

Parish Prayer

God our **Father**, You call us to walk together as one family of faith on a shared journey with Christ your **Son**. Pour out your **Holy Spirit** upon us, that we may be led in all we do by wisdom, courage, and grace.

Strengthen the bond of **love and unity** within our parish. Shape our hearts through the **gospel message of Christ**, and renew us each time we gather at the **Eucharistic table**, nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son.

Bless this vibrant people of God—your people from many cultures, stories, and gifts. May every ministry, every act of service, and every stewardship offered in your name build up the Church and **reveal your presence among us**.

As we journey hand-in-hand through life, keep us faithful, joyful, and attentive to your call. Make us a community where all are welcomed, all are valued, and all are drawn closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Inspired by our Parish anniversary celebrations & drawn from our parish vision. 22/5/26)



St. Stephen's R C Church

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

12th Sunday of Yr A 21/6/2026

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Parish Priest/Prison Chaplain: Fr. Gregory E. Umunna S.T.D.; Ph.D.



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 21/6/26

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

Mon: Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/12.15pm/1.30pm and all day surgery in HMP Glenochil Prisons

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

Wed: 10.00 Holy mass at St. Luan's
6.00pm: **Rosary, adoration** at St. Stephens
7.00pm **Holy mass for the sick** at St. Stephen's

Thurs: **Anniversary Benediction by Bishop Andrew to mark 125th of St. Luan's followed by a Civic Reception at Airlie Hall Alyth 6.00pm**

Frid: **Anniversary Pontifical Mass presided by Bishop Andrew to mark 175th of St. Stephen's followed by a Civic Reception in the parish Halls (upper hall and Lower hall) 5.30pm**
+ Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Steph's; + 9.30 am. Holy Mass in St Luan's; + 11.00 am. Holy Mass in St. Stephen's

This Week's Message in a Glance: In saying "yes" to our life as Christian disciples, we can, like Jeremiah, go forward in a zigzag fashion, going somewhere, but not always directly or in a predictable manner. "Do not be afraid," Christ said and still says. Christ is not for the fearless but for those who must control their fears. Neither is he for the perfect but for those who need his word of forgiveness. If this ideal of going the journey of life with Christ seems beyond our reach, remember how once said to his friends, "With men it is impossible but not with God; for all things are possible with God." I follow Christ best when I realise that the gospel ideal is beyond the reach of my own strength.

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.

"The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity."

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ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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Hospital Pager 01382660111; **P.R.I.:** 01738259371. *Pls let the priest know if you are on a long stay at the hospital and would like a visit.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please make appointment with Priest before any arrangements are made.

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Parish Ministries, Volunteers and Contact Persons:

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Music Directors: Mr. Tom Buckham and Mrs. Gail McIntyre. (Blair) The Donnelly Family (Alyth)

Responsible Person for Eucharistic Ministers: Mrs Maureen Jackson.

Responsible Person for Children's Liturgy: Mrs Mary Wojtowicz

Responsible Person for Lectors: Mr. Anthony Jervis (Alyth) Mrs Maureen Jackson.

Responsible Group for Parish Social Justice Issues: SVP

Responsible Person for Church Flowers: Jean Scott (Blair), Mrs Elma Sharp (Alyth)

Resp. Person: Altar Servers: Mr Rolly Colanese

Grounds Flowers: Mrs Jennifer FitzPatrick (Blair)

Responsible Person for St. Luan's RC Church, Alyth: Daria McDowall: dariam@gmx.com

Adviser on Finance: Mr. Mike Coyle

Adviser on Fabric: Mr. Jim Graham

A team of vibrant Welcomers in St. Luan's and St. Stephen's

Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday-Fr. Gregory

Tear this off please:... Are you going into the hospital? Do you have someone going into the hospital? Would you like him/her/you to be visited with communion, please fill the form below and return to Fr. Gregory.
Name:.....Hospital:..... Date:

Please submit all items for the parish bulletin by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday each week.

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Sunday, the of July 5th.

There will be no vigil mass in the parish.

I will be away to see my sick brother. Fr. John Paul from Dundee has gratefully accepted to celebrate the 9.30am mass at St. Luan's Alyth and the 11.00am mass at St. Stephen's.

Fr. John Paul does not drive but Anita Donald has generously accepted to go and get him from Dundee in time for the 9.30am mass, bring him to Blairgowrie and take him back to Dundee after the mass in St. Stephen's. Much appreciated.

Reflection of the week. We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life.

As we draw closer to the historic moment this week, please let us welcome the Bishops Andrew McKenzie, Stephen Robson, the Clergy and Religious, Civic leaders and all our visitors from across Scotland this:

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

Friday 26th June 5.30pm, 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie followed by refreshments in the Parish Halls.

Many thanks to:

Esther Brown who diligently moderated the very informative and inspiring Anniversary Lecture by Kylie Murry and

Gail McIntyre who dedicatedly worked very hard on the Elizabeth Wang's impressionistic and theological Exhibition. Thank you to both ladies for putting in several hours of your time to these events, thanks to Philip Maureen and Carol for serving the tea/coffee and thanks to all who graced the events with their presence.

The exhibition is still available in the hall and will remain there for some time. The feedback from those who attended so far, is that for anyone to fully appreciate the deeper meaning of the interpretative theological art, (17 pictures in all) you would have to read the two or three lines of interpretation under the picture, then take time to look at the picture and read the lines again and then the picture.

Mgr. Basil O'Sullivan celebrates his 70th 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 him in your prayers.

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Adoration in St. Stephen's, every Wed. 6.00pm-7.00pm. 'The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth.' - St. Bernard. Please feel free to join us for adoration.



The Eucharist: As food, do I feel nourished after holy communion? Do I feel a sense of being blessed and graced at the end of each Mass? As sacrifice, what have I offered as part of the sacrifice? As communion, Has the Mass strengthened my identity as a member of this worshipping community? As thanksgiving, do I give thanks always.



Thanks.

--Details of Parish account:

Name: St. Stephens RC Blairgowrie. Account Number: 28075068; Sort Code: 80-22-60.

Last Sunday offertory collection: £470.26. 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.

Many prisoners in HMP Perth and Glenochil are working hard to rebuild their lives, making peace with themselves, choosing the part of reconciliation, getting baptised, confirmed and receiving communion. The need materials to prepare for the sacraments, rosaries, prayer books etc if you feel drawn to support them, please reach out to Fr. Greg. Ta.



Today/Coming Programmes and Events of the Parish:

*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.

*25th/26th June Joint Anniversary Celebrations for St. Luan's and St. Stephen's.

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.