

St. Stephen's Primary School.

"Our local primary school is St. Stephen's Primary School. The school's values of "Love, Integrity, Faith and Tolerance" underpin an excellent Roman Catholic education for young learners. St Stephen's Primary provides education in preparation for sacraments and the Pope Francis Faith Award, along with a biannual pilgrimage to Iona. Funding is in place to provide transport to and from school for families of St Stephen's and St Luan's who live out with Blairgowrie. To find out more phone 01250 871950. Please follow the school on Twitter @ststephensrcpri"

New to the Parish? Please pick a form at the entrance of the church, complete and hand in the form. Thanks. New members are always welcome to come along and attend or visit the following parish groups: Divine Mercy, Tues 10.30am; Adoration, Wed. 6.00pm.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

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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 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: SSV

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)

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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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St. Stephen's R C Church

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

25th Sunday Yr A 20/9/2026

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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 20/9/26

Saturday + Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5.30pm St. Steph's **Fire Drill**

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

+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Steph's. **Fire Drill**

Mon: Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.00am/11.45pm/2.30pm and all day surgery in HM Prisons, Glenochil. **St. Matthew**

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

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

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. Stephen's.

Sunday: +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 *Laura Campbell.*

-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. Stephen'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. Activity dates up to Christmas 25/9; 9/10; 23/10; 06/11; 20/11;

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, Jim Bradley.

This Week's Message in a Glance: God acts according to a higher logic than that which normally governs industrial relations – the logic of gift or gratuitous love, rather than the logic of entitlement. "Seek the Lord while he may be found." But on the other hand, God's mercy is beyond measure, so that even those who come late to his vineyard will be welcomed by his infinite love. We all can identify with those workers of the eleventh hour, whom the master of the vineyard treats so well. As Isaiah said, God never ignores the needs and prayers of those who are humble in heart"

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

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Today/upcoming Programmes of the Parish: 27th September, Building maintenance Fund, 18th October, The Sick and Retired Priest's Fund & Mission Sund; 25th October, Building maintenance Fund; 15th November, Happy Tummies Children's Kitchen; 29th Nov, Building maintenance Fund; 13th December, Catholic Education Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27th Dec. Building maintenance Fund.

—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 at the mass and in the Hall after the mass with plenty food, drinks, light music, culture & other refreshments.

—Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: I'll be away for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje with a group of 40 from across Scotland from the 9th to 16th of October. There will be Two Masses on the weekend of 11th of October: 9.30am St. Luan's Alyth and 11.00am St. Stephen's Blairgowrie. Fr. Elias from Kinnoull has gladly accepted to celebrate these masses for us. Please make him welcome. Thanks.

—COFFEE MORNING AIRLIE STREET HALL 10.00 am SATURDAY 17 OCT. 2026: We'd be really grateful if you could put any items for the Raffle or Tombola in the box at the back of the Church - your donations are so very much appreciated! Thank you. Sheets will be made available soon for you to let us know if you'd be willing to provide baked goods for us to sell, if you'd be willing to help and if you'd be happy to contribute biscuits/cakes/refreshments for us to serve up.

—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 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.

—Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Although booking is not yet opened, we thought we would give you advance notice that the Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027 will be from 14th to 21st of July. We would really like you to join us. Thanks. Ruth Anne

—CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUP: REPRESENTATIVE/S REQUIRED If you would like to act as a representative on the above group (we've been asked to nominate 2 people, one from St Luan's and one from St Stephen's) please let Daria (McDowall) know (dariam@gmx.com). Meetings take place in Blairgowrie and an existing member of the Group (from Alyth Parish Church) who lives in Alyth has offered to drive the St Luan's rep to and from meetings as and when.

—From the Diocese, just so you know: Bishop Andrew McKenzie is currently consulting the Council of Priests of Dunkeld to seek a consistent diocesan approach to the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and Penance for children and young people and looking forward to feedback from clergy, teachers, parents, and parish communities.

The aim of this intervention from the Bishop is to support evangelisation, strengthen faith formation, and ensure that sacramental preparation is both theologically sound and pastorally sensitive. The document of this consultation emphasises that the sacraments are encounters with the Triune God through which Christ communicates grace and draws people into communion with God and the Church. Sacraments are not merely ceremonies or milestones but integral to Catholic life and discipleship. They involve both God's initiative and the human response of faith, and they should be understood as part of an ongoing journey of conversion and participation in the life of Christ.

Ahead of the St. Fillan's Deanery inauguration on Thursday the 29th of October, priests of this deanery will meet on 8th of October at 11.30pm to discuss this paper and take a position on it before the Council of Priests meeting on Thursday the 22nd of October, where our position will be presented.

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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A moment of reflection: —...As Pope Benedict teaches in his encyclical letter, Caritas in Veritate (Love in Truth), God acts according to a higher logic than that which normally governs industrial relations - the logic of gift or gratuitous love, rather than the logic of entitlement. Only in the light of this logic can we understand the foolish generosity of the Vineyard Owner, or the lavish welcome of the Father in the parable of the Prodigal Son for his errant son. Only by this logic can we appreciate the extraordinary behaviour of Jesus in mixing with tax-collectors and sinners.

Commenting on the parable of the Vineyard Owner, the great biblical scholar, N.T. Wright, makes the same point as Pope Benedict. He states that 'God doesn't make contracts with us, as if we could bargain or negotiate for a better deal. He makes covenants, in which he promises us everything and asks of us everything in return. When he keeps his promises, he is not rewarding us for effort, but doing what comes naturally to his over-flowingly generous nature.' According to Shakespeare's Hamlet, if we were treated according to what we deserve, 'none of us would escape whipping' (cf. Act 2, sc 2). Fortunately, God does not treat us according to our deserts, but according to his boundless generosity, mercy and compassion, as today's responsorial psalm proclaims. Today's readings not only illustrate the divine logic, the logic of gift. They also challenge us to imitate God's ways of thinking and acting in our relationships with one another. They challenge us to stop focusing on our entitlements or counting our deserts, and move from the narrow world of human calculation, of competition and rewards, into the magnanimous world of divine logic, where nothing has to be earned and everything is a gift; everything is free. In the words of a popular contemporary hymn: 'Freely, freely, you have received. Freely, freely, give. —Society of African Missions

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.



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.

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.



-Details of Parish account: Name: St. Stephens RC Blairgowrie. Account Number: 28075068; Sort Code: 80-22-60. Last Sunday offertory collection: £. 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.

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