

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 and drawn from our parish mission and vision)*

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No: SC00810

Parish Ministries, Volunteers and Contact Persons:

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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)

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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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St. Stephen's R C Church

8 Bank Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6DE. Ph. 01250872171

St. Luan's RC Alyth.

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr A 12/7/2026

Parish website: <https://www.st-stephens-blairgowrie.org.uk/>

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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 12/7/26

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

Sunday + Mass at 9.30 am. in St. Luan's

+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Stephen's.

Mon: Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/11.45pm/2.30pm and all day surgery in HMP Glenochil Prisons

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

-10.30am: Financial Meeting with Diocesan Auditor, Mark Gallacher.

Wed: 10.00 Holy mass at St. Luan's

6.00pm: Rosary, adoration at St. Stephen's

7.00pm Holy mass for the sick at St. Stephen's

Thurs:

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

-10.30am Funeral arrangement meeting with bereaved family.

Sunday 5th July

⇒ 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: God's word is like rain which fertilises the earth. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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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Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No:

Peter's Pence is the Pope's Charity Outlet. The Nature of the Fund and what the Fund is used for.

The 2025 Annual Disclosure for Peter's Pence shows that offerings made to the Holy Father sustained his service to the universal Church and supported projects of direct assistance in 74 countries.

Peter's Pence collection worldwide received €57.6 million in income in 2025, while expenses borne by the Fund amounted to €59.8 million, according to the 2025 Annual Disclosure. Peter's Pence receives offerings made to the Holy Father in order to sustain his mission for the universal Church and support numerous initiatives in favour of those most in need. Donations received amounted to €54.5 million. They came through three main channels: the diocesan collection held on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, direct offerings, and inheritance legacies.

The largest share came from dioceses, which contributed €34.7 million, or 63.6 percent of the total. Private donors gave €5.4 million, while foundations contributed €13 million and religious institutes €1.4 million. Among donations from dioceses and private individuals, the United States accounted for the largest amount, with €14.2 million, followed by Italy with €3.1 million and Brazil with €2.1 million. Of this amount, €41.2 million was allocated to support the activities of the Holy See in service of the Holy Father's apostolic mission, while €13.3 million was directed toward projects providing direct assistance to those in need. These activities include support for local Churches in difficulty and in specific contexts of evangelization, worship, message diffusion, apostolic nunciatures, charitable service, the preservation of historic patrimony, academic institutions, human development, education, science and culture, and initiatives related to life and family.

Projects in 74 countries

The Peter's Pence Fund also financed 252 direct assistance projects in 74 countries, for a total of €13.3 million. These projects were grouped into three areas: extending the evangelizing presence, social projects, and support for the evangelizing presence. Funding included the construction of churches, convents, pastoral centres, classrooms and schools, as well as aid for Gaza, support for local communities, and assistance to Churches in mission countries and areas of special need. Africa received the largest share of direct assistance funding, with €5.2 million for 73 projects. Asia received €3 million, Europe €2.6 million, the Americas €2.4 million, and Oceania €100,000. The report also notes that, in Europe, several scholarships were awarded to priests, seminarians and religious from Africa, Latin America and Asia to study at pontifical universities, and humanitarian aid was provided for the Ukrainian population. The report closes with Pope Leo XIV's appeal: "Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace." ...Vatican News:

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.

Communion to nursing homes, house bounds and the elderly is part of our ministry of care.

Please let any of the Eucharistic Ministers or myself know if you know someone who is in need of this care.



Thanks.

--Details of Parish account:

Name: St. Stephens RC Blairgowrie. Account Number: 28075068;

Sort Code: 80-22-60.

Last Sunday offertory collection:

£342.77. 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:

*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.

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.