

St. Stephen's R C Church

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr A 26/4/2026

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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: Week beginning from 26/4/26

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday + Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Stephen's
+ Mass at 9.30 am. in St. Luan's
+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Stephen's

Monday Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/1.30pm in
Glenochil Prisons

Tues: 1.15pm Holy Mass at St. Step's Pri. School

Wed: 10.00am Holy Mass at St. Luan's

4.00pm: Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Retreat,
Coatbridge, Glasgow, begins.

Thurs: Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Retreat

Friday: 10.00am. Holy Mass at St. Stephen's

VIGIL MASS:

5th Sunday of Easter:

+ Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Stephen's

+ 9.30 am. Holy Mass in St Luan's

+ 11.00 am. Holy Mass in St. Stephen's Blairgowrie

-Other Participatory Programmes of the Parish.

Mass intentions:

-Family Rosary and adoration. Every Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm. Mass for the sick every Wednesday 7.00pm-7.30pm.

-Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.00pm Sats and 9am every Sun. **-Divine Mercy Devotion.** Tuesdays after morning mass.

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

Journeying together in Faith Group – Come and learn the faith we celebrate! Session, Every fortnight. Next Session is on the 17th of April 2026, 6pm.

Don Bosco Group: with activities tailored to children and young people and open to everyone in the community.

6-7:15pm. Hall. Next session, Stephen's Upper Hall: Epic games session 8/5/2026: Escape Room. Join us now for some light-hearted learning and some serious fun!

- Joint anniversary celebrations of the **300 Years of Catholicism:** Invitation Cards are & other highlights to reach us soon.

This Week's Message in a Glance... The relationship between the Good Shepherd (Christ) and the sheep (His followers).

Rolls, Neil McDowall. Pam McKenna, Mary and George Flockhart. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Giles Umunna and Tony Donnan, Lisa Robertson, Philip Jackson, Morag McInness

Kindly remember also those on our prayer list: Michael

Reflection of the week.Today's gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. "I am the gate for the sheep. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ...he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger" The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. Good Shepherd Sunday" is a good occasion for us to think and pray for the people of God as well as the ministers of God's people in the catholic church—priests, bishops— who by virtue of their call, act in Persona Christi Capiti, and assume the shepherd's role of God's people, that they may be so configure to Christ and like Pope Francis says, "that they must smell like the sheep." May the faithful hear the voice and follow where the good shepherd leads, and work together with the shepherd to build the kingdom of God.

Opening Prayer: O God, you never cease to call even those far away, for it is your will that all be drawn into one fold. Attune our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us always to you, that we may find under your tender protection life in all its fullness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41 Just like last week, St Peter's words are found in the first two readings. The first contains another part of his speech on Pentecost day, and the second is again part of one of his letters. *1 Peter 2:20-25* Here Peter calls Christ the shepherd and guardian of our souls. *John 10:1-10* Jesus describes himself as the gate of the sheepfold, who comes that we might have life to the full.

The St. Stephen's outfit library for Confirmation and Holy Communion clothing is now up and running. Dresses, smart suits and other outfits are ready to be borrowed free of charge or for a donation. We also still gratefully accept donations of items of clothing your children have outgrown so they can be worn again. And of course, a big thank you to everyone who has generously donated outfits. If you're interested, speak to Esther or email sdjbya@gmail.com.

Today/Coming Programmes and Events of the Parish:

*29th March: Building maintenance Fund; *12th April, Holy Places; *26th April, Building maintenance Fund; *10th may, The Apostolate of Communication; *7th June, The Day of Life; 28th June, Building maintenance Fund; 12th July, Peter's Pence; 26th July, Building maintenance Fund; 9th august, The Apostleship of the Sea; 30th august, Building maintenance Fund; 13th September, Bishop's Mensal Fund; 27th September, Building maintenance Fund, 18th October, The Sick and Retired Priest's Fund & Mission Sunday; 25th October, Building maintenance Fund; 29th November, Building maintenance Fund; 13th December, Catholic Education Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27th December

Building maintenance Fund.

*31st May 2026: Confirmation; *7th June 2026 First Holy Communion; *25th/26th June Joint Anniversary Celebrations for St. Luan's and St. Steph's "300 years of Catholicism."

*A Pilgrimage to Italy in September 2026 visiting Padua, Venice, Verona and Milan. Attached, is a copy of the itinerary and an information evening will be held in St Clements Hospitality area on Thursday 19th February at 7pm. Please contact Bernadette Daily @ 07919106129 for more information.

CONSULTATION ON DIOCESAN STRUCTURES EXPLANATION OF CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

The Scottish bishops have commenced a consultation process regarding our diocesan structures and whether they, in their present form, are best for promoting mission. Conversation in the Spirit will be the method for discerning during the consultation sessions. St. Luan's and St. Stephen's are to form a discussion group to discuss this and make submission. Bishop Andrew - "As we get closer to the Scottish Parliament elections, I thought it useful to ask you to be mindful of the recent Bishops Conference Of Scotland statement on the Scottish elections. You may find it helpful to include this link in your bulletin over the next few weeks."

<https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/bishops-conference-of-scotland-releases-election-briefing-pack-for-2026-scottish-parliament-election/> Kind regards, + Andrew, Diocese of Dunkeld Curial Offices, 30 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY

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 mass offered for your intention or that of a loved one living or dead, please speak to the priest. Thanks

St. Steph's Parish Library. Selection of Books on: Spirituality/Prayer, Lives of Saints/Martyr, Theology, History/Psychology, Pilgrimage sites. Pls feel free to borrow any from the shelves in the lower hall and return a week after use. 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 to Warm Spaces programme sponsored by Perth and Kinross.



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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. Many thanks . *-Wishing you a lovely Sunday. Fr. Gregory*

