

St. Stephen's R C Church

8 Bank Street, Blairgowrie Ph10 6DE,
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- St. Mary's Coupar Angus,
- St. Luan's Alyth.
- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Year A 9/4 /23
- **Parish website:** <https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/>
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Warm Welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors. Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved into the area, please feel very welcome.

Easter 2023

Parish diary: Week: 9th April 23

Sat/Sun:

- + Easter Vigil Mass at 9.00p.m. in St. Step's
- + Mass at 9.30 a.m. in St. Luan's
- + Mass at 11.00 a.m. in St. Stephen's

Tues – Holy Mass at 10 in St. Stephen's

Wed – Holy Mass at 7.00pm in St. Step's.

Thurs – Funeral Mass for Jim Cameron at 10.00am in St. Step's.

Frid - Holy Mass at 10.00am in St. Step's.

Sat/Sun:

- + Vigil Mass at 6.30p.m. in St. Step's
- + Mass at 9.30 a.m. in St. Luan's
- + Mass at 11.00 a.m. in St. Stephen's

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat: For parishioners' family reunion.

Sun: 9.30am: For parishioners' family reunion.

Sun: 11am. For parishioners' family reunion.

Tue: For journey mercies

Wed: For health & W/being of Fam. members.

Thurs: For Jim Cameron

Frid: For young couples of our parish.

-Family Rosary, adoration, Every Wed 6pm, and mass for the sick last Wed of the month.

-Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6.00pm every Saturday and 9am every Sunday.

-Divine Mercy Devotion. Tuesdays after morning mass. Please join us.

-Mass with St. Stephen's Pri. Sch: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

-Have you prayed your Rosary today?

-Prayers please: Kindly remember those on our prayer list: Michael Rolls. Ron Crisp, Eilidh MacInnes, Neil Mcdowall. Pam McKenna, Val Naughton, Dr. Paul Kinnear, Mary and George Flockhart, Tomasz Wegner Jaszkin. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Alex Forrester, Rita Robertson, Ciprano and Carmelita, Tom O'mally.

Today's and Up Coming Events:

30th April, Special collection for maint. Fund.

--14th May, Special coll for Apostleship of sea.

--Confirmation on the 14th of May 11.00am.

--First Holy Comm, Sun 11th of June @ 2.00pm.

-Parish Finances: All of us hope to leave the world a better place than when we came into it. When making your will please consider leaving something to St. Stephen's R C Church so that you will continue to assist our parish to flourish and leave behind a legacy of Faith.

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:

⇒ 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.

***Last Sunday Collection:** £259.16

*This figure excludes takings from Standing orders, bank transfers and direct debits. Thank you.

--**Please visit Our Parish Repository** for your very lovely selection of Cards and other precious gift items.

Parish Sponsored Day Coach Trip for Parish Altar Servers and their Coordinator this Summer. Date: . Venue? Their choice!

Parish Diversity Day celebration this Summer. As in previous diversity day celebrations before COVID19, the various nationalities within the parish are encouraged to be part of this event coming up this May.

Catechism Classes: Sacramental preparation for children not attending St Stephen's PS. For enrolment Pls see Mrs. L. Forsyth. Email: lady.linda@live.co.uk 01828632024.

Foods 4 Thought: These challenging and most difficult times...requires us to LEND A HELPING HAND. Please let us know if you would like somebody to talk to.

New to the Parish? Please pick a form at the entrance of the church, complete and hand in the form or just pop it in through the door. Thanks. New members are always welcome to come along and attend or visit the following parish groups: SVDP, Wednesdays 7.30pm; Divine Mercy, Tuesdays 10.30am; Adoration, Wed. 6.00pm.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 18th April 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Many Thanks: My sincere gratitude and appreciations to all those who have supported and helped us to have a very fruitful and rewarding easter celebrations. I am grateful to

our altar servers, readers, church cleaners, flower ladies, welcomers, lectors, music directors, eucharistic ministers, money counters, catechist and all who have given us their time and helping hands.

Pilgrimage to Fatima Would you like to join Fr Jorney Raphael and parishioners of St Clements/St Ninians on their Pilgrimage to Fatima? It is 5 days/ 4 nights – 20th to 24th June 2023. More information please contact Fr. Jorney 07831 580 361 or BernadetteDaily 07919106129 email bdaily@btinternet.com

Mass to mark the retirement of Bishop Robson in St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 11 May at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

The list for First Holy Communion.

Leah Matonia, Olivia Matonia, Alex Gunia TJ MCQuillan, Eilidh Retson, Molly Stewart Karolina Witkos Lena Wolna, Kevin Wolny, Lola Tweedie, Dominik , Donald McGregor

Confirmation: Natasha Cameron, Gabriel Pacho, Rory Smith, Weronika Murawska, Oliwer Sobala + **Lady Linda's Candidates** for both sacraments. Our prayers are with these candidates as they prepare for the sacraments.

Reflection: The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.

- **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:** The Gospel reading proclaims the central event of the Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus, which brings hope of new life and triumph over death.
- **Death is not the final word:** The Resurrection of Jesus assures us that death does not have the final say, and that new life is possible.
- **God never abandons us:** Even in the midst of suffering and death, God remains with us and offers us hope and comfort.
- **New life from death:** Through Jesus' Resurrection, new life is possible, even in the face of death and despair.
- **How Easter must change our hearts:** Easter challenges us to let go of sin and

selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers.

In summary, these themes emphasize the transformative power of the Resurrection, which offers hope, new life, and the assurance that God never abandons us. They also challenge us to let go of sin and selfishness, and to allow Easter to change our hearts and transform our lives. A reflection from Young Catholics

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*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:SC001810

Parish Ministries, Volunteers and Contact Persons:
(May God bless these & others for their selfless service)

H/T: St. Steph's P. S: Lindsey Smith. Ph: 871950.

Catechists: Mrs Linda Forsyth. Catechism Classes for 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation every Wed, 5.00pm in the Hall. Email:

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Parish Webmaster: Mr. Irek Kawalinski. irekkowalinski@gmail.com

Music Directors: Mr. Tom Buckham and Mrs. Gail McIntyre.

Responsible Person for Eucharistic 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

May the joyous message of Easter fill your heart and mind with a gladness that will be yours throughout the year. Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Easter
Fr. Gregory