

## **St. Stephen's R C Church**

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr A 10/5/2026**

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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 10/5/26**

**Sunday** + Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Stephen's 7.00pm Vigil mass of The Ascension at St. Stephen's  
+ Mass at 9.30 am. in St. Luan's Thurs:10.00am. The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity  
+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Stephen's Frid: 10.00am. Holy Mass at St. Stephen's

**Mon:** Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/1.30pm and all day VIGIL MASS:  
surgery in HMP Glenochil Prisons **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:**  
**Tues:** 10.00am Holy Mass at St. Step's + Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Stephen's  
**Wed:** 10.00am Holy Mass at St. Luan's + 9.30 am. Holy Mass in St Luan's  
6.00pm: Rosary, adoration at St. Stephens + 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 Saturdays in St. Stephen's and 9am every Sunday in St. Luan's.

-**Divine Mercy Devotion.** Tuesdays after morning mass in St. Stephen's.

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

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

6-7:15pm. Next session, Steph's Upper Hall: 22/5/2026: Join us now for some light-hearted learning/some serious fun!

- **Meeting of all the members of the Joint anniversary Committee** will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 7.00pm. This meeting is crucial to strengthening our strategies to deliver a well packaged anniversary celebration.

- **The Structure of the Dioceses in Scotland, Future in the Diocese of Dunkeld;** St Stephen's and St Luan's Future in the Diocese of Dunkeld: Response from St Luan's to the Bishop's Consultation: If you would like to participate in the discussion about St Luan's future in the diocese of Dunkeld, please stay behind after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday for a brief session - the second of three. Daria McDowall: Coordinator/Secretary.

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**This Week's Message in a Glance...** Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

**Kindly remember also those on our prayer list:** Michael

**Programmes leading up to the Joint Anniversary Celebrations of St. Stephen's 175<sup>th</sup> and St. Luan's 125<sup>th</sup> on the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June**

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 McInnes

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm Vigil Mass**-----Conferment of the Sacrament of Confirmation to 15 Boys and Girls of our parish by the Bishop, Rt. Rev. Andrew McKenzie

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am** ----First Holy Communion to 7 Boys and Girls in St. Stephen's Blairgowrie

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm** -----Anniversary Lecture in St. Stephen's Blairgowrie.

Theme: Catholicism and Scottish Heritage from the Middle Ages. By Kylie Murray. A British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford and Author of 'The Making of the Scottish Dream – Vision'.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 5.00pm -7.00pm:** Exhibition of Elizabeth Wang's Theological – Scriptural Impressionistic and Realistic Art Work in St. Stephen's Hall.

**Reflection of the week.** In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

**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](mailto:sdjbya@gmail.com).

**The Diocese of Dunkeld**, in conjunction with the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP), seeks to appoint a children's choir director commencing August 2026. Salary £15,000.00 (0.6FTE, equating to 22hrs per week). This is a new post, suitable for an ambitious and creative musician with exceptional gifts in working with young voices, and the desire and commitment to achieve the highest possible standards. Closing date: Friday 29th May 2026, 12.00pm. For further information and an application pack, please email: [officeadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk](mailto:officeadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk)

**Mgr. Basil O'Sullivan celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.** For your information, and diary, three celebration Masses are scheduled. Friday 14 August at 1800 hrs in The Holy Family Catholic Church, Dunblane. Please contact Fr. Charles Angelo if you'd like to attend the celebration. Pls keep hi in your prayers.

**Today/Coming Programmes and Events of the Parish:**

\*10<sup>th</sup> may, The Apostolate of Communication; \*7<sup>th</sup> June, The Day of Life; 28<sup>th</sup> June, Building maintenance Fund; 12<sup>th</sup> July, Peter's Pence; 26<sup>th</sup> July, Building maintenance Fund; 9<sup>th</sup> august, The Apostleship of the Sea; 30<sup>th</sup> august, Building maintenance Fund; 13<sup>th</sup> September, Bishop's Mensal Fund; 27<sup>th</sup> September, Building maintenance Fund, 18<sup>th</sup> October, The Sick and Retired Priest's Fund & Mission Sunday; 25th

October, Building maintenance Fund; 29<sup>th</sup> November, Building maintenance Fund; 13<sup>th</sup> December, Catholic Education Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27<sup>th</sup> December Building maintenance Fund.

\*30th May (with the Vigil Mass) 2026: Confirmation; \*7th June 2026 First Holy Communion; \*25th/26th June Joint Anniversary Celebrations for St. Luan's and St. Steph's.

**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.

**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.



**-Details of Parish account:** Name: **St. Stephens RC Blairgowrie.** Account Number: 28075068; Sort Code: 80-22-60. **Last Sunday offertory collection: £476.00** 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. Many thanks.

*-Wishing you a lovely Sunday, Fr. Gregory*

