

## **St. Stephen's R C Church**

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- **St. Mary's Coupar Angus,**
- **St. Luan's Alyth.**
- Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 7/5/23
- **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.

Parish diary: Week: 7th May 23

### **Sat/Sun: May Devotion to Mary**

- + Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. in St. Step's.
- + Mass at 9.30 am. in St. Luan's
- + Mass at 11.00 am. in St. Stephen's

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

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

**Thurs** – Holy Mass at 10.00am in St. Step's.

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

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**Mass intentions for the week:**

**Sat:** For Patrick O'Brien (anniversary)

**Sun:** 9.30am: For Johnny Adam (anniversary)

**Sun:** 11am. For Parishioners.

**Tue:** For John Breen

**Wed:** For Fr. Emmanuel Madu

**Thurs:** For Bishop Gregory Ochiagha

**Frid:** For Fr. Emmanuel Madu

-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, 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, Roy Sweeney.

### **Today's and Up Coming Events:**

**--Baptism of Finlay Power at the 11.00am mass today.**

--Confirmation on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 11.00am.

--14<sup>th</sup> May, Special coll for Apostleship of sea.

--28<sup>th</sup> May, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund + Day of Life Collection. Split.

--First Holy Comm, Sun 11<sup>th</sup> of June @ 2.00pm.

--25<sup>th</sup> June, This Sunday, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund.

--9<sup>th</sup> July, please support the Special collection for Peter's Pence.

--30<sup>th</sup> July, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund + Apostleship of the Sea.

--13<sup>th</sup> August, please support the Special collection for Bishop's Mensal Fund.

--27<sup>th</sup> August, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund.

-- **OPEN DOORS EVENT AT ST LUAN'S**

CHURCH ALYTH to showcase 120 years of the history of St. Luan's Church. Details soon.

--**Parish Sponsored Day Coach Trip** for Parish Altar Servers and their Coordinator this Summer. Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July; Venue: Forth Bridge or Stirling Safari Park.

--**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 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July after the 11.00am mass.

--**Mass to mark the retirement of Bishop Robson** in St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 11 May at 7pm has been cancelled as Bishop Robson is presently recovering from a surgery. Event will be rescheduled at a convenient time.

-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:** £279.64

Maintenance collection £376.24

Jam Sale £ 21.00

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

**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 Makowski, Donald McGregor

**Confirmation:** Natasha Cameron, Gabriel Pacho, Rory Smith, Weronika Murawska, Oliwier Sobala + **Others are:** Nicola Edyta Novak, Oliwier Kovol; Gabriel Dettap and Marcel. Our prayers are with these candidates as they prepare for the sacraments.

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

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** Would you like to join Fr Johney Raphael and parishioners of St Clements/St Ninians on their Pilgrimage to Fatima? It is 5 days/ 4 nights – 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. More information please contact Fr. Johney 07831 580 361 or BernadetteDaily 07919106129 email [bdaily@btinternet.com](mailto:bdaily@btinternet.com)

**Reflection: Unity, Service, and Leadership:** In the first reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we see the early Christian community facing a challenge that threatened to divide them. The Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles recognized the problem and called for a solution that would allow them to focus on their primary responsibility of prayer and preaching, while ensuring that the needs of all members of the community were met.

As Catholics, we can draw several reflections from this passage. First, we see the importance of community and unity. The early Christian community was not without its challenges and disagreements, but they recognized the need to come together and address their problems as a group. They sought a solution that would benefit everyone and allow them to continue their work of spreading the Gospel.

Second, we see the importance of serving others. The apostles recognized the need to prioritize prayer and preaching, but they also recognized the importance of serving those in need. They didn't ignore the issue of the Greek-speaking widows but instead sought a solution

that would ensure their needs were met. We are called to serve others, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

Finally, we see the importance of leadership and delegation. The apostles recognized that they couldn't do everything themselves and needed to delegate responsibilities to others. They chose seven men from among the community to oversee the distribution of food, ensuring that everyone was taken care of. We are called to be leaders in our own communities, recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and delegating responsibilities to others when appropriate. -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.**

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**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: lady.linda@live.co.uk

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**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

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