



**St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie**

**St. Lua's R C Church Alyth**

**St. Mary's Coupar Angus**

**24th Sunday of the Ordinary Time, Year A 17/9/23**

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**Parish diary: Week beginning 17/9/23.**



St. Luan's Alyth

**Sat – Programmes start from 12.noon**

**Vigil Mass 4.00pm- St. Luan's;**

**Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Stephen's;**

- 11.00 am in St. Step's

**Tue – Mass at 10am in St. Steps;**

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

**Thurs - Mass at 10.00am in St. Step'**

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

**Sat - Vigil Mass 6.30pm- St. Steph;**

**Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Luan's;**

- 11.00 am in St. Step's

**Mass intentions for the week:**

**Sat:** 6.30pm. For the Parish

**Sun:** 9.30am. For the Parish

**Sun:** 11am. For the Parish

**Tue:** For Kieran Thompson

**Wed:** For parishioners with ill health

**Thurs:** For Ann Millward

**Fri:** For Pat Lee

**-St. Stephen's Parish Safeguarding Training.**

Many thanks to all the parishioners who attended the Parish Safeguarding training last Wednesday. It was a very good presentation and participation. Many thanks to the Diocesan Officers John and Maureen and a big thanks to Parish ladies who served tea/coffee and Mo Stanhope our Parish Safeguarding Officer who facilitated the training.

**-Please Note:** Those who were unable to attend last Wednesday night's Safeguarding training would have to complete their mandatory training to be able to continue their role and this is subject to trainers availability. We would look to hold a Saturday session for the remaining PVG holders asap. Thanks.

**-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. –

**Other Devotional Programmes of the Parish**

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.

**FAMILY MUSICAL EVENING-WITHADASHOF DIVERSITY - FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023** You are invited - with ALL your family - children PARTICULARLY welcome

- to an evening of music, song, dance and enjoyment on Friday 24th November 2023 in the Hall at St Stephen's, Blairgowrie. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks and prepare for a fabulously entertaining evening of music and song. If you would like to put on a display of song, dance or even a culture-specific "party piece", please let Fr Gregory know so that it can be included in the Programme. Please come along and be part of this November show and make it even more enjoyable!

**Today and Up Coming Events:**

-17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Open Day: Alyth

-24<sup>th</sup> September, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund.

-15<sup>th</sup> October: please support the Special collection Mission Sunday collection.

-29<sup>th</sup> October, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund.

-12<sup>th</sup> November, please support the Special collection Catholic Education Service.

-26<sup>th</sup> November, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund.

-10<sup>th</sup> December, please support the Special collection for Poor Mission Fund.

**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)

**-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: The sticker on the church pew!**



We are a welcoming and participating Catholic community made up of St Stephen's Blairgowrie, St. Mary's Coupar Angus and St Luan's Alyth. As a parish family of God's people, we strive to be led by the Spirit, to be strengthened by a bond of love and unity, to be refreshed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharistic table.

Enriched by a vibrant people of God from diverse backgrounds and supported by many gifts employed in various ministries and stewardships, we journey together through life as a community and so, look out for one another.

From last Sunday, the gospel has been hammering on aspects of community building and on how we can live, grow and participate together as a Christian family or community after the mind of Christ our master. This Sunday's teaching is an extension of last week's topic of community building with the specific emphasis on the theme of forgiveness.

How can we continually achieve this task of community building in our parish if we have people with divisive mindset? The church should be a home and a place of refuge for everyone. The church and the all the pews belong to all parishioners. Anyone is at liberty to sit anywhere they like.

This church and indeed the world is big enough for all of us! -Fr. Gregory Umunna

**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*