

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

14th Sunday, Ordinary Time. Year B 7/7/24

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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 7/7/24.

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.

Tuesday 9th July - 10.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Wednesday 10th July – 11.30am: **Funeral Service at Perth Crematorium for Late John Gray**
7.00pm Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Thursday 11th July - 10.00am Holy mass at St. Luan's.

Friday 12th July - 10.00am: St. Stephen's

3.00pm Internment of Remains of Late James Burns at Alyth Cemetery

Saturday 13th July - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's.

Sunday 14th July - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth.

Sunday 14th July - 11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

This Sunday, ... Jesus today is teaching us about the need to always not discriminate against or judge a person. The people of Jesus' native area in Nazareth missed out on the great things He would have done, because of their lack of faith that a person they have known all the time could be their saviour. It is our human nature to look down upon others especially when, from our human perspective, we think nothing much can come from them. It may not be a sin per se, but you tend to miss out on the good things that God had created the person to do for you. Each and every person here on earth has a purpose to fulfil regardless of how they look or how we know them and therefore we should accord them the chance to do just that.

Mass intentions for the week:

Edel Scarlet, Dorathy Greene, Stefan Niemasz ; Joe Antropus; James Burns, John Gray.

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 ...today's gospel suggesting that we need to confront any tendency to judge others, take hurt and offence from them, reject them, and make them scapegoats of our own unrecognised aversions and resentments. We need to become more aware of how we spread negativity at home, among our friends at work—or wherever—lest we become like Pharisees or Herodians, or those of Jesus' own people who so readily rejected him. We need to realise how easy it is to confuse reality with our own ingrained prejudices and preferred viewpoints. We need to see that every story has another side, every person has his or her own reasons for what they do.

Let us Pray: God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new, a sign of contradiction. Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us the vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Introduction to the Scripture Readings *Ezekiel 2:2-5* — The prophet is inspired to speak out, even though God knows the people may not listen. *2 Corinthians 12:7-10* — Paul writes about his frailty, which makes him rely all the more on God's grace. *Mark 6:1-6* — Like many other prophets before him, Jesus finds no acceptance in his home town.

St. Stephen's Diversity Day Celebration: This summer we're creating our own production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Nights Dream", especially tailored to our parish and to be performed at the Parish event in September. We're looking for parishioners young and old and in between to get involved. Share your talents as part of the cast, or support the production by helping with the stage set, costumes, props, or sharing your ideas and expertise. Please get in touch with Esther or Leo Brown or **complete one of the forms at the back of the church.**

Summer cleaning to benefit Soup Kitchen: Your Summer cleanings could translate to many happy little tummies. Contact: Fr. Gregory, Daria McDowall (Alyth) Mary O'Brien, Rolly Colanse, Maureen Jackson and Gail McIntyre (Blairgowrie) Please support it. Thanks.

SATURDAY, 17 AUGUST 2024 *PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*** COFFEE MORNING**

We're hoping for items for our stalls for the coffee morning for "Happy Tummies" and would be really grateful if you could put any suitable donations into the bag at the back of the church. We're hoping to collect enough items to have a bottle stall, a raffle, tombola - and to make up a hamper (as the main raffle prize). Nearer the time we'll be asking for more donations for a cake and candy stall too. . . .In the meantime, there are 2 sheets at the back of the Church: one for donations for the refreshments we'll be serving at the Coffee Morning itself and the other for the names of volunteers who would be willing to come along and help. Coffee Morning In Aid of Happy Tummies Kids' Soup Kitchen Ezizama Village, Nigeria. Saturday 17 August 2024 Airlie Street Hall 10.00 - 11.45 am. Raffle, Cake & Candy and other stalls

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will celebrate this day on **Sunday 28th July 2024** at the Marian Shrine, Carfin, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan. Café will be open for refreshments. Come along and celebrate this inter-generational event.

Today and Up Coming Events: -14th July: Peter's Pence. Please support it. -28th July: Building maintenance Fund collection. please support it. -11th August: August: The Apostleship of the Sea. Please support it. -25th August: Building maintenance Fund collection. please support it. -15th September: Bishop's Mensal Fund/Sick and Retired Priest Fund. Please support it. -29th September: Building maintenance Fund collection. 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. £524.65; BMF: £434.65. 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.