



**St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie**  
**St. Luan's RC Church Alyth**  
**St. Mary's Coupar Angus**

30th Sunday of the Ordinary Time. Year A 29/10/23

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**Parish diary: Week beginning 29/10/23.**

**Please join us for October Devotion with Rosary 20 minutes before every mass.**

There is a plenary indulgence for those who pray the rosary in the church or at home. Present your intentions to Mother Mary.

**Sat** - Vigil Mass 6.30pm- St. Stephen's;

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

**Tue** – Mass at 10am in St. Stephen's;

**Wed** - **Mass of the Solemnity of All Saints**

at 9.30am in St. Luan's; 10.30am in Step's

**PARISH MEMORIAL MASSES FOR OUR LOVED ONES**

**Wed** - Vigil Mass of All Souls: 7.00pm in St. Step's.

**Thurs** - Mass at 9.30am in St. Luan's; 10.30am in Step's

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

**Sat** - Vigil Mass 6.30pm- St. Stephen's

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

**Mass intentions for the week:**

**Sat:** 6.30pm. and **Sun:** 9.30am, **Sun:** 11am, **Tue, Wed,**

**Thurs, Fri:** For those whose names are returned on the November lists.

**This Week at a Glance:**

**\*Remembering our beloved dead this November...**

Please fill in the names of your beloved dead and you can leave a donation in the November list envelope if able, seal and put in the basket in front of the altar. All through the month of November, masses will be celebrated for their happy repose of those whose names are returned and the paschal candle and church candles will be kept burning. May they rest in peace, Amen.

**Reflection: Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep!**

As in this month of November, we pray with the whole church for our beloved dead; our loved ones gone before us marked with the sign of faith, the book of wisdom makes clear to us the reason for the Christian faith and the hope we have for our beloved dead. For the book of Wisdom says, "their going looked like a

disaster...but they are in peace...for grace and mercy await those God has chosen." So that in the midst of our sadness at their departure, it is faith in Jesus, which gives us hope and consolation because Jesus has shown us that life means more than this earthly existence; that in fact life will continue beyond death where it reaches full expression in the vision of God's glory in heaven.

While the spirituality of **All Saints is jubilatory**, that of the **commemoration of All the Faithful departed is soberly reflective and based entirely on our unflinching hope in eternal life and the mercy of God.** **On hope**, it is our hope that our beloved dead are in a better place freed from all pains and sufferings; that they are now with God where they enjoy eternal life of peace, joy and thankfulness in the beatific vision of God's glory. Christ is the way to this eternal life of peace, joy thankfulness, He is the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father except through Him. Where He has gone we hope to follow. We firmly believe that your prayers and the masses we celebrate for them will help them secure the forgiveness of their sins and the eternal rest of their souls.

However, we know that we do not always act and speak rightly and nothing imperfect will stand in the presence of God. This is where mercy comes in. We rely on the mercy of God who is full of mercy and compassion and who desires us for himself. Since those who are yet to gain entrance into the presence of God are helpless, they depend entirely on us through our prayers, masses, sacrifices and charitable works for their release, hence throughout the month of November we shall be praying at masses and engaging in acts of self-denials for their eternal repose. We also hope that by living his commands, we will one day reach the heavenly homeland to be with God and our loved ones again forever. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. **Fr. Gregory**

**Mass Intentions in November.** You are merciful to all, because you love all that exists. For all those whose names are returned on the November envelop. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

**-Offertory Collection** is part of our church tradition. A massive appreciations to those who support the church via Standing Order, Direct debit, telephone transfers, envelops of use of the offertory collection box in the Church. By signing the Gift Aid form, your offertory collections can earn the parish a bit more. Thank you.

**-Catechism Classes: Pls.** Email: or call Email: [alzbeta.krajcikova@gmail.com](mailto:alzbeta.krajcikova@gmail.com) Ph:07934884759. There will be no late registrations please.

**-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, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, 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. -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 8th DECEMBER 2023**

You are invited - with ALL your family - children PARTICULARLY welcome - to an evening of music, song, dance and enjoyment on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December 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 December show and make it even more enjoyable!

**Today and Up Coming Events:**

-Today, 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.

**-Cathedral Dinner:** The next Cathedral Dinner will take place on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 after the 6.00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral. All young people from 18-30 years are welcome. Many thanks. Canon Kevin Golden.

**-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.

**-At this time of the year,** we invite you to choose our Christmas Cards to help our parish and to "Keep Christ in Christmas" Each pack contains assorted cards with envelopes. Also available is our 2024 Diary, rosaries, medals, holy pictures, candles etc and these will make lovely presents for family and friends. **Please visit Our Parish Repository.**

**-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:** Many thanks to Mary Wojtowicz 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.

**-Reflection:** The commandment of love is the most important in this world because the lack of it causes us to start writing other small earthly laws to micro-manage what would have been handled well by embracing love in the first place. All the evils of this world are brought about by lack of love for God and for our neighbours too. Earthly laws are enacted to prevent a person from hurting another person or the environment around them. If we loved God, we would take care of the environment, and all that lives in both the land and the sea, just as He commanded man during creation. If we loved our neighbours, we wouldn't hurt them physically, socially or psychologically. We would be living in perfect harmony, just the way God intended for us. But, because we do not have love in our hearts, everything else in us and around us falls apart. Therefore, let us start loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, all our soul and all our mind and loving our neighbours as ourselves, and we will start seeing the world around us changing for the better, with fewer crimes, murders, plunder of public resources, corruption and other evils brought about by lack of love. -- reflection by Catholic Sunday Readings

**-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 Sun Collection: ...£227.02**

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

**-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*