

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 Tum mies Children's Kitchen; 29th Nov, Building maintenance Fund; 13th December, Catholic Education Service & Poor Mission Fund; 27th Dec. Building maintenance Fund.

Our annual mission awareness event on Saturday (17 October) at St Mary's, Forebank. The Saturday before Mission Sunday. We begin at 9.30am with reception, teas & coffees. We will work through to 3.30pm the latest. The theme is Catholic Social Teaching (CTS) led by Lorraine Currie, chief executive of SCIAF. In the afternoon, she will focus a little more on lobbying. Looks like an informative and exciting day. Bishop Andrew will celebrate the noon mass. Please feel free to join us! Fr. Mike

Women of Faith: We are excited to host a Women's Interfaith Night. A free evening for women of different faiths to come together through arts, crafts, culture and conversation. Date: 19 October 2026 Time: 6-8pm Venue: Quakers Meeting House, Whitehall Crescent, Dundee, DD1 4ER If you have any questions, please contact katie@faithincommunitydundee.org.

—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

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.

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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:.....

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St. Luan's RC Alyth.

26th Sunday Yr A 27/9/2026

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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 27/9/26

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

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

+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Steph's. **Laura Campbell. Anniversary**

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. **Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

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

6.00pm: Rosary, adoration at St. Stephens.

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

Thurs: **October Devotion Begins at home and church with daily rosary, litany & Hymns**

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

Sunday: +11.00 am. Holy Mass in St. Stephen's

One mass this weekend to celebrate our Parish Diversity Sunday. We celebrate a parish family of a people from many cultures, stories and gifts; a vibrant people journeying hand-in-hand through life and walking together as one family of faith on a shared journey with Christ.

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:** "...Be united in your convictions and in your love...God does not want competition among us, no conceit...instead, everyone of us must be self-effacing. Always consider the other better than yourself..." "...That is one thing that will make us happy." Paul concludes the first part of our second reading: "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus..." The big question that begs for answer is: "Be the same as Christ" in what way or sense? Simple! Be the same as Christ in obedience and humility period! In other words, we can only be Jesus' brothers, sisters and parents if only we listen to his word, put them into practice in accordance to the will of God (Luke 9, 19-21)."*

"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:

-Statement from Scotland's Catholic bishops on the next phase of the Diocesan Boundaries Consultation.
Latest Phase in Diocesan Structures Consultation

At the request of the Holy See, we the Bishops of Scotland have been considering how our diocesan structures can best serve our shared mission in the years ahead.

This is not simply a question of boundaries, administrative adjustments or the sharing of resources more effectively. Primarily it is about how we can better proclaim the Gospel, support our clergy, religious and lay people, and strengthen our parishes and communities for evangelisation. As part of this discernment, and informed by the diocesan feedback summaries, we considered a range of possible configurations.

The following options are now being presented for further reflection and consultation across all our eight dioceses:

1. Argyll & the Isles and Paisley merge
2. Argyll & the Isles and Glasgow merge
3. Paisley and Galloway merge
4. Galloway and Motherwell merge
5. St. Andrews & Edinburgh and Dunkeld merge
6. Motherwell, Paisley and Galloway merge

7. Maintain the current diocesan structures but with greater sharing and collaboration

These are possibilities for further discernment, not decisions or an agreed map for the future.

As your bishops, we recognise that dioceses are communities of faith with their own histories, relationships and traditions. Any change must therefore be approached with prayer, sensitivity and care for the people and communities involved. Synodal discernment also asks each of us to look beyond our own self-interests and to consider what will best serve the Catholic Church in Scotland as a whole.

Everyone in every parish is encouraged to make their voice heard when opportunities for consultation are announced locally by their diocesan bishop.

Information packs will be made available in each diocese to support this next phase. These will provide an opportunity to learn more about each of Scotland's eight dioceses, including important statistics and demographic information, so that the consultation can be informed by a fuller picture of Catholic life across the country. The fruits of the consultation will help us to formulate a concrete proposal to the Holy See.

—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 17 OCTOBER 2026: Sheets for you to fill in to let us know whether you're able to help/provide refreshments for the Happy Tum mies Coffee Morning are now available at the back of the Church. We're hoping for your usual sterling support - AND we're hoping for more donations for the Raffle and Tombola - there's a box for these at the back to the Church too - Thank you so very much!

—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.

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A moment of reflection:

"—...The first reading today, from the Prophet Ezekiel, is such a clear invitation to turn away from sin. Right away we must recognize that this invitation is a life invitation. It is not something that you or I can do once and for all—except perhaps with an incredibly special grace from God. What is more normal is that we spend our whole life seeking to turn away from sin and to give our hearts and our actions to the Lord. It is an ongoing process until our death.

Thus we can see the spirituality of the second reading today, from the Letter to the Philippians: become obedient, even unto death. For Jesus our Saviour, this was His whole life. For us, it can become our life, bringing us much joy and delight in the struggle. Even for Jesus, this obedience was a struggle, even though He was always obedient. For us, it is again the struggle to return to obedience when we fail and to keep trying to be obedience always.

The spiritual teaching of the readings today can be summed up in this sentence from the second reading: Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Although this is truly simple advice, most of us cannot live it consistently and so we must struggle day after day. We want to live our relationship with God in such a way that we are responding to His love for us. Over and over most of us fail. What truly distinguishes a follower of Jesus is that the follower continues trying to be faithful, day after day, for a whole lifetime. We can understand the phrase: the Lord's way is not fair, and yet we accept that God's way are always fair and ours are not, so we keep trying to be faithful." —Benedictine Abbey of Christ in the Desert

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.

