri –Mass at St. Steph's 10.00am
Vigil mass: St. Steph's 6.30pm
Sun - mass: St. Luan's 9.30am & St. Steph's 11.00am.

Mass intentions for the week:
Sat. Anne Palmer RIP
Sun: Mass. 9.30/11.00 am. Parish intention
Tue – Fr. Gregory's private intentions.
Wed– For Nancy Mackellaig RIP
Thurs – For Albert Richmond. RIP.
Fri- Jim Warden RIP
Sat. Vigil: For peace in our world.

This Week's Message in a Glance...
 "Like the Pharisees, we may be tempted to imagine a God in our own image and likeness, as a stern, punitive father, who can be persuaded to forgive only after our abject repentance. This kind of religion can be cold and loveless. And as St Paul says in the 2nd Reading, trying to relate to God just by strictly keeping the Law is an obsolete kind of religion. Only when we let God's love, as seen in Christ, to embrace and change our heart, can we begin to grow. For even our sins make no difference to God's enduring love for us."

Family Rosary, adoration.
 Every Wednesdays 6pm, and mass for the sick last Wednesdays of the month. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 6.00pm every Saturday and 9am every Sunday.
Divine Mercy Devotion.
 Tues. after morning mass. Please join us. **Mass with St. Stephen's Primary School:** 1st Fri of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Umunna Ph.D.
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Hall Reservations: Contact no: 872171.
Hospital Chaplains: Please call: N/wells 01382611282; **P.R.I:** 01738259371.
 *Pls let the priest know if you are on a long stay at the hospital and would like a visit.
Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please make appointment with Priest before any arrangements are made.
 Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No:
Parish Ministries, Volunteers and Contact Persons:
Acting H/Teacher: St. Steph's P. S: Lindsey Smith. Ph: 871950.
Catechists: Mrs Linda Forsyth. Catechism Classes for 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation every Wed 6.00pm in the Hall. Email: lady.linda@live.co.uk
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Mrs. Linda Forsyth. Email: lady.linda@live.co.uk 01828632024.
Parish Webmaster: Mr. Irek Kawalinski. irekkow-alinski@gmail.com
Music Directors: Mr. Tom Buckham and Mrs. Gail McIntyre.
Responsible Person for Euch. Ministers: Mr. Alan Scott.
Responsible Person for Lectors: Seonaid Johnston.
Responsible Group for Parish Social Justice Issues: SSVDP
Responsible Person for Church Flowers: Jean Scott (Blair), Elma Sharp (Alyth)
Resp.Person: Altar Servers: Rolly Colanse
Grounds Flowers: Jennifer FitzPatrick
Adviser on Finance: Mr. Mike Coyle
Adviser on Fabric: Mr. Jim Graham

Stations of the Cross is a powerful prayer that seeks to unite us to the very passion and death of Jesus in the most intimate experience. Pls join us every Friday before 10am mass except on a Friday when there is a funeral mass.

Have you prayed your Rosary today?

Prayers please kindly remember those on our prayer list: remember the following in your prayers: Michael Rolls. Ron Crisp, Eilidh MacInnes, Neil Mcdowall. Pam McKenna, Mhari McRae, Val Naughton. Pat Rich.

Today's and Up Coming Events:

--Today, Please pick up your copy of the Holy Week programme so that you can plan ahead on your participations during the Holy Week.

--Sunday 3rd – Sunday 10th Please return your SCIAF boxes for transmission to the diocese.

--17/04/22: Sciaf pew Coll. on Easter Sunday

--23/4/22: Coffee Morning to support Altar Servers Trip to Rome. 10am-12noon.

-- Every Sat. in May Car Wash & Wax 9am-3pm at St. Step's to support Altar Servers Trip to Rome-Rolly and the altar servers.

--8/5/22: Bishop's Conf. on our Boys/Girls.

--12/6/22: First Holy Communion.

--11-15/7/22: Rome with parish altar Servers and their parents

Parish Finances:

We know that the present difficult situation affects individuals and households in many ways. However, if you feel able to support the parish in whatever way you could via Standing Order, occasional or one-off payment. Details of Parish account No. are:

⇒ Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland, 14 Allan Street, Blairgowrie, PH10 6AD

⇒ Sort code:- **83-16-33**; Account No:- **00240708**. Account name:- Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld No3 Char TST St Stephens RC Church.

Many thanks for supporting your parish.

****Last Sunday Collection:**

-Mass Offertory Coll. £

-Repository Sales. £

-Building Maintenance Fund Coll £

****This figure excludes donations from parishioners who have signed up to Standing Orders. Thanks for all your support towards the soon to be started improvement works in the surrounds of St. Luan's Alyth.**

Confirmation 8th May 2022: Bishop Stephen will be visiting the parish on Sunday 8th May to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Due to the pandemic last year's P7 at Stephen's PS did not receive the Sacrament as planned, it is hoped that they will now receive the Sacrament with the current P7. Any young person now in First year who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should make their wishes known to Fr Gregory and Mrs Linda Forsyth, Parish catechist as soon as possible, email: lady.linda@live.co.uk Preparation classes for this group will take place on Wednesday 20th, 27th April 4th May in the Church Hall at 4.30pm.

Food Bank: A Special appeal for donations of food items to the local Blairgowrie Foodbank. Thanks, Roy

New Offertory Envelops available for pick up at the back of the church. Thanks.

Parish Repository is packed with loads of seasonal gift items. Please pop in. Thanks.

Get help with energy bills - "SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ADVICE

Everyone will be affected by further imminent increases in the cost of electricity and gas and the Scottish Government has previously issued advice online at

<https://www.mygov.scot/help-energy-bills>

Copies of this advice have been displayed on the noticeboards at St Stephen's and St Luan's for your information. A summary of the advice follows:

- WARMER HOMES SCOTLAND

-wall insulation/loft insulation/draught proofing/boilers and heating

CALL HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND free on 0808 808 2282

- HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND making your home cheaper to heat/reducing fuel bills/saving energy Call 0808 808 2282

- WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS

If born on or before 26/09/1955, payments of £100 - £300 to help pay heating bills."

DUNKELD DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. Friday, 8th - 15th July, 2022.

Please telephone Bishops secretary, Miss Emily Murphy, on 01382 225453.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYLAND. 8th Sept - 21st Sept. Please Phone Bernadette Daily 07919106129 <bdaily@btinternet.com>

Notices: 1. "Synodality: If you have a topic/question/observation about issues raised in the Holy Father's Synodality exercise that you would like to talk over with others, please speak to Linda/Paul/Roddy in St Stephen's and Daria in St Luan's."

2. LATEST NOTICE ABOUT THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS RECEIVED FROM BISHOPS CONFERENCE "The legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland will be removed from Monday 4th April. Individuals may continue to wear face coverings if they wish to do so, and this should be respected. In the meantime, please continue to observe the following basic principles:

-Please respect the space of fellow parishioners where possible. -Hands should be sanitised on entering and exiting the Church

-Continue to ensure good ventilation.

