

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 Group for Parish Social Justice Issues: SSSP

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. Luan's RC Alyth.

22nd Sunday Yr A 30/8/2026

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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 30/8/26

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. **John Rea: 2nd Anniversary**

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

Tues: 10.am Holy Mass at St. Steph's. Day of prayer for the care of creation

- 10.30am: Fire Risk and Health assessment Checks

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: 11.30am. Auchterader. Monsignor B. O'Sullivan's 70th ann.

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

Sunday 30th 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

-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 sdjbja@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, Tony Donnan, Lisa Robertson, Philip Jackson, Morag McInnes.

This week's message in a Glance: Paul's call to "present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," is meant to realise our full potential. Jeremiah and Jesus cling to God's will before all else. This is a hopeful message to all whose life is a struggle, and for whom the cross is a daily burden. The disciple of Jesus must also follow the way of suffering and self-renunciation.



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

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A moment of reflection: —“...In the first reading, Jeremiah lamented: “Lord, you have seduced me; you have overpowered me.” He complained about the toughness of his mission. Lord God, you did not tell me it was this difficult! Of course, at the beginning of his call, he resisted God, making excuses: “Lord God, truly I do not know how to speak. I am only a boy.” However, God insisted that He had chosen him even from his mother’s womb. (Jer 1:4-10). Jeremiah’s resistance, submission, and ordeal tell us that nothing can prevent the mission of God, not even our resistance. This is especially when his hands are upon one. Though Jeremiah resisted, he eventually submitted to God: “*And I have let myself be seduced.*” He conformed to God’s will and was no longer in charge of himself. Instead, the word of God burned like fire in him, and he could not resist preaching it. After submitting to God, Jeremiah, who was very timid and did not know how to speak, became transformed. There is much mystery in God! We over assume that our mission must be easy at all times. Unfortunately, it is not always so. Faithfulness to God sometimes brings us trials, disappointments, and even sufferings. At times, he allows us to experience horrific pains. However, despite all these, He shields and blesses us. In today’s gospel, we see the irony of life. The same Peter who proclaimed that Christ was the messiah last week is today rebuked as “Satan.” Christ rebuked him for being an obstacle to his mission. This shows that though Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah (as God revealed it to him), he has not fully understood the nature of Christ’s mission.

He still sees it only from the perspective of royalty and glory. Of course, he was eager to participate in these. This also teaches us that we are all vulnerable to making mistakes and falling, no matter how spiritual we are. So, we must take the admonition of Paul seriously: “Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls” (1Cor 10:12). Peter could not understand why Christ should be talking this way. However, God’s call is not only about participating in his glory but also participating first in his suffering. This is what Christ did. That He offered himself as a living sacrifice means that he submitted everything without reluctance for our salvation. However, Peter has not realized the necessity of Christ’s death: “it is better for one man to die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” (Jn 11:50). —FranciscanJoku

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.

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; 15th October, Happy Tummies Children’s Kitchen; 25th October, Building maintenance Fund; 29th Nov, Building maintenance Fund; 13th December, Catholic Edu Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27th December Building maintenance Fund. Please submit all items for the parish bulletin by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday each week. Email: peacegreg2002@yahoo.com Phone: 01250 872171



The cost of Discipleship



Communion to Care homes/House bounds, is part of our ministry of care. Please let us know if you know some- one 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:** £502.30. 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 .

Parish Family Diversity Day Celebration on Sun. 4th Oct, 11am mass: One mass this Sund. Celebrating a vibrant people of God from many cultures, stories, gifts and talents yet journeying together hand-in-hand through life with hearts shaped by the Gospel message of Christ and nourished by the Eucharist. Please celebrate with us.

Deanery mass & installation. St. Stephen’s parish Blairgowrie will be hosting Bishop Andrew McKenzie, the priests and representative parishioners of St. Fillan’s Deanery, consisting of 14 Churches within Perth and Kinross on the inaugural Deanery mass & installation of The Very Rev. 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.

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

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

We need more helping hands please, with: Church cleaning, Book Keeping, Housekeeping, Church Fowers, Children’s Liturgy ...Pls

MARY’S MEALS: UPCOMING EVENTS 2026 REQUEST FOR HELPERS: Lynne Fryer (e:mail lynnef39@outlook.com) has asked for volunteers to help at a number of events happening before December 2026. Details are on the notice boards at the back of both churches. If you’d like to help at any of these events, please contact Lynne directly or speak to Margaret (Young) in St Stephen’s or Daria (McDowall) in St Luan’s. Lynne thanks you all for your continued support for Mary’s Meals.

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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.



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.