

St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie

St. Luan's R C Church Alyth & St. Mary's Coupar Angus

Fifth Sunday of Easter Time Year C 17/5/25.

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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.

Our Vision: To be a welcoming and participating Catholic community on a journey, striving to be led by the Spirit, strengthened by a bond of love and unity, guided by the gospel message of Christ, refreshed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharistic table. Enriched by a vibrant people of God from diverse backgrounds and supported by many gifts employed in various ministries and stewardships, we journey together hand-in-hand through life as a community.

Parish diary for the rest of the Week beginning from 17/5/25.

Saturday 16th May-5.30pm: Vigil mass St. Stephen's.

Sunday 17th May - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth.

Sunday 17th May -11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Monday 18th May- 10.30am/1.30pm Masses and Ministry of Care all day in Glenochil Prisons.

Tuesday 19th May 10.00am Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Wed 20th May – 1.00pm: Dunkel Clerical Friendly Society.

6.00pm Adoration, Rosary; **7.00pm** Holy mass for the Sick at St. Stephen's.

Thurs 21st May – 10.00am Holy mass at St. Luan's

Friday 22nd May - **10.00am** Holy mass at St. Step's.

10.30am: Fire Risk Assessment in St. Luan's Alyth.

Saturday 23rd May - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's.

Sunday 24th May - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth.

Sunday 24th May -11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Mass intentions: Those who have **died recently:** Eva Markova, James McCue, Valeria Naughton Alexander Forrester, Bill Waldron, Geo McGoldrick and those whose **anniversary** we remember now especially Johnny Adams, Patrick O'Brien.

We gather to praise God who raised his son Jesus from the dead. We celebrate this victory over sin and death, and pray for enthusiasm as we try to pass on the Good News. This Sunday morning, Pope Leo inaugurates his ministry as our supreme pastor: we include him in our prayers during the Mass.

5th Sunday of easter (C). "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

"The really new ideal is that we are to love *in the way that Jesus loves us*, and that is totally, to the last drop of his blood, poured out in the sacrifice of Calvary. His parable of the Good Samaritan shows that everyone is my neighbour, even those of different nationality or religion.

"Love asks the best from us, and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

Practicing love has the power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There's really no other way. So Jesus insists, very strongly: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'" ACP.

Opening Prayer: We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Increase our love for one another, that both in name and in truth we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus and so reflect by our lives the glory that is yours. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings: Acts 14:21-27 Paul and Barnabas complete their missionary journey, encouraging their new converts to persevere. Apocalypse 21: 1-5 In the new Jerusalem awaiting believers, there will be no more mourning or sadness. John 13: 31-35 Jesus instructs his followers to love one another.

In your prayers, kindly remember those on our prayer list: Michael Rolls, Neil McDowall. Pam McKenna, Mary and George Flockhart. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Diana Richardson, Giles Umunna, Tony Donnan, Lisa Robertson, Philip Lafferty.

You are never alone: Reach out! join any of the church groups e.g. readers, flowers ladies, Divine Mercy, adoration group etc. For a shared a prayer, or just have someone listen to you, a candle lit for you or yours, have a mass offered for your intention or that of a loved one living or dead, please speak to the priest. Thanks.

Tea/Coffee, Everyone is welcome to tea and coffee served in the Lower Hall after 11.00am mass in St. Stephens every Sunday morning after 11.00am mass. Thanks.



Parish Repository is packed with lovely items at very subsidized prices: Candles, cards, prayer books, bibles, pictures, statues and various gift items that you would love.

-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: SVP, Wed. 7.30pm; Divine Mercy, Tues 10.30am; Adoration, Wed. 6.00pm.

-All the Committees for the Finale 170th and 125th Joint Anniversary of St Stephen's Blairgowrie (1856 – 2026) and St. Luan's Alyth (1900 – 2025) need to move very quickly now with meetings.

-Today and Up Coming Events: 25th May: Building maintenance Fund; 8th June: Day of Life Collection; 29th June: Building maintenance Fund; 13th July: Peter's Pence; 27th July: Building maintenance Fund; 10th August: Apostleship of the Sea; 31st August: Building maintenance Fund; 14th September: Bishop's Mensal Fund; 28th September: Building maintenance Fund; 12th Oct: Mission Sunday; 26th October: Building maintenance Fund; 9th November: Sick and Retired Priest's Fund/Catholic Education Service; 30th Nov: Building maintenance Fund; 14th Dec: Poor Mission Fund; 28th Dec: Building maintenance Fund.

-Be you Pilgrims of Hope: The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." But what does this mean for us? How can we, as individuals, families and as a parish community journey together as Pilgrims of Hope, bringing our experiences and professionalisms? Where do we see hope and how can our concrete situations sustain hope or help us participate in it?

-Pastoral Visit of Bishop Andrew McKenzie to our Parish: Bishop McKenzie will be with us from 4.00pm on Saturday 31st of May to 3.00pm on the 1st of June. While here, he will celebrate all the weekend masses of the parish, get to know us better and confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our boys and girls.

-Confirmation & pastoral Visit by the Bishop: Sunday the 1st of June 2025, 11am mass. -First holy communion will be on Sunday the 15th of June 2025, 2pm.

Ellie Morrocco: is running a Private Tuition with some group classes this summer on study skills and also for students starting the National 5 and Higher maths courses. There are offers of some places free of charge to the kids in the parish. There will be 12 spaces available on each course.

Please speak to Ellie Morrocco Private Tuition. Phone: 07976834977. Booking link:

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=17490460>

Website: www.elliemorroccotuition.com

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/elliemorroccotuition>

Outschool: [https://outschool.com/teachers/Ellie-](https://outschool.com/teachers/Ellie-Morrocco?signup=true&usid=c46To4vD&utm_campaign=share_invite_link)

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Outschool referral code: c46To4vD

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS: ST LUANS A small group met on Thursday 15 May after Thursday morning Mass at St Luan's for the first of the three sessions requested by Bishop Andrew on what the Holy Spirit might be asking from the Church in the Diocese of Dunkeld. If you're interested in taking part in the 2nd and/or 3rd sessions, these will take place immediately after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 18 May and after 10.00 am Mass on Thursday 22 May. Once all sessions have taken place, a short report will be prepared as requested Bishop Andrew. Please let Daria know if you are interested.

MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING: 10.00 am Saturday 21st June, Blairgowrie Town Hall: Lynne Fryer is asking for helpers, baking for refreshments and for the Cake/Candy stall and donations for raffle and tombola. If any St Luan's parishioners are interested in helping/contributing, please speak to Daria.

-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. By signing the Gift Aid form, your offertory collection can earn the parish a bit more.

-Details of a new Parish account:

The new bank account for St Stephen's with the **Bank of Scotland** is open and ready to use. **Bank of Scotland**, 51 High St, Blairgowrie PH10 6DA.

Account Name: TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DUNKELD NO3.

Account Number: 28075068; **Sort Code:** 80-22-60
St Stephens RC Church.

Last Sund. offertory colls: £501.91; Apostleship of the sea Coll. £191.19. Many thanks for your support to the parish.

Wishing you a happy weekend. Fr. Greg.

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

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