

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.
- **Solemnity of Pentecost** Year A 28/5/23
- **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: 28th May 23

Sat/Sun: Solemnity of Pentecost and end of Paschaltide **May Devotion to Mary**

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

Tues –

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

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

Frid -

Sat/Sun:

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

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat: For parishioners

Sun: 9.30am For parishioners

Sun: 11am For parishioners

Tue: For Bishop Stephen Robson

Wed: For Private intention

Thurs: For Eilidh MacInnes

Frid: For Private intention

-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, 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:

--Today, 28th May, please support the Special
collection for maintenance Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

--27th August, please support the Special
collection for maintenance Fund.

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

St Luan's Church will take part in the Perthshire
'Doors Open' Initiative on Saturday 16th
September. Plans are underway for a range of
activities (some of which will take place in the
Alyth Bowling Club) to include a guided tour
of the church and its artefacts, a computer
presentation explaining The Stations of the
Cross, storytelling of the life of St Luan (also
known as St Moluag) and his connection to the
town of Alyth, and a poster display of photos,
memories and anecdotes of St Luan's over the
years. At a later date, a request for volunteers to
help on the day, will go out to all the parish but
meanwhile please look out any old photos taken
in or outside the church and note down any
memories or stories you might want to share. At
4pm on the day there will be a vigil Mass
followed by light refreshments.

More details in due course.

--Parish Sponsored Day Coach Trip for Parish
Altar Servers and their Coordinator this
Summer. Date: 24th 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 30th
July after the 11.00am mass.

-**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:** £289.00

*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
+ **Others are:** Nicola Edyta Novak 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...require 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.

**Our Diocese of Dunkeld are hosting prayers
focused on Our Blessed Lady,** in the Pastoral
Centre at St Mary's Forebank, on the evening
(31st May) at 6.30pm followed by a short
meeting to bring us all up to date with
Synodality, particularly at our local level. You
are most cordially invited to come and ask Our
Blessed Lady's help in praying for the success
for the forthcoming Synod.

Annual Pilgrimage to Scalan on Sunday 2nd
July with Mass: The Scalan beginning
promptly at 4.00pm. Scalan can be found a mile
beyond Chapelton of Glenlivet. An
approximate postcode is AB37 9JS.

Reflection:

Today is Pentecost Sunday. This is the day that
God sent to us a helper after Jesus returned to
our Heavenly Father. The helper is the Holy
Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our advocate in all our
times of hardships and comfort. He will keep
reminding us of everything that Jesus taught us
while He was here on earth. He will also be
providing good counsel always when we fall
into temptations.

Jesus, today, is sending the Holy Spirit to us and
at the same time sending us forth to the world
to proclaim the Good News. He knows that it
will not be an easy task to proclaim the Gospel
to the world. The world is full of evil and
persecutions. The Holy Spirit will be with us to

strengthen our faith and hope when face
turbulence from the evil one.

Our clergy are today being given the powers to
help us in penance. Jesus has advanced the
powers of absolution to our Bishops and Priests.
Let us seize this golden opportunity and always
go to confession as often as possible without
fear of being scorned by Non-Catholics.-- From
Catholic Daily Readings

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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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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*