



St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie

St. Luan's R C Church Alyth

St. Mary's Coupar Angus

21st Sunday of the Ordinary Time. Year A 10/9/23

Parish website: <https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/> **E-mail:**

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Parish diary: Week beginning 10/9/23.

Sat - Vigil Mass 6.30pm- St. Steph;

Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Luan's;
- 11.00 am in St. Step's

Tue – Mass at 10am in St. Steps;

Wed – **5.pm Parish Safeguarding Training**
in the Lower Hall. (with refreshments)

- Mass at 7.00pm in St. Step's.

Thurs - Mass at 10.00am in St. Step'

- 12.30 noon Annual Safeguarding training for Priests working in this diocese at St Mary's Forebank

Fri - Mass at 10.00am in St. Step's

Sat 16th - Vigil Mass 4.00pm - St. Luan's;

Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Steph's;
- 11.00 am in St. Step's

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat: 6.30pm. For the Parish

Sun: 9.30am. For Pat Lee

Sun: 11am. For Mercer Sharp

Tue: For Fr. Jan Dumon

Wed: For parishioners with ill health

Thurs: For Pat Lee

Fri: For Pat Lee

St Luan's Doors Open Event: Saturday 16 September 2023.

Please keep looking for old photos and do please try to remember any stories you'd be happy to share for our collages on the day. The boxes for you to put these in are still at the back of both churches, or if you'd prefer to e-mail, please send to Marion at m.c.duffy@mirrenjones.co.uk

We've also now put 3 sheets (2 at St Luan's, 1 at St Stephen's) at the back of the church asking for volunteers on the day(Alyth) and for food donations(Alyth and Blairgowrie). If you are able to help, we'd be really grateful if you would

put your name on the relevant sheet. Thank you very much, The Door Open Group

St. Stephen's Parish Safeguarding Training.

The Parish is pleased to confirm that Maureen, one of our Diocese Safeguarding Trainers, will be providing a local training session and hope you will be able to join us: This training is very important to fulfil the requirements for working with children and vulnerable adults.

Date: 13th September 5pm in the lower Hall. Ta. **Mo Stanhope:** St Stephen PSC <ststephenpsc@dunkelldioocese.org.uk> Phone no. 07970467564.

Refreshments will be available.

In the meantime please feel free to reach out via email/phone should you have any safeguarding questions, or you no longer wish to maintain your PVG membership.

-Have you prayed your Rosary today? – In your prayers, 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. –

Family Rosary and adoration. Every Wednesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm.

-Mass for the sick every Wed 7.00pm.

-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.

New to the Parish? Please pick a form at the entrance of the church, complete and hand in the form. 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.

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

St. Mary's Coupar Angus will, *ad interim*, be happy to receive and store your unwanted gift items and other items you may wish to donate in support of the Church fund. Please hand them in or leave in the Lower Hall. Stalls will be set up in St. Mary's Coupar Angus at specified date in Spring and Summer. Contact MOB 01828627723.

Children's Liturgy: I'd like to welcome parents and children after the school holidays as we restart our Children's liturgy. I want to thank Mary Wojtowich and her team of the Liturgists for the wonderful work they do for us and I encourage the parents to please support their children to use this wonderful opportunity. There, the children learn about the message of each Sunday but also interact socially with other children.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service post-pilgrimage service will be held in St Mary's (Immaculate Conception) Lochee on Sunday 24th of September at 3pm. There will be light refreshments in the church hall afterwards and all are welcome. Thanking you in anticipation.-
-Ruth Anne O'Neill (committee secretary)

Please remember that there is a slight change to next Sunday times:

Sat 16th - Vigil Mass 4.00pm - St. Luan's;

**Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Steph's;
- 11.00 am in St. Step's**

-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: P 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:**£252.20.

*Figures exclude takings from Standing orders, bank transfers and direct debits. Comprehensive Parish Accounts are published on the Notice Board. Thanks.

Reflection:

Speaking the truth in love

Today's gospel and first reading are at odds with the commonly held view that we should mind our own business, and let other people mind theirs; we are only responsible for our own behaviour. It is, of course, true that each of us is responsible for his or her own behaviour. But the Scripture readings today remind us that we have a responsibility for

others, one that may, at times, include correction.

In Western society today we tend to think of correcting an erring brother or sister as inappropriate for a liberal and tolerant society. We have an exaggerated sense of our personal autonomy and independence of one another. We forget that we are all interdependent and that our lives are inextricably bound up with one another. This truth is captured in a single African word, 'ubuntu', which means 'I am because we are', and in the beautiful expression of St Paul that we all form 'one body'. For good or ill, our lives impact on one another. In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, 'Our echoes roll from soul to soul, And grow forever and forever'. If we believe this, we are obliged to help one another to grow together to be the best that we can be as a Christian community of witnesses to the reign of God.

Often what inhibits us from speaking the truth in love to a brother or sister is our fear of rejection and conflict. We don't want to take the risk of endangering our relationship with those we love. But a relationship built on the avoidance of all conflict rather than on truth is on a very shaky foundation indeed. There is a healthy conflict that leads to growth just as there is an unhealthy peace that is really another word for indifference. So, instead of tolerating all sorts of unchristian and destructive behaviour, today's gospel challenges us to correct one another in love and with respect, so that the entire Christian community, all members of the Church of Christ, may glorify the wonder and the beauty of God who has made each one of us in his image and who calls us to live as his children... by Michael McCabe SMA

Tear this off please:... Are you going into the hospital? Do you have someone going into the hospital? Would you like him/her/you to be visited with communion, please fill the form below and return to Fr. Gregory.
Name:.....
Hospital:.....
Date:.....

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