

St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie St. Luan's R C Church Alyth St. Mary's Coupar Angus Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -

Solemnity. Year A 26/11/23 Parish website: https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/

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Parish diary: Week beginning from 26/11/23.



Sat - Vigil Mass 6.30pm- St. Stephen's; Sun - Mass at 9.30 am St. Luan's; - 11.00 am in St. Step's: <u>Ida Moran</u> (Anniv)

Thurs - Mass at 10.00am in Step's
Fri - Mass at 10.00am in St. Stephen's
First Sunday of Advent Year B
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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.

As the year is coming to an end,...Taking stock means assessing the use of your gifts g talents g opportunities



Reflection for this Sunday: Embodied Love! Between true love and its false imitation

The <u>Gospel</u> reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God's children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers

require. These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing.

Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord's feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God's people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn't you have liked to be among these very lucky people?

It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren't right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were there then with Jesus, had access to the Lord flesh to flesh? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord? The answer to these questions and the consolation that the questions seek is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me. —A reflection by Eleonore Stump

Be a Peacemaker, be reconciled to Christ...

As the year is coming to an end.

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 COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF ARMS!

Be opposed to the use of war or violence to settle a dispute - personal, family, communal, national or international. Talk through your differences with others instead of fighting. This is also applicable to a person who might resolve a conflict between friends by using forgiveness and reconciliation.

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

*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.

<u>Donations</u> of items for parish Christmas Hampers, Please. Box at the foyer for collections. Thanks.

<u>Altar Servers</u> Christmas Party this December. Lots of fun, party, dance, gift items. Look forward to seeing you.

<u>Warm Welcome:</u> Perth and Kinross Council is supporting us to serve Tea/Coffee, cake/biscuits and a warm welcoming space in the Lower Hall after the 11.00am mass every Sunday from the 26th of November to May 2024. Please feel free to pop in. More volunteers to help with serving please. Thanks.

-Dates for the Sacraments in 2024:

- ⇒ Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday, 8th of May 2024. Time.??
- ⇒ Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 19th of May 2024. Time 2.00pm.
- ⇒ First Holy Communion for School and Parish Candidates: Sunday, 2nd of June 2024. Time 2.00pm.

-Catechism Classes: Pls. Email: or call Email: alzbeta.krajcikova@gmail.com Ph:07934884759. There will be no late registrations please.

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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-Have you prayed your Rosary today? – In your prayers, kindly remember those on our prayer list: Michael Rolls, Neil Mcdowall. Pam McKenna, Val Naugton, Dr. Paul Kinnear, Mary and George Flockhart, Tomasz Wegner Jaszkin. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Alex Forrester, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Roy Sweeney, Diana Richardson -

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 with St. Stephen's Pri. Sch: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

FAMILY MUSICAL EVENING-WITHADASHOF DIVERSITY - FRI. 8th DEC. 2023. 6.00pm.

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 oat 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:

-26th November, please support the Special collection for below and return to Fr. Gregory. Name:..... 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 mass. payment.

> **-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 coll. can earn the parish a bit more. Thanks.

> Details of Parish account: 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: ...£342.32. Many thanks

*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

loved ones a lovely Sunday, Fr. Gregory Umunna