

Euthanasia - Catechism of the Catholic Church

Life, from the moment of conception to the final last breath, is always a gift given gratuitously from God. You cannot dispense freely what is never yours. We are stewards of God's creation, called to oversee, enhance and further God's beautiful creation. The highest point of God's creation is the human person, created in his image and likeness. This is why Euthanasia is another word for murder. The catechism of the Catholic church has highlights on this theme:

2276 Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

2277 Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.

Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.

2278 Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected.

2279 Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged.

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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please make appointment with Priest before any arrangements are made.

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Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday -Fr. Gregory

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:.....

Please submit all items for the parish bulletin by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday each week.

Email: peacegreg2002@yahoo.com Phone: 01250 872171



**Warm Welcome
to all our Parishioners
and visitors.**

**Whether you are visiting our parish or just
moved into the area, please feel very welcome
... thanks.**

St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie
St. Luan's R C Church Alyth
St. Mary's Coupar Angus
2nd Sunday of Lent: Year B 3/2/24
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Parish diary: Week beginning from 25/2/24.

Saturday 24th February - 6.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's

Sunday 25th February - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth

Sunday 25th February -11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's

Tuesday 27th February -10.00am: Holy mass at St. Steph's; 11am Service of Hymns/Prayer at Beech Manor Care Home

Wednesday 28th February - 11 am: Stations of the Cross at St. Stephens Primary School

- 6.00pm adoration, 7pm: Holy mass at St. Stephen's

Thursday 29th February - 10am: Stations of the Cross & mass at St. Luan's

Friday 1st March - 10.00am: Stations of the Cross & mass at St. Stephen's.

Saturday 2nd March - 6.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's

Sunday 3rd March - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth

On this Sunday's Gospel... Thy Kingdom come

The Transfiguration was a foretaste of the kingdom of God: a signpost pointing to the resurrection and the glorious coming of Christ. A sign too that our lowly bodies will be transformed



like his glorious body,

Lent is a journey towards the joy of easter Sunday but also a bold affirmation of our baptismal promises, for through baptism we are born again and enter the kingdom of God becoming a new creation.

New life in this kingdom is about joy, righteousness, peace and bearing witness to the fruits that the spirit gives

especially—love and patience (Galatians 5:22).

Mass intentions for the week: Happy repose of John Reid, Mary Reid, Bridget Reid and Helen Reid. Mary O'Brien Anniversary, Jim Warden, Gerard Gabrielli

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 Primary School: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

Warm Welcome: Tea/Coffee, biscuits and a warm welcoming space in the Lower Hall after the 11.00am mass every Sunday 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.

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, Diana Richardson, Pamela Boner—

Great News: We have a new Bishop! The Holy Father has appointed **Father Martin Chambers** as the new Bishop elect of Dunkeld. Father Martin is a priest of the Diocese of Galloway We pray for him, and for one another and for the whole local Church. He will be ordained a bishop on the 27th of April at the Cathedral, 11am . Everyone is invited."

You are never alone: For a shared a prayer, or just have someone listen to you, a candle lit for you or yours, have a



-St. Stephen's Easter Musical Evening
Friday 5th of April, St. Stephen's Easter Musical Evening 6pm: Featuring talents, music, songs and instruments from parishioners and friends of the parish. Bring your friends and BYOB.

New Mass time for Vigil Mass in the Parish which will see Vigil mass time move from 6.30pm to 5.30pm will take off from the 2nd of March. Please share this information. Thanks.

Today and Up Coming Events:

-Today, -25th February 2024 Building maintenance Fund collection. please support the Special collection.

-10th March 2024, SCIAF Sunday . Please support the Special collection.

-30th March 2024, Building maintenance Fund collection. please support it.

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-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 the repository: available are 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.

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-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, it would be very much appreciated.

-Offertory Collection is part of our church tradition. A massive appreciation to those who make their offertory collection or support the parish via Standing Order, Direct debit, telephone transfers, envelopes or put their support in the offertory collection box in the Church. By signing the Gift Aid form, your offertory collection 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 Sunday's offertory coll. £517.1;**
Ecclesiastical Students—£322.87.
Many thanks and appreciations to my **Belgian friends: Gerard L'Marche & Family whose late mum Lady L'Marche left us £5000 in her Will.**

Many thanks for your support to the parish.
*Figures exclude takings from Standing orders, bank transfers and direct debits. Comprehensive Parish Accounts are published on the Notice Board. Thanks.



A Diocesan Lenten Day Retreat:

"The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple" Sat.3rd Mar.10am

Scripture - Song – Silence - Teaching – Sharing - Reflection Celebration of the Eucharist & Anointing for witness

All are welcome: Register for a place at StAdrew@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

at St Mary's, Forebank, Church Hall, Forebank Road, DD1 2PB

Reflection:

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B revolve around several profound themes that intertwine to offer a rich tapestry of faith, sacrifice, divine revelation, and salvation. Here are some of the central themes:

- **Faith and Obedience:** The first reading from Genesis highlights Abraham's unwavering faith and obedience to God, even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. This narrative underscores the depth of faith and trust in God's plan, despite not understanding it fully.

- **Divine Provision and Intervention:** The provision of the ram as a substitute for Isaac in the Genesis account symbolizes God's intervention and provision. It prefigures God's ultimate provision of His Son as a sacrifice for humanity's sins.

- **Covenant and Promise:** God's covenant with Abraham, promising countless descendants and blessings for all nations due to Abraham's obedience, emphasizes the theme of divine promise and the unfolding of salvation history.

- **The Suffering and Glory of Christ:** The Gospel from Mark describes the Transfiguration of Jesus, revealing His divine glory. This event foreshadows the Paschal Mystery—His suffering, death, and resurrection. It also affirms Jesus as the beloved Son and the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Dundee Branch with Dunkeld Diocese invites you to an Afternoon for Life. Marriage, Family and Life Office President, Bishop John Keenan. Scottish Family Party Leader, Richard Lucas. Our Duty of Care, Dr Gillian Wright
Saturday 16th March 1pm to 4.30pm.

Our Lady of Victories, Forebank Road (bottom hall).

Tea and coffee from 12.30pm

A chance to catch up with pro-life friends. Creche places possibly available.

Booking not essential. Please come along for all or part of the afternoon. For further information mccraw.clare@gmail.com or 07752527696

5 Day Pilgrimage to Knock in October 2024



Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2024

Travelling by air to Knock from Edinburgh Airport

The cost per person - £709 per person sharing (£909 in single room)

Chaplain - Fr Dr Tobias Okoro (PP at St Pius/St Patrick's, Dundee)
The cost includes - Return flights Edinburgh - Knock Airport duty and passenger taxes

1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold Four nights half board at Knock House Hotel
Extra - Travel Insurance £45 per person

For more information phone - 01382 778449 or on mobile - 07488 276858 / 07867 950633 email - stpious@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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- **Contd:**
- **Divine Sonship and Mission:** The divine voice during the Transfiguration, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him,' highlights Jesus' divine sonship and His mission. It calls for heed to Jesus' teachings and understanding of His role in salvation history.
- **Victory Over Suffering:** The second reading from Romans emphasizes that with God on our side, we can face any opposition. It highlights the victory over condemnation through Christ's intercession, reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation.

Reflection and Anticipation: The read-

St Pius X Church / St Patrick's Church, Dundee

Pilgrimage to Knock

Monday 14- Friday 18 October 2024

Day 1

Depart from Edinburgh airport at 11.40am for the flight to Knock on arrival transfer to the Peyton centre to watch a DVD on the life of Fr Peyton who devoted his life praying the Rosary, enjoy a tea or coffee before the transfer to Knock where we check in to the Hotel for 4 nights stay on dinner bed & breakfast basis.

Day 2

After breakfast Mass we celebrate Mass, you will have the chance to visit the Parish Church where the Apparition took place, there will be Stations of the Cross, a visit to the Museum and you will have time to light candles and private prayer. After dinner the Rosary is said at 7.00pm.

Day 3

After breakfast there will be an included excursion to Croagh Patrick where St Patrick fasted for 40 days, from here we will visit Westport for a spot of shopping and lunch before we make our way to Ballintubber Abbey for a guided visit, Mass can be celebrated here. Dinner and Rosary in Knock.

Day 4

We depart the hotel at 08.30am and travel to lough Derg, on arrival we will be met by a local guide who will explain about the Island, there will be a tour of the visitor centre and a DVD along with a guided tour of the Island.

Day 4

After breakfast celebrate Mass, there will be free time for private devotions before the coach transfers to the airport in time to join the flight which departs at 2.45pm.

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COST INCLUDES: Return flights Edinburgh – Knock. Airport duty & passenger taxes. 1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold. 4 night's dinner, bed & breakfast Knock House Hotel Pilgrimage programme. Northern Star Travel representative to accompany the Pilgrimage.

WHAT IS EXTRA: Travel insurance £45 per person.

ings collectively invite believers to reflect on their journey of faith, anticipating the ultimate fulfilment of God's promises through the resurrection of Jesus. They encourage a deep trust in God's plan, even amidst trials and sufferings.

These themes for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B are interconnected,