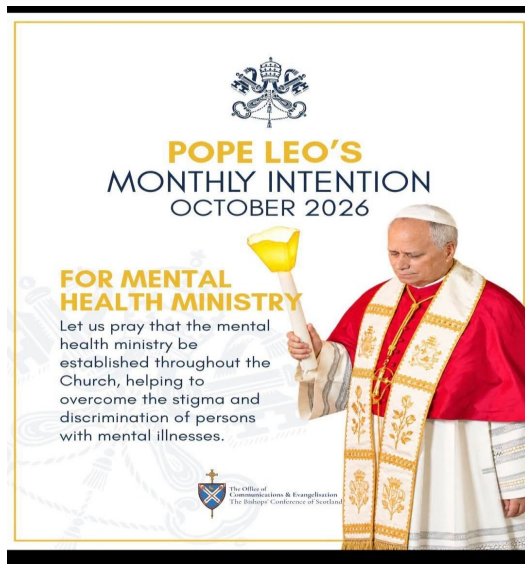




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Responsible Person for Eucharistic Ministers: Mrs Maureen Jackson.

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: SSVF

Responsible Person for Church Flowers: Jean Scott (Blair), Mrs Elma Sharp (Alyth)

Responsible Person for Altar Servers: Mr Rolly Colanese

Grounds Flowers: Mrs Jennifer FitzPatrick (Blair)

Responsible Person for St. Luan's RC Church, Alyth: Daria McDowall: dariam@gmx.com

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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:.....

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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 4/10/26

Sunday: Parish Diversity Day Celebration. 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.

+ Mass at 11.00 am St. Stephen'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.

11.00: Meeting at St. Stephen's Primary Sch.

6.00pm: Rosary, adoration at St. Stephens.

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

Thurs: 11.30am. Deanery Meeting: Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

Frid: 9th -16th: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Sund. 11th Oct: Mass at 9.30 am at St. Luan's 11.00 am; Mass in St. Stephen's

Sund. 18th Oct: 5.30pm. Vigil Mass of Sunday:

9.30 am. in St. Luan's

11.00 am. Holy Mass in St. Stephen's

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: "...The most famous of the parables in Matthew which centre on the vineyard, a long standing Jewish scriptural image symbolising Israel. This parable is about the owner (God) who sent various messengers whom they rejected and even killed. The final one sent is the owner's son, whom they kill. In Matthew's version, Jesus makes the chief priests and elders pronounce their own fate: they say the owner will bring the tenants to a wretched end!"

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

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—Our Parish Family Diversity Day Celebration today highlights

- ⇒ a vibrant people of God from many cultures, stories, gifts and talents;
- ⇒ a welcoming and participating Cath 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
- ⇒ A people journeying together hand-in-hand through life with hearts shaped by the Gospel message of Christ and nourished by the Eucharist.

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

Catechism Classes will commence on Wednesday 4th November for candidates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to register their wards and sign the consent form. Registration opens from the 4th of October and closes by 5.00pm on Saturday 31st of October. Please get in touch with Gail, the parish Catechist for registration. Many thanks to Gail for her total dedication and selfless service in preparing our children for the sacraments. Bishop's Pastoral Visit and Confirmation in our parish will be on the 12th/13th of June 2027 with the 11.00am mass of that Sunday.

—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 Tummies 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.

—Today/upcoming Programmes of the Parish: 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.

—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

—ANNUAL CENSUS AND STATISTICS INFORMATION This year, the annual census will be completed over the weekend of 24th & 25th October.

—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.

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A moment of reflection: A Reflection from: The Oblates

If you asked somebody to do something and they didn't do it, you might give them a second chance. If they failed to do it the second, your patience might stretched bit. You just might ask them a third time. But if they failed the third time, you would definitely give up on them. Thankfully, our ways not God's ways. God clearly has more patience with us than we have with ourselves and each other.

The first reading and the gospel this Sunday both use the image of the vineyard to speak to us about the patience and generosity of God.

Jesus tells chief priest and the elders a parable. The owner of the vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. However these poor servants do not receive a positive welcome. They are attacked and beaten. The owner then sends more workers into the vineyard. Sadly these workers are treated in much the same way. Lastly, the owner decides to send his son in the hope and belief that they will treat him with respect. Alas, his hope is ill placed; they kill his son. It comes as no surprise to us, that the owner of the vineyard represents God and his son is Jesus Christ. Also very clear in the parable, is that those who killed the servants and the owners son are Scribes, Pharisees and the elders. Imagine their shock and anger when they heard this. They would have loved nothing better than to lay their hands on Jesus there and then and do away with him. In doing so they would underline the truth of the parable; and in fact they will not have long to wait before they actually will do away with Jesus permanently.

But this, like all the parables, is held up to us today so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it. Through the life, mission, death and resurrection, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose freely whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion and the values of the Kingdom of God. The burning question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing today though our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

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: £533.32; Maintenance Fund Collection £396.00. 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.

Funeral Mass for Late Mrs. Bridget Mollison will be held on Tuesday 20th October with a 10am mass.

Funeral Mass for Late Mr. Jim Bradley will be held on Wednesday 21st October 10am mass.

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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