



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

31st Sunday of the Ordinary Time. Year A 05/11/23

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Parish diary: Week beginning 05/11/23.

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

“Funeral Serv for Catherine Melia. 3pm. Perth Cremat.

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:

***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: Humility is a virtue that enables us to be real. It enables us to cut through any false persona we may have and simply be who we are. It enables us to be comfortable with our good qualities as well as our failures. Humility is nothing other than being honest and true about our lives and being comfortable with that person.

Jesus gives us a wonderful lesson in the Gospel passage that is very hard to live but is absolutely key to living a happy life. He wants us to be exalted! He wants us to be noticed by others. He wants our light of goodness to shine for all to see and for that light to make a difference. But He wants it done in truth, not by presenting a false

persona. He wants the real 'me' to shine forth. And that is humility.

Humility is sincerity and genuineness. And when people see this quality in us they are impressed. Not so much in a worldly way but in an authentic human way. They will not look at us and be envious, rather, they will look at us and see the true qualities we have and enjoy them, admire them and want to imitate them. Humility enables the real you to shine through. And, believe it or not, the real you is someone who others want to meet and get to know. Reflect, today, on how genuine you are. Make this a time when the foolishness of pride is shattered. Let God strip away every false image of yourself so that the true you can shine forth. Humble yourself in this way and God will take you and exalt you in His way so that your heart can be seen and loved by those around you. **From a reflection in Catholic Daily Readings**

The ABC of the process for canonization? A guide for All Saints' Day Considerations.

Modern three-stage process: The present process for canonization by the Catholic Church plays out across three stages:

First, in stage one, Church authorities examine “the life of a candidate for sainthood.” The process, which generally may only begin five years after a candidate's death, is first enacted at the diocesan or eparchial level. After receiving a petition, consulting with the episcopal conference and the local faithful, and permission from the Holy See, the bishop will convene a tribunal, which will investigate the life of the candidate (or his/her potential martyrdom). “Witnesses will be called and documents written by and about the candidate must be gathered and examined,” the USCCB notes. The diocese subsequently sends its report on to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints; nine theologians subsequently “vote on whether or not the candidate lived a heroic life or suffered martyrdom.” If they vote favorably, and after an examination by cardinals and bishops who are members of the dicastery, the prefect of the dicastery “presents the results of the entire course of the cause to the pope,” who gives his approval and directs the congregation to draft a decree declaring the candidate either Venerable (if “they have lived a virtuous life”) or a Blessed (“if they have been martyred”).

In stage two, a Venerable is beatified when he or she has “a miracle attributed to [his or her] intercession.” The miracle “must be proven through the appropriate canonical investigation.” Upon beautification, a Venerable is given the title Blessed (that title is automatically granted to a martyr upon determination of his or her martyrdom).

In stage three, a Blessed is officially canonized with the determination of another miracle “attributed to the intercession of the Blessed and having occurred after his or her beatification.” Canonization “allows for the public veneration of the saint by the universal Church,” the USCCB notes. The two most recent saints canonized by

the Church are Sts. Artemide Zatti and Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, with Pope Francis “enroll[ing] them among the saints” in October of last year. By Daniel Payne

Safeguarding Training: I'm pleased to confirm that Maureen, one of our Diocese Safeguarding Trainers, is travelling from Kinross to provide a training session for our remaining 7 volunteers (*please note, this includes those with PVGs 'in progress' and 2 recipients on this email who share the same email address*).

Date: **Saturday 11th November 2023.** Time: **1.30 - 3.30pm** Location: **St. Stephen's Church Hall.** Refreshments will be available.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out by email/phone should you have any safeguarding questions, or to advise if you no longer wish to maintain your PVG* membership. Kind regards, Mo Stanhope Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator. St. Stephen's RC Church.

-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, 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 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 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:

-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: ...£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*