

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

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A 3/5/2026**

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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 3/5/26**

**This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Sunday** + Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Stephen's 6.00pm: Rosary, adoration at St. Stephens  
+ Mass at 9.30 am. in St. Luan's 7.00pm Mass for the Sick of the Parish at St. Stephen's  
+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Stephen's

**Mon:** Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/1.30pm and all day surgery in HMP Glenochil Prisons

**Tues:** 10.00am Holy Mass at St. Step's

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

6.00pm -6.30pm: Confession for Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation pupils

**Thurs:**

**Frid:** 10.00am. Holy Mass at St. Stephen's  
VIGIL MASS:

**6<sup>th</sup> 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: Patrick O'Brien (Anniversary)**

**-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 these issues and St Luan's future in the diocese of Dunkeld, please stay behind after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday for a brief session - the first of 3. Daria McDowall: Coordinator/Secretary.

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**This Week's Message in a Glance...** We have a deep basis for inner peace, because Christ has prepared a place for us in the Father's house. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

**Kindly remember also 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, Giles Umunna and Tony Donnan, Lisa Robertson, Philip Jackson, Morag McInnes

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

**Friday 8th May, 6.00pm**-----Parish Anniversary Family Social Night. Enjoy a light-hearted entertainment and travel through Parish History in our multidimensional quiz.

**Saturday 30th 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 7th June 11.00am** ----First Holy Communion to 7 Boys and Girls in St. Stephen's Blairgowrie

**Friday 12th 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 19th June 5.00pm -7.00pm:** Exhibition of Elizabeth Wang's Theological – Scriptural Impressionistic and Realistic Art Work in St. Stephen's Hall.

**Thursday 25th June 6.00pm,** 125th Anniversary Celebration of St. Luan's RC Church Alyth followed by a civic reception at the Airlie Hall

**Friday 26th June 5.30pm,** 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie followed by a Civic reception in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday 28th June:** Draw for the Anniversary Hamper

**Reflection of the week.** As followers of Jesus today, we are called not simply to believe in the resurrection, we are called to live it through the quality of our daily lives, through how we treat each other and speak to each other. Our actions will speak louder than our words. As John of the Cross reminds us, '*at the end of our lives, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and our human achievements but on how much we have loved.*' - The Oblates.

**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).

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

\*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.

\*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 "300 years of Catholicism."

**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: £532.05; BMF: £403.76;** 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*