



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

32nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time, Year A 12/11/23

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Parish diary: Week beginning 12/11/23.

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 at 7.00pm in St. Stephen's.

Thurs - Mass at 10.00am in Step's

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

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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:

*In the great commandment, Christ binds
God and neighbour.*

*There is no authentic religious experience that
is deaf to the cry of the world.*

*There is no love of God without care and
concern for our neighbour. --Pope Francis*

Reflection for this Sunday:

Parable of the Ten Virgins

Jesus explains to us what going to the Kingdom of Heaven will be like, in this parable of the ten virgins. So let us give some flesh to the bone. The ten virgins are all of us who are alive and live in this world. The wise virgins are those of us who have heard, understood, and practiced the teachings of Christ while the foolish virgins are those who heard but did not understand the teachings of Christ or understood but did not practice them. The lamps are our hearts, while the oil for our lamps is the good values and good deeds that Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, teaches us to do. The merchants are our pastors, priests, or our

fellow faithful who we go to for confessions, prayers, and good counsel. The midnight is the unknown day or the hour when Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, will come again to take the righteous ones to Heaven for the everlasting wedding feast while closing the door of Heaven on the wicked ones who will be thrown away to the fiery Gehennah.

Jesus uses this parable to enlighten us about how going to the Kingdom of Heaven will be very unpredictable. He instructs us that since no one knows the day or the hour when He will come to judge the living and the dead, we should be prepared all the time by always doing God's work and Loving Him with all our hearts, souls, minds and loving our neighbours as ourselves. Therefore, let us not be caught unawares when Jesus comes back to gather His harvest back to Heaven, because He has already warned us about it. Let Jesus never say to us, 'I do not know you.'

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY...

SAY NO TO ALL WARS!

SAY NO TO THE SALE OF WEAPONS OF ALL KINDS!
IF THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED HERE, THEY SHOULD NOT BE

EXPORTED ABROAD!

DO NOT INVEST IN SUCH COMPANIES!



Be a Pacifist

What does it mean to be a pacifist?

A person who opposes the use of war or violence to settle a dispute is called a pacifist. If you are a pacifist, you talk through your differences with others instead of fighting. A pacifist is a peacemaker — even its Latin origins of pax, or "peace" and facere, "to make" show it. There are two kinds of pacifism: absolute and relative. Absolute pacifists usually have zero tolerance to war, while relative pacifists believe that war is always bad but occasionally necessary to accomplish a greater good. Gandhi's non-violent campaign for Indian independence is often cited as a pacifist success. An example of a pacifist is a person like Martin Luther King Jr., who seeks to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner. This is also applicable to a person who might resolve a conflict between friends by using forgiveness and reconciliation.

***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.

"we must admit that war is always a defeat for humanity." Pope Francis

Knock pilgrimages: We have a few dates left if you were interested in a Pilgrimage. This would be flying from Edinburgh to Knock Airport.

Monday 6th May 2024 – 5 Nights

Monday 10th June 2024 - 5 Nights

Monday 01st July 2024 - 5 Nights

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-Offertory Collection is part of our church tradition. A massive appreciation to those who support the church via Standing Order, Direct debit, telephone transfers, envelopes 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 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, 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 8th 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 add your name and act on the sheet out the back of the church

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:

-12th November, please support the Special collection Catholic Education Service.

-26th November, please support the Special collection for maintenance Fund. -10th 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.

-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.

-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: ...£306.11; Jam sales £131.00. Many thanks to MOB and Bill.

*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 Umanna*