

**St. Stephen's RC Church Blairgowrie
St. Luan's R C Church Alyth St. Mary's Coupar Angus**

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Year B 30/6/24

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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.

Parish diary: Week beginning from 30/6/24.

Saturday 29th June - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's

Sunday 30th June - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth

Sunday 30th June - 11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

No weekday masses Please

Saturday 6th July - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's.

Sunday 7th July - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth.

Sunday 7th July - 11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

This Sunday, ... Keeping the faith does not always come easy to any of us. Paul's letters show that he was very aware that keeping the faith was not due primarily to his own efforts; it was the Lord who enabled him to keep the faith. As he says in today's 2nd Reading, "the Lord stood by me and gave me power." It is the Lord who empowers all of us to keep the faith; his faithfulness to us enables us to be faithful to him; his faithful love encourages us to keep returning to him even after failure. The faithful witness of Peter and Paul speak to us ultimately of the Lord's faithfulness to us all.

Mass intentions for the week:

5.30pm: John Gray; 11am - Joe Antropus; 9.30am - James Burns,

Other Devotional Programmes of the Parish. Family Rosary and adoration. Every Wednesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm. -Mass for the sick every Wed 7.00pm, -Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.00pm every Saturday and 9am every Sunday, -Divine Mercy Devotion: Tues after morning mass. -Mass with St. Stephen's Primary School: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

In your prayers, kindly remember those on our prayer list: Michael Rolls, Neil Mcdowall. Pam McKenna, Val Naughton, Dr. Paul Kinnear, Mary and George Flockhart. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Alex Forrester, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Roy Sweeney, Diana Richardson,

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.

Tea/Coffee, Everyone is welcome to tea and coffee served in the Lower Hall after 11.00am mass in St. Stephens every Sunday morning after 11.00am mass. and coffee. For all parishioners and visitors who attend mass, coming together after mass is an excellent way to meet, socialise and get to know one another. If you feel you would want to get involved and join the rota of helpers, please call or text Maureen on 07952376985. Thanks

Take time today to contemplate...

We are a community that relies on living and life-giving memory. We remember our ancestors in the faith, both to give thanks for them and to learn from them lessons for today. The two saints whose lives we celebrate today tell of God's power to transform and redirect our lives. The personal lives of Peter and Paul were completely changed by their following Jesus. Their memory was beautifully evoked by Saint Clement, Peter's fourth successor as head of that community when he wrote: "Let us set before our eyes the illustrious apostles: Peter, who endured numerous labours and when he had at length suffered martyrdom, departed to the place of glory due to him; and Paul who ... having taught righteousness to the whole world, suffered martyrdom under the prefects... and went into the holy place, having proved himself a striking example of patience." (Epistle to the Corinthians, par. 5). The best way to honour their memory is to treasure the faith that they taught and pass it on as best we can to others.

Let us Pray: In the beginning, O God, your Word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Peter is imprisoned, but an angel sets him free to continue leading the church; Responsorial: from Psalm 3 R./: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 In his prison cell, Paul he looks forward to the crown promised to all who serve God faithfully. Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 Peter proclaims Jesus as the Son of the living God. For this he is given the keys of the Kingdom.

Spring cleaning to benefit Soup Kitchen: Your Spring cleanings could translate to many **happy little tummies**. St. Stephen's Parish will be reaching out to many children that are supported through a soup Kitchen in Africa. Please let us have whatever is of value after your Spring Cleaning as we plan ahead of a Summer Charity shop in support of a Soup Kitchen supporting many children. Contact: Fr. Gregory, Daria McDowall (Alyth) Mary O'Brien, Rolly Colanse, Maureen Jackson and Gail McIntyre (Blairgowrie) Please support it. Thanks.

Coffee Morning In Support of Happy Little Tummies Soup Kitchen in Africa.

Date: Saturday 10th August 2024 in Airlie Street Hall, Alyth.

Sheets will be available at the back of St. Stephens and St. Luan's over the coming weeks for you to put your name down if you'd like to contribute refreshments/baked goods/biscuits etc and or help out on that day. Contact: Fr. Gregory, Daria McDowall (Alyth) Mary O'Brien, Rolly Colanse and Maureen Jackson, Gail McIntyre.

MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 13th July at 10 – Noon in Blairgowrie Town Hall. We are a month late this year due to renovations taking place in the hall in June. As a result many of our dedicated helpers are no longer available. If you can help us on the day with your time to man stalls or to serve please let Lynne Fryer know by email mmsarl9@outlook.com or ring 01250 872512. Also let her know if you can bake, supply raffles, tombola prizes or bottles. I hope you will support Lynne as she takes over from me as our new coordinator.

Mary's Meals are also screening the plight of people in Tigray and Ethiopia. This will be shown at the Queens Hotel Dundee on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30. Doors will open at 7 pm. Again let Lynne know and transport could be shared. Thank you again for all you have done in the past. Margaret 01250 87508.

Parish Fete St Stephen's and St. Luan's Parish Featuring outdoor games, entertainment, barbeques, food stalls, and fundraising activities. These events bring local communities together & celebrate local life. Date: September 13th-15th Place St. Stephens

The date of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Andrew McKenzie has been confirmed.

The ordination will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 10th August, 2024. Tickets will be allocated to parishes in due course. Meanwhile, we keep Andrew in our prayers.

-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: SVDP, Wednesdays 7.30pm; Divine Mercy, Tuesdays 10.30am; Adoration, Wed. 6.00pm.

Today and Up Coming Events: **-30th June:** Building maintenance Fund collection. please support it.

-14th July: Peter's Pence. Please support it.

-Parish Finances: All of us hope to leave the world a better place than when we came into it. When making your will please consider leaving something to St. Stephen's R C Church so that you will continue to assist our parish to flourish and leave behind a legacy of Faith. If you feel able to support the parish in whatever way you could via Standing Order, occasional or one-off payment, it would be very much appreciated. By signing the Gift Aid form, your offertory collection can earn the parish a bit more.

Details of Parish account: Royal Bank of Scotland, 14 Allan Street, Blairgowrie, PH10 6AD. Sort code:- **83-16-33**; Account No:- **00240708**. Account name:- Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld No3 Char TST St Stephens RC Church. Many thanks.

***Last Sunday's offertory coll.** £523.50. Many thanks for your support to the parish. *Figures exclude takings from Standing orders, bank transfers and direct debits. Comprehensive Parish Accounts are published on the Notice Board. Thanks.

---Wishing you a lovely Sunday, Fr. Greg.