

Our 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 PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

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

Responsible Group for Parish Social Justice Issues: SSVF

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

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 20th Sunday Yr A 16/8/2026

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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 16/8/26

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. Steph's.



Mon: Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.00am/11.45pm/2.30pm and all day surgery in HM Prisons Glenochil

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

Frid: 10.00am Holy Mass at St. Steph's. **St. Pius X**

Sunday 16th August: +Vigil Mass of Sun: 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: "And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation...."

-Other Participatory Programmes of the Parish.

-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.

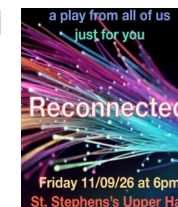
-Divine Mercy Devotion. Tuesdays after morning mass in St. Steph's. **-Please join us.**

-Mass with St. Steph'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.

Rehearsal for the upcoming Concert titled 'Reconnected' to be performed on Friday 11th September. 6pm. To join the team, please speak to Esther or Leo or contact sdjbya@gmail.com

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.



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

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A moment of reflection:

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Glimpse of Heaven

The Assumption of Mary is a mystery that has captured the hearts of the faithful for centuries. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This act of divine grace is not just a reward for her unwavering faith and purity, but a glimpse of what God has in store for all of us. Mary's assumption is a sign of hope, a promise that heaven is not some distant, unattainable dream, but a reality that awaits those who faithfully follow Christ.

In a world filled with distractions and uncertainties, the Feast of the Assumption invites us to reflect on our own spiritual journey. Mary's life, marked by her constant "yes" to God, serves as a guiding light for us. She shows us that the path to heaven is paved with humility, trust, and a deep love for God and neighbour. Mary's assumption is not just about her own glorification; it's a call for us to aspire to the same heavenly destination.

As we celebrate this feast, we are reminded that we, too, are called to rise above the trials of this life. In the quiet moments of prayer, let us turn to Mary, our Mother, asking her to intercede for us. Let us ask her to help us grow in faith, to deepen our trust in God's plan, and to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. As we honour Mary on this Feast of the Assumption, may we find renewed strength in our spiritual journey, knowing that she walks with us, guiding us with her gentle and motherly care towards the eternal joy of heaven.

"And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.'" (Luke 1:46-49) ...The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich

Today/upcoming Programmes of the Parish: 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 Sund; 25th October, Building maintenance Fund; 15th November, Little Tummies Kitchen; 29th Nov, Building maintenance Fund; 13th December, Catholic Education Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27th December Building maintenance Fund.

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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.



Deanery mass & installation. St. Stephen's parish Blairgowrie will be hosting Bishop Andrew McKenzie, the priests and representative parish-ioners of St. Fillan's Deanery, consisting of 14 Churches within Perth and Kinross on the inaugural Deanery mass & installation of The Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Umunna, Dean of St. Fillan's Deanery, on Thurs. 29th October, 7pm. Please, let us as a parish community support this programme as usual, work towards it and make welcome our guests when the day comes. Thanks.

Communion to Care homes/House bounds, is part of our ministry of care. Please let us know if you know someone who is in need of this care.
Thanks.

Tea/Coffee: Everyone is welcome to meet and greet as well as tea and coffee served in the Lower Hall after 11.00am mass in St. Stephens every Sunday morning after 11.00am mass.



Please Pray for the work of evangelisation in Prisons: There are transformations and rebuilding of lives, inmates making peace with themselves and with God, choosing the part of reconciliation, getting baptised, confirmed and receiving communion. Pls keep them in your prayers. Ta.

--Details of Parish account:

Name: St. Stephens RC Blairgowrie.

Account Number: 28075068; Sort Code: 80-22-60.

Last Sunday offertory collection: £609.89; Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea collection £287.28) 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 .

We need more helping hands please, with:

- ◇ Church cleaning
- ◇ Book Keeping
- ◇ Housekeeping
- ◇ Church Flowers
- ◇ Children's Liturgy ...Pls speak to the priest, Ta.



COFFEE MORNING: "HAPPY TUMMIES CHILDREN'S KITCHEN, NIGERIA. DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Please note we're planning to have our annual coffee morning for the Nursery on Saturday 17 October in Airlie Street Hall. We'll be collecting for the usual stalls over the coming weeks. Please watch this space..... ." Daria

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.

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