

St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Time Year C 25/5/25.

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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 25/5/25.

Saturday 24th May-5.30pm: Vigil mass St. Stephen's.

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

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

Monday 26th May- 10.30am/1.30pm Masses and Ministry of Care all day in Glenochil Prisons.

Tuesday 27th May 10.00am Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Wed 28th May – **8am-4.00pm:** 5 Year Electrical inspection and certification of Church, Hall and Presbytery.

6.00pm Adoration, Rosary;

7.00pm Vigil mass of the Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord at St. Stephen's. **Holy Day of Obligation**

Thurs: 29th 10am: Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord;

11.30 am: Sole of Ascension of the Lord at St. Luan's

Friday 30th May - **10.00am** Holy mass at St. Step's.

Saturday 31st May:

4.00pm: Bishop Andrew McKenzie Arrival in St. Stephen's and the start of his first pastoral visit.

- **5.30pm:** Vigil mass St Stephen's.

Sunday 1st June - **9.30 am:** Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth.

Sunday 1st June - **11.00am:** Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

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

We gather to praise God. The Ascension of Jesus will be celebrated this Thursday. As the Easter Season moves towards its second climax at Pentecost, we take heed of the Lord's final words to his disciples, and look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

6th Sunday of easter (C). This Sunday gives us a hint of the power of relationship as John's Gospel opens a conversation on the Trinitarian relationship in which the idea of God linked the Father, Jesus and the Paraclete, the guarantor of the peace that Jesus has given.

In this hint, we immediately see that God is a community of relationships, that there is so much knowledge and love in God that the knowledge and love transform into distinct personages.

Opening Prayer: Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. 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 15: 1-2, 22-29* An early controversy in the Church concerned whether Jewish observances should bind those who were not Jewish by birth: today's reading describes how this dispute was settled. *Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23* In John's vision, the light of God's presence in heaven is so bright that every other light seems pale in comparison *John 14: 23-29* The Lord speaks of the gifts available to believers – the gift of peace, the gift of the Spirit.

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.

New Sunday Missal: CTS is making the people's New Sunday missal available for sale at 13.99 for bulk buying of 10 copies as against 18.99 for a copy sales price. If you wish to join the bulk purchase please speak to Mary O'Brien 01828627723. 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.

Meeting of all the Candidates for Confirmation to make final preparations for orderly presentations, rehearsal and other logistics this Wednesday 28th of May, 5.00pm in St. Stephen's Church.

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:

CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT: ST LUANS: The group working on the report requested by Bishop Andrew on what the Holy Spirit might be asking from the Church in the Diocese of Dunkeld will have its final session immediately after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 25 May. If you would like to contribute, do please stay after Mass.

CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT: ST STEPHENS: The group working on the report requested by Bishop Andrew on what the Holy Spirit might be asking from the Church in the Diocese of Dunkeld will have its second session in the Lower Hall immediately after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 25 May. If you would like to contribute, do please stay after Mass.

-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
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Last Sund. offertory colls: £458.00. Many thanks for your support to the parish. *_Figures exclude takings from Standing orders, bank transfers and direct debits. Comprehensive Parish Financial Audits and Accounts are published on the Notice Board. Thanks. -Wishing you a happy weekend. Fr. Greg.